

## IMPORTATION OF USED TYRES INTO SAMOA

With the high influx of right hand drive vehicles into Samoa, so has the rate of spare parts for vehicles specifically used tyres. These tyres act as a pathway for pests and diseases thus Samoa Quarantine service is the first line of defence against these invasives which could hinder and devastate the country's environment, agriculture and other sectors of the economy. Quarantine's strategy is to keep the risk offshore which means that Samoa's requirements for entry has to be met by the exporting country.

It is the responsibility of the importer to ensure that the imported used tyres comply with our conditions.



**Containers of used tyres ready to be released from Apia Wharf**

ALL used tyres must be fumigated in the country of origin. Each consignment is to be accompanied by a fumigation certificate.

Consignments that do not comply will be treated/ re-shipped/destroyed at the expense of the importer.

Quarantine officers will carry out last inspection before the consignment is taken out of the wharf.

It is very important for all to be aware of the risk and take into consideration the importance of working together with Samoa Quarantine Service to protect our country from new invasions.

## Catch of the month

The Quarantine Division embraced with great appreciation the feedback and support from the public in its everyday work in helping to keep Samoa free from exotic pests and diseases that affect other countries. Recently a cane toad (*Bufo marinus*) and blind snake (*Ramphotyphlops braminus*) were brought into the Quarantine headquarter from Aleipata area and Matatutu tai. This is the backbone and evidence of the support given to the Quarantine Division by the public. Quarantine needs more support from the public to facilitate our work to the utmost thus urges everyone to be on the lookout for any new pest or strange signs of diseases. If you see any, please do not delay but let us know.



**Two unwanted pests intercepted**