

organisms that might adversely affect animals, plants, human beings and the environment in the Fiji Islands;

- To eradicate, contain or control the movement of regulated pests and diseases that are already present in the Fiji Islands;
- To prevent the introduction and spread of regulated pests and diseases not already present in the Fiji Islands;
- To facilitate the safe importation/exportation of animals and plants and their products in accordance with the biosecurity requirements of the receiving countries;
- To facilitate international cooperation to prevent the spread of pests and diseases affecting plants, animals, human beings and the environment.

Our Services

BAF's operations involves pre-border, border and post border activities.

At pre-border BAF:

- Participates in international standard –setting bodies;
- Undertakes risk analyses in relation to animals, plants and or other goods proposed for import;
- Maintains, including through bilateral cooperation, intelligence on the disease and pest status of its trading partners;
- Develops offshore quarantine and biosecurity arrangements where appropriate; and
- Works with other countries to build capacity to counter the spread of exotic pests and diseases.

At the **border**-BAF screens ships, yachts and aircrafts, people and goods (such as cargo and mail) entering the country to detect potential threats to human, animals and plant health in Fiji.

BAF also undertakes targeted **post-border** measures (that is within Fiji), which includes coordinating emergency responses to pest and disease incursions, monitoring and surveillances of these pests and diseases and creating education and awareness.

Helping Exporters

BAF supports Fiji agricultural produce exporters by providing information, inspection and certification to meet the import requirements of overseas countries. Exports including breadfruit, pawpaw, ginger, dalo fresh fruit, vegetables and some processed fruits and vegetables are regulated by BAF.

You can help

Members of the public have an important role to play in surveillance-keeping watch around home and work for anything that is potentially an unwanted pest and disease.

If you think you have found a pest, plant disease or animal disease that should not be in Fiji, please contact BAF office.

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Information Guide

Unwanted Pests and Diseases:

Help us keep them out of Fiji!



Giant African Snail (*Achatina fulica*)



Taro Leaf Blight (*Phytophthora colocasiae*)



Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)

What is Biosecurity

Biosecurity is a strategic and integrated approach that encompasses the policy and regulatory frameworks (including instruments and activities) for analyzing and managing relevant pest and disease risks to human, animal and plant life and health, and associated risks to the environment.

Biosecurity covers food safety and prevention of zoonosis, the introduction of animal and plant diseases and pests, the safe introduction and release of living modified organisms (LMOs) and their products (e.g. genetically modified organisms or GMOs), and the introduction and management of invasive alien species.

About Us

The Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) was established under the Biosecurity Promulgation in December 2008. It is a Commercial Statutory Authority under the Public Enterprise Act 1996. BAF is mandated to protect Fiji's agricultural sector from the introduction and spread of animal and plant pests and diseases, facilitate access to viable agro-export markets and ensure compliance of Fiji's agro-exports to overseas market requirements.

BAF manages quarantine controls at our borders to

minimise the risk of exotic pests and diseases entering the country. It also provides import and export inspection and certification to help retain Fiji's favorable animal, plant and human health status and wide access to overseas export markets.

Foreign pests and disease pose a huge danger to Fiji's plants, animals and environment. Fiji is free of most dangerous pests and diseases and we want to keep it that way.

Our Vision

To be respected as the most effective and efficient Biosecurity Authority in the Pacific region

Our Mission

Our mission is to protect Fiji's unique biodiversity and facilitate international trade to and from Fiji. Each of us will work together to protect Fiji: our people, our environment, our plants and animals, our livelihoods and our unique way of life for the benefit of our families, our visitors and our future generations.

We will do this through:

- Being a self-sustaining customer focused commercial entity providing an adequate return on investments to

our shareholder;

- Using our technical and technological expertise to carry out surveillance to prevent the entry of animal and plant pests and diseases;
- Monitoring, controlling and where possible eradicating existing animal and plant pests and diseases;
- Respecting, developing and motivating our employees to perform their tasks with efficiency, empathy and pride;
- Working collaboratively with government sectors, industry, community, regional and international bodies;
- Meeting our obligations to the World Trade Organization (WTO), Sanitary & PhytoSanitary (SPS) Agreements, Codex, World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) and other international standards;
- Establishing and maintaining strong relationships with our trading partners;
- Actively assisting to grow existing and open new trade markets for Fiji's agricultural exports whilst ensuring safe imports;
- Providing advice to government and overseeing policy on Biosecurity matters to minimise risk to the health of our communities, plants, animals, terrestrial and aquatic environment, oceans and businesses.

Functions of BAF

- To protect the Fiji Islands against the entry of regulated pests and diseases affecting animals, plants, human beings and the environment;
- To carry out surveillance and monitoring of pests and diseases in the Fiji Islands and assess the status of regulated pests and diseases;
- To prevent the establishment and spread of regulated pests and diseases and the release of