



Samoa Quarantine Staff Abroad

The Forest and trees/Agriculture & Forestry Diversification group of the land resource division convened a week long workshop on improving governance and building capacities for safe movement of tree germplasm between Pacific island states. The Samoa Quarantine service was represented by two of its officers. The workshop focused on issues to improve the exchange of wild and improved germplasm among island states as they are still impeded by perceived risks and constraints related to their efficient and safe movement.



Participants at the workshop in Fiji

Tree germplasm is predicted to be an increasingly important component of strategies for adaptation to climate change, especially for coastal and watershed protection and food security. This workshop is a regional approach to ensure that realistic and practical procedures and practices including risk assessment & mitigation are standardised and adopted by all countries.

Highlights of 2010 Talomua

Growth in Breeding local species



Promote local species conservation and creation of economic opportunities for the local community.

Imported livestock thriving in Samoa



Reduce dependency on meat importation, develop information & techniques to boost the performance & profitability of Samoa's livestock industry

Better yield for Export

Revival of the taro export to New Zealand created the opportunity to expand the market for locally grown root crops.



Ongoing Awareness



Building a well informed target audience that is to understand policies & procedures thus creating compliance.