

2 Samoa's Environmental Collaboration Initiative



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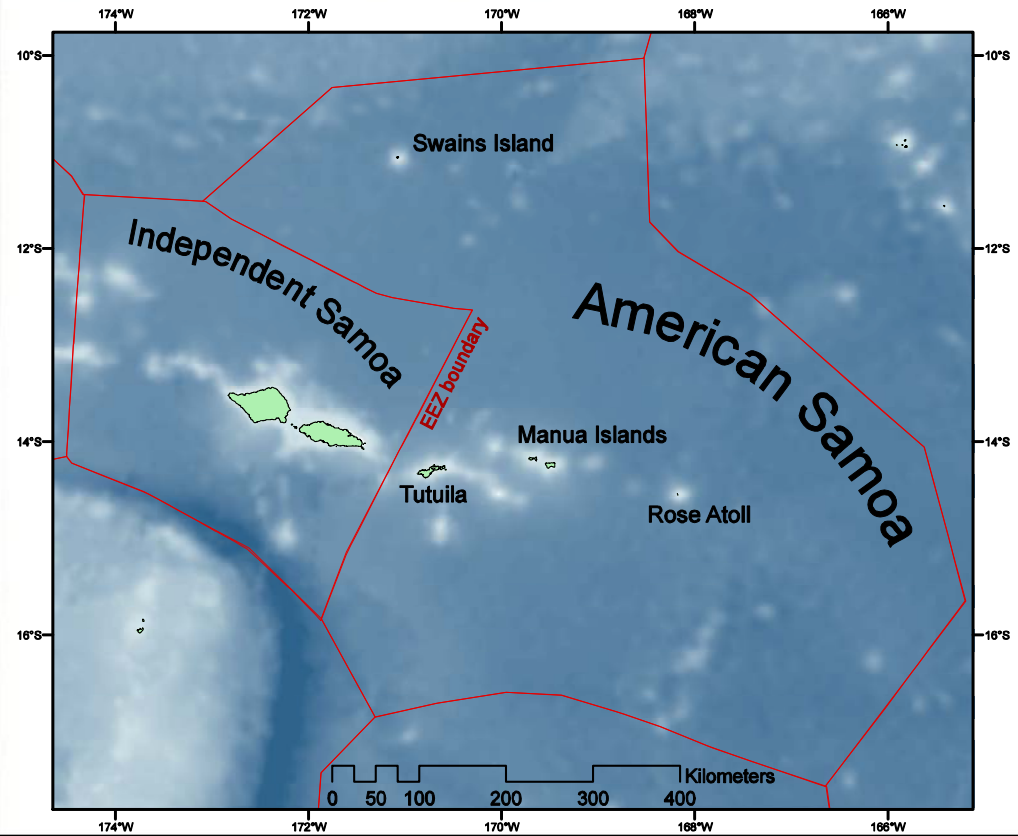
Overview

Outline of Presentation

- ***Background***
- ***Benefits of 2 Samoa's Initiative***
- ***Outcomes Report – April, 2008***
- ***Next Steps & Actions Needed***
- ***Conclusion***

Introduction

Samoa Promise – 2 Samoa's Archipelagos Initiative



Background

Intergovernmental Talks

September, 2007



- ***Marine Protected Area Network***
- ***Coral Reef & Coastal Management Programs, & National Parks***
- ***Fish Species and Habitat Conservation***

Background

Initial Meeting, Planning, & Preparation

- ***Initial Meeting – December, 2007***
 - *2 Samoa's Blog Created*
 - *2 Samoa's Directory of Information*
- ***Working Level Meeting in American Samoa – April, 2008***



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2's Meeting Desired Outcomes

- *Clear steps for continued coordination on specific themes*
- *Draft Collaboration Framework agreed in principle to next steps*
- *Identification of coordination 'avenues'*
- *Identification of key themes to work on*



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Outcomes Report Coordination Highlights

Coordination Activities Agreed by Participants:

- Share corporate plans annually*
- Electronic exchanges - message board/blog/list serves*
- Link existing web pages*
- Annual Calendar of Programs*



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Outcomes Report Agreement to work on:

- ***Database/Directory of expertise by area***
- ***Shared Bibliography of:***
 - ***scientific studies, technical reports, etc.***
- ***Shared Best Practices***
- ***Status of the Archipelago Report***
- ***Joint Projects***
 - ***e.g. Tamaligi research/management***



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Outcomes Report Marine Conservation



- ***Set Site conservation targets*** *within 1- 2 years*
- ***Monitoring & Sharing Information on Export/Import of Fish, Shellfish, Marine Resources***
- ***Share Fisheries Documentation***
i.e. Creel Surveys and Socio/Eco Studies

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Outcomes Report Marine Conservation

- ***AS MPA Creation & Coordination***
 - ***Share with Samoa MPA planning –criteria & info.***
 - ***NOAA Data gathering assistance***
 - ***Bathymetry and Habitat Mapping***
 - ***Tow board survey***



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Outcomes Report Terrestrial Conservation



- ***DMWR to share Species Conservation Research genetics Project & Wildlife diseases***
 - Population Monitoring & Vegetation Dynamics***
 - Promotion of Native Plants***
- ***Invasive Species Joint Project (1-2 yrs)***
 - Myna bird control***
 - Merremia control***
 - Pulumamoe tree control***

Next Steps

From Discussion to Actions



Finalized April Report

***Appointment of Steering Committee
of points of contact to conf. call
on progress.***

***Development of a Calendar for Conf.
calls, evaluations, coordinated calls/
emails***

Next Steps

Discussions to Actions



- ***Populate the message board (twosamoa.com)***
- ***Check in every 2 months to evaluate implementation of Action Items***
- ***Actively advocate the importance of the the Initiative & develop fund raising opportunities to implement & maintain coordination efforts.***

Next Steps

Needs Identified



• Resources Needed:

- 1 Staff within @ area/On-going Collaboration (annual meetings, website development, ed/outreach)***
- Project Funding on Joint Programs/Identified Beneficial Projects***
- Archipelago CRED monitoring Program***



CONCLUSION



***Sharing as 1 people,
1 language, common area of
Pacific ocean***

***To protect archipelagic biodiversity
of the Samoan group of islands.***



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