



SAMOA QUARANTINE SERVICE



COUNTRY INTRODUCTION:



- Independent State of Samoa formerly known as Western Samoa
- Became independent 1 January 1962, observed 1 June
- **Govt. type:** Mix of parliamentary democracy and constitutional monarchy
- Occupies an almost central position within Polynesia
- 2 Large Islands and 7 small islets
- **Area:** 2,944 km²
- **Population:** 195,979 (2016)
- **Climate:** Tropical; Rainy (November to April) and Dry Seasons (May to October)



Samoa

Area: 2,842 km²

Capital: Apia

Population: 195,979

Ethnic groups: 92.6% Samoan,
7.0% Euroneseans, 0.4%
Europeans & 0.1% East Asians.

GEOGRAPHY





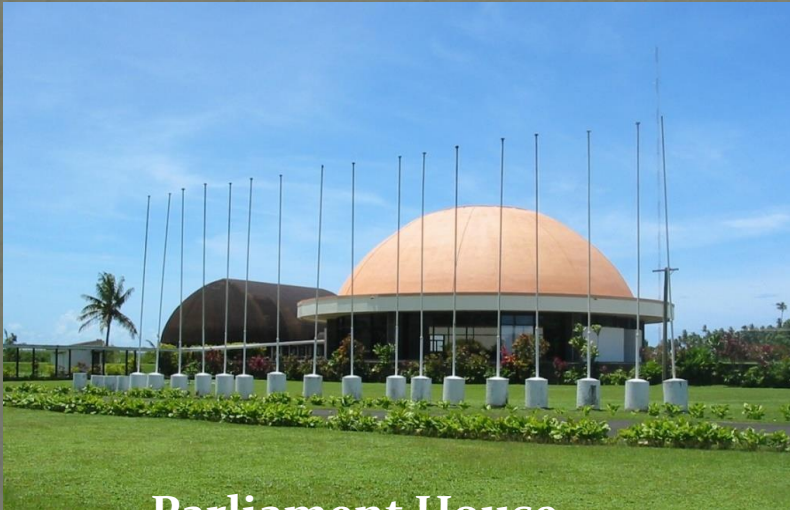
Past & Present Head of State (s)(l-r)

- (i) Malietoa Tanmafili II**
- (ii) Tuiatua Tupua Tamasese Efi**
- (iii) Tuimalealiifano Vaaletoa Suavlevi II**



**Samoa's Prime Minister -
Susuga Tuilaepa Lupesoliai Aiono Sailele
Malielegaoi**

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Parliament House



Government Buildings



Mountain view of Government Building and Apia Area



Economic Overview

- Dependent on Development Aid, family remittances
- **Agricultural products:** coconuts, bananas, taro, yams, coffee, cocoa, breadfruit, cassava
- **Main Production:** agricultural products (handicrafts, copra, plantain, taro, dried cocoa beans/pounded cocoa)
- **Main Plant Importation:** Ornamental plants, vegetable seeds, flour, sugar, rice
- **Natural resources:** hardwood forests, fish, hydropower
- **Export commodities:** fish, coconut oil and cream, copra, *Morinda citrifolia* (noni juice), taro, automotive parts, garments, beer
- **Major export partners:** NZ, Australia, USA & American Samoa
- **Major import partners:** NZ, Australia, USA, China & Fiji

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- **Ports of Entry:**
 - **Airports** - Faleolo International Airport, Fagalii Airport, Maota (Savaii)
 - **Wharf:** Apia (Matautu-tai), Satitoa, Salelologa (Savaii)

Phytosanitary Legal Framework

- i. Quarantine (Biosecurity) Act 2005 (currently under review)
 - Animal Health & Welfare Bill
 - Plant Protection Bill
 - Quarantine (Biosecurity) Bill
- Emergency Response Plan for Animal & Plants Pests (2003)
 - Completed Review
 - Samoa Invasive Species Emergency Plan
 - Awaiting endorsement by respective Ministries & Cabinet
- List of Regulated Pests
 - Published on SPC website

Surveillance

- Pest surveys are conducted by the Crops Division with MAF with assistance from SQS staff

Administrative structure



Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries



Human Resources

Permanent Staff: 35

Quarantine Sections

- ✓ Airports (Faleolo, Fagalii & Maota-Savaii)
- ✓ Seaports (Mataututai, Satitua & Salelologa-Savaii)
- ✓ Technical Policy
- ✓ Regulatory & Enforcement
- ✓ Public Awareness
- ✓ Pesticides

Airport Section:

- 2 international, 1 domestic airport
- Aircraft, passenger & Cargo clearance
- Rubbish destruction
- Inspection & issuance of Certification

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Passenger and cargo Clearance - Airport



Seaport Section:

- 3 International Wharfs (Matautu-tai, Satitua, Salelologa-Savaii)
- Aircraft, passenger & Cargo clearance
- Rubbish destruction
- Post Office clearance
- Spot checks

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On Board Vessel Clearance



Post Office Inspection - Seizure



Container Inspection

Technical Policy Section:

- Conduct IRA (Import Permits)
- Ensure Protocols and Procedures are in line with International Standards
- Assist with Post Entry Quarantine (PEQ) of Plants & Animals

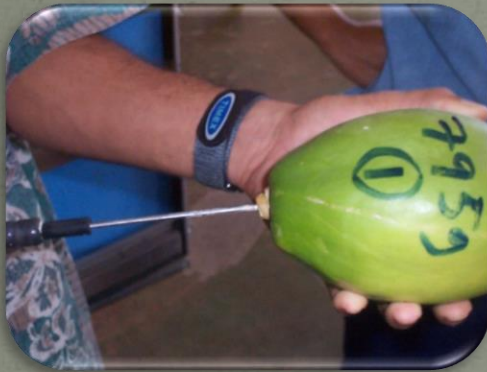
Regulatory & Enforcement Section:

- Carries out disinfection treatments
- Carry out destruction of international garbage & non-compliance items
- Assist with PEQ
- Inspection of exports and issuance of certifications

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Disinfestations treatment- HTFA



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Garbage Disposal & Incineration



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Disinfestations Treatment -Fumigation



Disinfestations Treatment -Timber



Export (s) Inspection



Public Awareness Section:

- Dissemination of information to the Public i.e.
 - E-newsletters
 - Display booths
 - Brochures
 - Newspaper articles
 - radio shows, and
 - TV advertisements.



Pesticides Section:

- Pesticides registration
- Research applications for import of new pesticides
- Pesticides Technical Committee (PTC) make decisions on outcome
- Issuance of Import Permits for Pesticides
- Conduct workshops and liaise with other Government Ministries/Corporations and NGOs on matters relating to the control, importation, transportation, storage, sale and safe use of pesticides



Emerging Issues on Phytosanitary Measures

- Pest & disease surveillance/Invasive Species
- Pest Diagnostic
- Post Entry Quarantine (PEQ)
- Treatment Availability
- Market Access

Challenges

- Shortage of staff
- Lack of resources for inspection
- High staff turnover
- Irregularity of pest & disease surveillance
- Pest Diagnostics

Strengths

- Multi-skilled staff
- Staff exposure to SPS specific trainings/workshops
- International/Regional engagement
- Strengthened links and cooperation with various border agencies

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