

## CEPF Final Project Completion Report

**Project Title:** Urgent, Interim Employment of Coordination and Technical Support Officer (PP-CII)

**Organization:** Auckland UniServices Limited

**Project Duration:** 1 August 2005 – 30 November 2005

**Report Date:** May 4, 2006

**Objectives of this project are:**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Achievements</b>
To provide technical advice (including the facilitation of inputs from others) and support to project managers, stakeholders and others involved in the planning and implementation of the Viwa (Fiji) and Aleipata (Samoa) eradication projects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepared the fully-costed Viwa Operational Plan.</li> <li>- Prepared the Viwa letter of inquiry and full grant application.</li> <li>- Hired a Project Manager for Viwa.</li> <li>- Facilitated a review of the Viwa Operational Plan by the DOC Island Eradication Advisory Group (IEAG).</li> <li>- Arranged for a skills-sharing exercise to New Zealand for the Viwa Project Coordinator (Craig Morley) and Project Manager (Joape Kuruyawa).</li> <li>- Completed the paperwork for the Tailevu Provincial Council approval for the construction of a house on Viwa</li>   <li>- Reviewed Dave Butlers draft Aleipata Project Plan</li> <li>- Aided in the preparation of Dave Butlers visit to Samoa for the friendly ground dove expedition and reviewed the report.</li> </ul>
To maintain continuity in coordination, advisory and support services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Maintained regular contact between the Viwa and Aleipata Project Managers.</li> <li>- Initiated a myna review of the Pacific (Ray Pierce) and recently reviewed a 1<sup>st</sup> draft.</li> </ul>
To review proposed RNHP projects and undertake a gap analysis.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The PII team reviewed and prioritised 16 proposed RNHP projects (see below).</li> <li>- GAP analysis undertaken to identify gaps in the hotspot.</li> </ul>
To coordinate and provide technical advice to one new Demonstration Project initiated as part of the RNHP.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The contacts for 4 proposed RNHP projects have recently been advised of their successful applications.</li> </ul>
To contribute to RNHP project selection and prioritisation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The first call for proposals completed (August). These have been screened and prioritised.</li> </ul>
To contribute to a process for soliciting, evaluating and advancing a second batch of proposals for RNHP small grant management projects, research projects and surveys.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The process for the second call for proposals is currently underway. These will be focused on areas identified in the GAP analysis.</li> </ul>

**Project deliverables:**

<b>Deliverables</b>	<b>Status</b>
Viwa Project Operational Plan.	Draft reviewed by the IEAG. Final version to be completed by mid Nov 2005.
Aleipata Project Plan.	Draft project plan completed. The operational plan is being prepared by Dave Butler
Gaps identified in the RNHP investment portfolio.	Completed
Recommended priorities from RNHP investment.	Completed
Coordination and technical support services provided to 1 new project.	Not completed

**FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Sent to PII partners and others: June 14<sup>th</sup> 2005

Proposal deadline: July 15<sup>th</sup> (but extended until August 1<sup>st</sup>).

Applications received: 16

How many were applicable to the Polynesia/Micronesia hotspot: 8 (see \* below)

How many accepted: 4

Below are the titles of the proposals received:

- 1)\* Crazy ant eradication on Oroluk Island, FSM
- 2)\* Eradicating the 'False Sakau' (*Piper arithrium*) from Pohnpei State, FSM
- 3)\* Restoration of Vahanga Atoll by eradicating rats, French Polynesia
- 4)\* Phoenix Islands conservation survey, Kiribati
- 5) Feasibility study for Singapore ant eradication in Hatohobei State, Palau
- 6) Eradication of and public awareness on the invasive weed *Mimosa pigra*, PNG
- 7) Rat and cat eradication in Kayangel Atoll, Palau
- 8) Invasive species and island ecology in the Kingdom of Tonga.
- 9) Preventing and controlling IAS in Ouvea Island, New Caledonia
- 10)\* Pre-eradication survey and feasibility study for the Tuamotu, Marquesas and Society Archipelagos, French Polynesia
- 11)\* Restoration of Tahanea Atoll by eradicating rats, French Polynesia
- 12)\* Mile-a-minute (*Mikania micrantha*) eradication in Kosrae, FSM
- 13) Eradication of Wedelia (*Sphagneticola trilobata*) and Chain of Hearts (*Antigonon leptopus*) from Niue Island
- 14)\* Prevention programme to stop the spread of crab-eating macaques *Macca fascicularis*) and Asiatic muck shrews (*Suncus murinus*), Palau
- 15) Education program to reduce IAS introductions to Jellyfish Lake (Ongeim'l Tketau), Palau
- 16) Eradication mynas

Of these #1-4 were screened and prioritised by PII and are being followed up.

**SECOND CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Planned for mid November