CBD SIDS IAS TRAINING

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Samoa's Country Presentation

PRIORITY INVASIVE SPECIES

Plants

- Albizia (*Falcataria moluccana)*
- African Tulip
- Merremia vine
- Prickly solanum

Mammals and Birds

- Feral pigs
- Rats
- Myna Bird
- Feral pigeons

Insects and Marine

- Giant African Snail
- CRB
- Yellow Crazy Ants
- Crown of Thorns
- Invasive brown algae/seaweed

WHY ARE THEY CONSIDERED A PRIORITY

- The list of priority invasive species has been identified within Samoa's newly updated NISSAP 2025-2030 developed through an extensive consultative process – whole of government/society approach

- They are considered priorities ("main IAS") because of their significant impacts on key sectors

- They are also considered priorities due to significant impacts on different groups

- Communities and stakeholders were taken through a scoring approach to identify priorities

STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS IAS

- National Invasive Species Strategy and Action Plan 2025-2030

- Samoa Invasive Species Emergency Response Plans

- Legislations e.g. nearly completed Environment Management and Conservation Bill

- Eradication and Control Operations

- Capacity Building

- Awareness raising

- Research, Monitoring and Data Management

- Committees/Technical Working Groups (e.g. SNITT)

MAIN CHALLENGES ASSOCIATED WITH IAS MANAGEMENT

- Limited capacity and expertise (often reliant on outside expertise)
- Limited financial and human resources
- Coordination and enforcement could be better
- Lack of public awareness and engagement
- Limited baseline data
- Data is fragmented and lacking a centralized IAS database

WHAT'S NEEDED TO ACHIEVE TARGET 6

- Strong/robust policies and legal framework and improved enforcement
- Sustainable financing and investment
- Enhanced institutional and human capacity
- Strong border security with effective strategies
- Monitoring system/framework (in development)
- More community and stakeholder engagement
- Improved coordination between government, communities and stakeholders
- Centralized IAS database

THANK YOU!