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Ministry of Fisheries

July Newsletter



The Royal Agriculture Show 2017



Vava'u Royal Agriculture Show



Niuatoputapu Royal Agriculture Show



'Ovaka Royal Tour



Niuafu'ou Royal Agriculture Show



'Eua Royal Agriculture Show



Ha'apai Royal Agriculture Show



Tongatapu Royal Agriculture Show

'Api Fa'a Toe Tu'u ai 'a e Teve

*A well stocked house
in times of need*

His Majesty King Tupou VI celebrated his 58th birthday at Vava'u island. The celebration began with a Military Parade at Fangatongo followed by a Blessing Service at the Laumalie Ma'oni'oni Free Wesleyan Church, before the Royal Luncheon at Helu 'o Pilolevu Ground.

Vava'u 5th and 6th

The Royal Agriculture Show in Vava'u was a success with various agriculture and fisheries resources. There is a need to increase protection of our natural resources including our land, water and ocean. The purpose of the Special Management Area (SMA) program in Vava'u to increase resources is reasonable and there is potential for our Agriculture sector to adopt a similar program.

Niuatoputapu 15th

Yam ('ufi lei Lotuma mo e 'ufi vao) is Niuatoputapu's main resource at times of food shortage. It is with great hope this is a lesson to Tonga overall to ensure accessibility of local resources in

times of food shortage. Niuatoputapu's land is rated the best quality land in Tonga due to the amount of fruits available especially from a very small island such as Tafahi.

Niuafu'ou 14th

Niuafu'ou is the warmest island in Tonga and as a result receives the most rain throughout the year and well known for its Vailahi (ano meli lahi taha). The people of Niuafu'ou are least identified with diabetes and heart diseases given rare occasion of food import to the island.

Ha'apai 18th July

Resources from the ocean is Ha'apai's main food consumption, revenue and available resources at times of food shortage. The Special Management Area program enables the people at villages to be responsible in fishing at nearby reefs and restoring commodities.

'Eua 22nd July

There is a lot of potential for 'Eua given its own local ferry, travel distant and market access to Tongatapu. 'Eua has the most plantation of local oranges and vanilla. It is acknowledged that 'Eua is now involved in the

pumpkin sector towards export to Japan and the opportunity in fishing of skip jack and tuna. 'Eua is well known for its popular natural sites through tourism including its whale watching season.

Tongatapu 29th July

It is urged to Tongatapu farmers to reconsider environmental impact of chemicals on underground water supply. The effects of climate change and warm weather increasing up to 37 degree celsius will affect our resources throughout the ocean to our lands. There is potential for our people to invest in agriculture and livestock resources to provide source of food for individual families.



The Hon Minister Semisi Fakahau met with staffs both from the Ministry of Fisheries and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests to acknowledge with gratitude for a well received Royal Agriculture Show 2017.

Staff Trainings



Queensland Senator Ian Mac, New South Wales Senator John Williams, Member's of the

Parliament Mr Milton Dick and Mr Steve Georganas and officials from Australia visited the Ministry of Fisheries Aquaculture centre at Sopa and Fafa island towards funding alternatives for the Special Management Areas (SMA) program.

Fisheries Management and Development division staffs Sisi Mafile'o and Samuela Pohiva attended the Enhancing Capacity of Fisher's organisation training for three months at Kyushu-Fukuoka, Japan. The training was funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

The Ministry's Corporate Service Deputy CEO Mr Vilimo Fakalolo attended the Annual Ministerial Forum Fisheries Committee conference. The conference was held early July at Brisbane, Australia. The Fisheries Forum Agency (FFA) funded the participations of FFA members at the conference.

Public Service Commission hosted the Public Servants Induction program for all new recruits to date on Friday 14th at Tungi Colonnade conference room.

Congratulations to Sione Uasike and Sisilia Soakai for completing the six months Pacific Island Fisheries Officer certificate programme at Nelson Marlborough Institute of Technology in New Zealand. The program was funded the New Zealand Short Term Training Awards.



The Cascade of organisational plan to the individual plan training was well received by the Ministry's staff. The training was conducted on Tuesday 25th of July by Public

Service Commission Principal Assistant Secretary Mr Moleni Ika and Senior Assistant Secretary Mr Ronny Fono.

Information Communication Technology (ICT) staff Lavinia Vaipuna and 'Ofa Faletau conducted an ICT refresher for outer island Officers In Charge (OIC) while in Tongatapu for the Ministry's Planning workshop. OIC staffs in present were Siosuia Vaiangina from 'Eua, 'Ofa 'Akau'ola from Nomuka, Sosefina Vili from Ha'apai and 'Ioane Finau from Niuatoputapu.

Planning workshop

The Ministry held it's first Planning workshop on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th.

The workshop provided an opportunity for individual Divisions to present its revised Corporate Plan (CP) and Annual Management Plan (AMP) against the approved budget for Financial Year 2017/18. The Ministry's divisions are Office of the CEO, Corporate Service Division (CSD), Fisheries Management and Development Division (FMDD), Fisheries Compliance Division (FCD) and Fisheries Science Division (FSD).

The workshop completed with submission of the Revised Annual Management Plan (AMP), Annual Procurement Plan (APP), Cash flow projection and Staff proposals for Financial Year 2017/18 and Corporate Plan for Financial Year 2017/18 to 2019/20.

The Corporate Plan 2017/18 to 2019/20 will be made available accordingly on the Ministry's website.

Stakeholder meetings

Deputy CEO for Fisheries Management and Development division Mrs Mele 'Atuekaho attended the Seacology Program Manager meeting on further assistance to support 'Atata island SMA program. On 11th July, Mrs Mele 'Atuekaho also attended the World Bank meeting on NCD related policy from Fisheries.

Staff Movement

Warm welcome new staffs to our growing Ministry:

Holani Kilikiti commenced on Monday 31st as the Fisheries Technical Assistant within our Corporate Services Division.

Elaine Havealeta commenced on Tuesday 25th as the Principal Fisheries Officer within our Fisheries Management and Development division.

Lupe Fe'iloaki commenced on Monday 10th as the Senior Fisheries Officer within our Corporate Services Division.

Congratulations to current staffs:

Ruby 'Onesi our new Human Resource and Training staff within our Corporate Service Division.

Viliani Fatongiatau our new Senior Fisheries Assistant (Coastal) within our Fisheries Science Division.

Report submissions

Ministry of Finance and Planning due 28th July

Revised Corporate Plan 2017/18 to Financial Year 2019/20.

Revised Annual Management Plan, Cash Flow Projection and Annual Procurement Plan for Financial Year 2017/18.

Public Service Commission due 28th July

Staff Proposal for Financial Year 2017/18 and pending staff for PMS assessment for Financial Year 2016/17.

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