

# The Pacific Invasives Partnership (PIP)

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# PIP Background

- Created as the invasive species working group of the Pacific Roundtable for the Conservation of Nature.
  - The Roundtable is coalition of nature conservation and development organizations, governments, inter-governmental organizations, donor agencies and community groups created to increase effective conservation in the Pacific Islands region.
- Has evolved into a broad advocate for IAS issues and outreach, an **incubator** for collaborative IAS efforts in the Pacific and an important networking group for Pacific IAS entities.

# PIP Background

- Membership
  - Voluntary and informal
  - No commitments, fees, etc.
  - Members work on invasive species issues that effect Pacific jurisdictions
  - Membership based on expertise and interest – not representing their home office.
- Members –
  - NGOs : Birdlife International, Island Conservation, IUCN
  - National: Landcare Research, USDA APHIS, Palau NISC, HISC
  - Regional and International: PII, RISC, SPREP, SPC, UNEP

# PIP Role

- By taking a “rising tide floats all boats” approach, PIP members work to raise the profile and understanding of IAS as a fundamental, underpinning issue to PICT economies, environments and future sustainability for Pacific Islands.
- Provide an easy venue for
  - Development of creative, outside-the box ideas
  - Diverse members (NGOs, National Agencies, Regional + International Orgs) to update each other on activities, challenges, ideas.
  - Friendships and trust lead to successful collaborations.



# PIP and other Pacific Groups

What does PIP add, do differently?

- PIP is “big picture”, strategic, looks at ALL aspects of ALL IAS issues.
- PILN is technical, field-based
- Both build relationships and collaborative efforts
- PIP explores collaborative initiatives that could benefit the entire Pacific **and** provides a venue for PIP members to build smaller collaborations
- PIP is voluntary and informal

# PIP Efforts

- PIP successes over the past 5 years
  - Reports and briefing materials prepared for:
    - Pacific Islands Forum Leaders meeting
    - UN Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Conference
    - Micronesian Islands Forum
  - Advice and assistance to development of Pacific invasive species Global Environment Facility projects, Invasive Species Management Guidelines, etc.
  - Supporting regional and sub-regional projects on regional biosecurity, invasive insect and rodent eradication and prevention
  - Raising of the IAS profile at various international fora (CBD, WCC, etc).

# Current PIP Goals

- High level Engagement:
  - Honolulu Challenge
  - Pacific Advisory Group
- Regional Efforts:
  - Regional Biosecurity Plan for Micronesia and Hawaii (RBP)
  - GEF6 and Green Climate Fund proposal development
- Raise Profile of IAS:
  - Engage and wave flag at appropriate venues.... Like here.
- Thematic Issues:
  - Pacific Invasive Ant Prevention Program
  - Pacific Biocontrol Strategy
  - Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle



# Take Home Message

- Why PIP works
  - Voluntary, informal, “Big Picture” perspective, members think and act towards greater good. Offers opportunity for diverse members to contribute towards worthwhile invasive species efforts. Provides a unique venue and mandate
- What PIP accomplishes
  - Testing ground for developing BIG ideas
  - Spawns other collaborations
- Join us!





# Questions?

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