

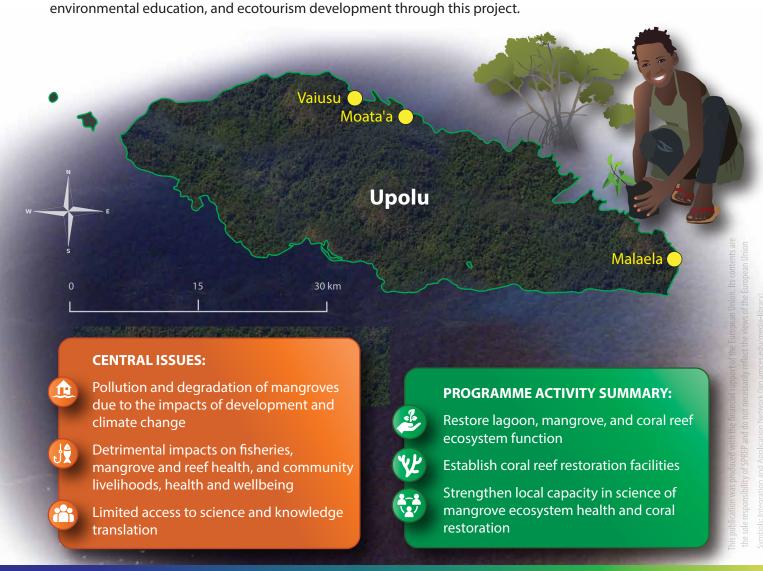
## **Coastal management and restoration**

## Pacific BioScapes Programme - Samoa

The Pacific BioScapes Programme is supporting coral reef and mangrove management on the island of Upolu in Samoa. This activity aims to improve local coastal management practices and support the restoration of mangrove and coral reef ecosystems.

Moata'a village on Upolu is situated on and around a mangrove wetland. These mangroves are vulnerable to the threat of development and the hazards caused by climate change including inundation and sea-level rise and are degraded as a result. Restoration of the Moata'a mangroves are being planned. The mangrove areas at Vaiusu and Malaela will also be studied as reference sites to support ongoing management and monitoring of restoration activities in Samoa.

Through BioScapes, the **University of Newcastle** and the **Government of Samoa** are providing technical support to enable local communities to participate and benefit from sustainable development opportunities. Local communities will have the opportunity to participate in citizen science,



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