



Invasive species are the leading driver of biodiversity loss in the Pacific. They have a significant impact on ecosystem resilience leading to a loss of ecosystem services and a reduced ability to adapt to climate change.

Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service (PRISMSS) is a coordinating mechanism designed to facilitate the scaling up of operational management of invasive species in the Pacific.

PRISMSS brings together experts to provide support within the Pacific region with a focus on protection of indigenous biodiversity and ecosystem function. As a service provider, PRISMSS provides a comprehensive suite of support services in a cohesive, effective, efficient, and accessible manner to Pacific Island countries and territories.

Restoring Island Resilience (RIR): The PRISMSS - Restoring Island Resilience (RIR) is a New Zealand-PRISMSS collaboration project that aims to improve Pacific Island Countries and territories livelihoods and resilience to climate change by reducing the impact of invasive species on natural and agricultural ecosystems through the [six PRISMSS programmes](#).

ABOUT PRISMSS



PRISMSS is a coalition of organisations working together to tackle the issue of Invasive species in the Pacific, providing Pacific Island countries with access to best practice and expertise in managing invasive species. The six programmes of PRISMSS which address all thematic areas of invasive species management are:

1. Protect Our Islands (POI)

2. Predator Free Pacific (PFP)
3. War On Weeds (WOW)
4. Natural Enemies Natural Solutions (NENS)
5. Resilient Ecosystems Resilient Communities (RERC)
6. Protect Our Marine Areas (POMA)

Feature News



Restoring Island Resilience in the Pacific showcased at the 2025 Adaptation Futures Conference

The Protect Our Islands Vava'u Festival and Boat Parade brought communities together to celebrate shared efforts that strengthened climate resilience and safeguard Vava'u's biodiversity from invasive species and central to this initiative was the enhancement of inter-island biosecurity. The event.....[Read more](#)



From Strategy to Action: Partners Strengthen Strategy and Coordination on Invasive Species Management in the Pacific at 11th PRISMSS Meeting

Invasive species remain a major threat to Pacific ecosystems, but regional efforts are gaining momentum through strengthened collaboration and strategic clarity. The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) led PRISMSS convened its.....[Read more](#)



PRISMSS: Driving Innovative Solutions for Invasive Species Management through Integration, Collaboration, and Strong Partnerships

The Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service (PRISMSS) has been spotlighted as a vital mechanism for protecting biodiversity across the Pacific's 30,000 islands, where invasive species are the leading cause of ecosystem degradation. With growing international support, PRISMSS is...[Read more](#)



PRISMSS PROGRAMME UPDATES



Predator Free Pacific

"Removal of invasive mammalian predators from Islands"



Tonga Marks Conservation Victory: Seabirds and Turtles to Benefit from Invasive Rat and Feral Pig-Free Islands

The Government of Tonga, in partnership with the Pacific Regional Invasive Species Management Support Service (PRISMSS) and Island Conservation, has confirmed the successful eradication of invasive rats and feral pigs from Kelelesia and Tonumea in the Ha'apai Group marking another...[Read more](#)



Nature Restored: Seabirds and Native Flora Return After Invasive Rats Removed in the Marshall Islands

Native forests are regenerating, and seabird populations are thriving once again on Bikar Atoll and Jemo Islet in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), following the 2024 removal of invasive rats through the PRISMSS Predator Free Pacific (PFP) programme. This marks a major step toward....[Read more](#)



War On Weeds

"Management of high priority weeds"

Battling the Singapore Daisy: Tokelau's Fight Against an Invasive Threat

One of the Pacific's most remote island groups, Tokelau, is facing a quiet but persistent environmental challenge with the spread of the invasive Singapore daisy (*Sphagneticola trilobata*). Once introduced as an ornamental ground cover, the plant ...[Read more](#)





Natural Enemies - Natural Solutions

"Biological control of widespread weeds"

Innovating Against Invasive Species: Turning Science-Driven Solutions into Action for the Pacific

Pacific delegates have reaffirmed the urgent need to transform science into practical solutions in the fight against invasive plants, following their participation in the 17th International Conference on the Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions (EMAPI), held 2-5 September at....[Read more](#)



Samoa welcomes tiny heroes in the fight against invasive weeds

Samoa has officially received its first batch of African tulip beetles (*Paradibolia coerulea*), marking a major milestone in the country's efforts to combat the invasive African tulip tree (*Spathodea campanulata*) and the region's efforts to use natural solutions for invasive weed control[Read more](#)



Papua New Guinea Determines Top Priorities for Sustainable Weed Management for a Natural Enemies - Natural Solutions Programme

In the vibrant heart of the Pacific, Papua New Guinea (PNG) is home to some of the world's richest biodiversity but beneath the canopy and across the gardens, a quiet threat is spreading. Invasive weeds, fast-growing, aggressive plants which are not only growing "a mile-a-minute" but are....[Read more](#)



Resilient Ecosystems - Resilient Communities

"Priority area ecological restoration"

Safeguarding Biodiversity: Kosrae Scales Up Invasive Species Management for Restoring Island Resilience

