# WHAT IS BIOSECURITY?

Biosecurity is the first line of defense in protecting Samoa's agriculture, wildlife and fishing industries from exotic insects, pests and diseases found in other countries.

## **UNWANTED PESTS**

Keep an eye out for these pests when packing your belongings to bring to Samoa.



### CANE TOAD

Cane toads are one of the most invasive species in the world. They threaten our communities and native wildlife. These toads can enter Samoa on pallets or in packaging materials, where they often hide and lay their eggs.



#### KHAPRA BEETLE

Khapra beetles are smaller than a grain of rice but are one of the most destructive pests of grains and seeds. They are found in food products, food storage containers and packaging material.



## LITTLE FIRE ANT

The Little Fire Ant (LFA) is very small and aggressive. They are highly invasive and can rapidly establish and spread in new areas, where they feed on native insects. Flower lei's from American Samoa can harbour LFA.



## CRB-G

Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Guam biotype (CRB-G) is a new and more aggressive type of CRB devastating the Pacific Islands. The beetle damages a range of tropical plants, including Coconut palm, Banana, Papaya and Sugarcane.

## **REGULATED ITEMS**



Any items pictured here either require an import permit or need to be declared on your arrival card when entering the Samoa. Contact the Biosecurity Division to learn specific requirements.

# LIVE

You may be able to bring live animals to Samoa if you meet the quarantine and animal health requirements. You will need to contact the Biosecurity Division at least 3 months ahead of your arrival in Samoa.

# FRESH CUT FLOWERS

You may be able to bring fresh-cut flowers for decorative purposes into Samoa if you meet the quarantine and plant health requirements. Contact the Biosecurity Division to learn these requirements.

# **WARNING**

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS MAY RESULT IN A FINE OR PROSECUTION.

DISCLAIMER: The information in this brochure is correct at the time of publication (2024). The requirements are subject to change at any time without prior notice, If in doubt ask at your local Biosecurity Office.





# WHAT TO EXPECT UPON ARRIVAL INTO SAMOA

## ARRIVAL CARD + DECLARATION

Every traveler into Samoa will be given a passenger arrival card before entering the country. It is important to read and fill it out carefully and declare any risk items in your possession.

## **DISPOSE**

Discard any risk items in the amnesty bins that are provided at our borders before you go through the Biosecurity clearance process.

## **DON'T BE SHY TO ASK**

Biosecurity officers on duty at all points of entry and can assist, when you are unsure. Please seek their assistance when you are in doubt.

## **ENSURE YOU ARE SOIL FREE**

Sports, gardening and outdoor equipment and any wooden items must be clean and free from any traces of soil.



You are not allowed to bring honey into Samoa due to the country's freedom from many bee diseases.



## ARE YOU BRINGING PLANTS OR ANIMAL PRODUCTS?

THERE ARE IMPORTANT BIOSECURITY STEPS TO FOLLOW