The Lelu Ruins community members and participants from the Kosrae Island Resource Management Authority (KIRMA) in the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), are now better equipped on the safe use of herbicides, correct application techniques, proper equipment handling and best-practice... [Read more](#)



Safeguarding Nature: Samoa Steps Up to Manage False Kava

Invasive weeds disrupt native ecosystems, making them more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and removing these invasive species, can help restore the natural balance and resilience of ecosystems, allowing them to better withstand climate related stresses...[Read more](#)





Regional Invasive Species Updates

Island Resilience in Action: Majuro's Invasive Myna Bird Eradication Success

In a decisive move to protect native biodiversity and strengthen regional biosecurity, the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI) has successfully eradicated a breeding population of invasive common myna birds (*Acridotheres tristis*) from Majuro Atoll. Led by the Ministry of....[Read more](#)



From Policy to Action: Building Resilience and Empowering Communities to Restore Tonga's Biodiversity

The Kingdom of Tonga has made significant progress in safeguarding its unique biodiversity through a series of transformative initiatives. At the policy level, Tonga now has a robust national strategy, the National Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plan (NISSAP) which provides a clear framework for..[Read more](#)



Watch this informative video on how the GEF 6 RIP has helped Tonga to scale up the management of invasive species across the entire country...



and protect important biodiversity spaces.

Sustainable Feral Pig Control: Niue Combines Tradition and Technology to Tackle Feral Pig Impacts

The Niue Department of Environment has further enhanced its long-term, locally sustained system for controlling feral pigs. The initiative combines the supply of specially bred and trained finder dogs with intensive training and equipping of local hunters, and the creation of an ongoing dog-breeding..[Read more](#)



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Building Island Resilience: GEF 6 Regional Invasive Project Terminal Review and Knowledge Sharing Workshop

Hosted by the Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI) Ministry for Natural Resources the Global Environment Facility Regional Invasives Project (GEF6 RIP) Terminal Review and Knowledge Sharing Workshop was held at the Marshall Islands Resort in Majuro bringing together stakeholders and...[Read more](#)



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NAVIGATOR

THE PRISMSS COMPASS



The PRISMSS Protect Our Marine Areas programme, which now becomes the sixth PRISMSS programme, has been added to our Navigator platform. Country coordinators are encouraged to utilise the Navigator to facilitate country requests on specific invasive species management programmes.

For more resources on invasive
species management in Pacific visit
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Latest Videos

Niue: Restoring the Rock Documentary

What does it take to protect an island's future? For Niue, it's about community, resilience and action. The 30-minute documentary *Restoring the Rock*, first premiered globally at COP30 in Belém, Brazil, tells the powerful story of how Niue is scaling up efforts against invasive species with the support of PRISMSS, restoring coral reefs, safeguarding biodiversity, and building a stronger, more resilient island. This is more than a film, it's a call to action for Pacific islands and beyond. Serving as a compelling storytelling platform, it showcases Niue's leadership in invasive species management as a model for Pacific island nations committed to safeguarding biodiversity and building resilience.



COP30: Restoring the Rock – Voices from Niue

At COP30 in Belém, Brazil, the documentary *Restoring the Rock* spotlighted #Niue's inspiring journey to build stronger Island Resilience through invasive species management. Now, hear directly from our panelists as they share why this work matters protecting #biodiversity, safeguarding #ecosystems, and creating a resilient future for Niue and the Pacific. Watch this short video to discover the value of PRISMSS and community-led action in restoring the rock and strengthening island resilience.




PRISMSS Quiz- Ohh, That's a Bit Invasive EPISODE 1

Come laugh, learn and battle the baddies of the Pacific with the PRISMSS interactive video quiz on invasive species that's part science, part stand-up, and all heart. Don't miss the laughs, the learning, so take the Pacific's quirkiest quiz. This interactive video quiz, featuring none other than Pacific comedy legend Tofiga, will have you laughing, learning and battling invasive species like a true PRISMSS Pacific Battler! A quiz so funny, even the invasive species want to join.

- Learn how they impact biodiversity, island resilience & climate change
- Discover how Pacific partnerships are fighting back sustainably
- Gut-busting laughs, yes, learning can be funny Smarter brains thanks to our interactive video quiz
- Spread the word and show your support for a resilient Pacific!

Participate in **Episode 1** below (or **take the FULL Quiz here:** <https://brb.sprep.org/content/tofiga-full-quiz>) from the comfort of your home in the Pacific's quirkiest quiz, it's invasive, informative and absolutely Tofiga-fied!



Question 1

What happens to coral reefs when rats are removed from our Pacific Islands?

- a. Nothing changes
- b. The coral changes colour
- c. Coral can grow faster and recover more quickly from storms and bleaching events
- d. Coral reefs decline

here are the answers.

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We would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to all our partners, funding agencies and country stakeholders for the productive work undertaken in 2025 and look forward to bigger and better things in 2026.

Merry X-mas and a prosperous New Year to you all.


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