

**ENHANCING ACCESS TO  
AGRICULTURAL INFORMATION  
AND KNOWLEDGE IN THE PACIFIC  
ISLANDS: A STRATEGIC MODEL**

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# THREE ANECDOTES

- Ontong Java, Solomon Islands
- Sweet potato weevil
- A large Australian-funded project in the Pacific



## Extension Information

Publications added to this category are all targeted specifically for use in extension work in the Pacific. The publications include fact sheets, brochures, booklets, technical manuals, posters, videos, and other media.

### Crops

Beverage Crops, Cereals, Fruit and Nuts, Legumes, Oilseed Crops, Root Crops, Spices, Stimulants, Vegetable Crops

### Livestock

Beekeeping, Cattle, Pigs, Poultry, Sheep and Goats

### Videos

### Crop Protection

### Animal Health

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## Recent Publications

These are the latest books, reports, extension materials, journal articles, videos, etc. released within the last six months or so.

### Marketplaces and morality in Papua New Guinea: place, personhood and exchange

Busse, Mark W.; Sharp, Timothy L.M. (2019) [Journal article]

*Oceania* 89 (2), pp. 126-153

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PAIS Online includes both bibliographic content and non-bibliographic content:

- **Scientific and extension information** – with categories such as Crops and Livestock; and sub-categories such as Root Crops, Pigs, Crop Protection
- **Publications** – bulletins, leaflets, stories, articles, videos, and serial publications released by partner organisations
- **Organisations** – reports and activities by partner organisations such as NARI, CIC, MAL (Solomon Islands) and SPC
- **Countries and regions** – reports and activities by partner organisations, organised by country and region.

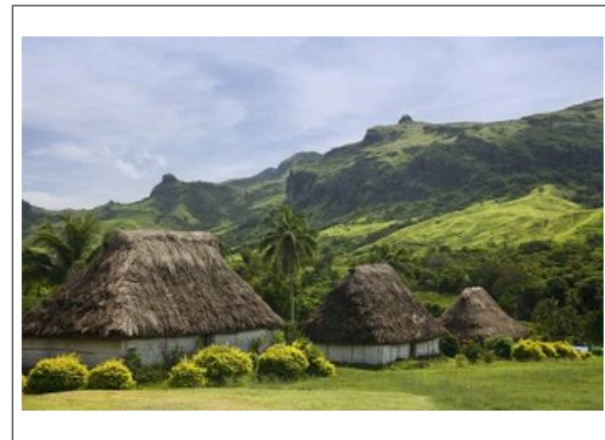
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## Projects & Activities

### Enterprise-driven transformation of family cocoa production in East Sepik, Madang, New Ireland and Chimbu Provinces of Papua New Guinea

Papua New Guinea: East Sepik, Madang, New Ireland and Chimbu (Feb 2016-Jan 2021) **Current**

### Improving returns from community teak plantings in



## FAO Asia Pacific News

African countries can benefit more from Japan's knowledge and culture of healthy foods and diets

One year on, close to 5 million pigs lost to Asia's swine fever outbreak

Agriculture's 'green revolution' must continue to evolve, refocusing on strengthening climate-science and innovation to sustainably feed a world with nutritious and safe food

FAO Director-General Graziano da Silva hands over helm to Qu Dongyu with call to improve access to quality food for all

Boosting biosecurity and border measures to control African swine fever in Asia

Biodiversity 'hot spots' in Asia-Pacific are under threat, endangering critical safeguards for food security and

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### Key Topics Collection

- Cocoa (4)
- Coffee (6)
- Coconuts (18)
- Oil Palm (1)
- Forestry (2)
- Fisheries

### Cocoa Category

There are 4 items in this category.

### Activities (1 match was found.) Results are sorted by ProjectTitle (A to Z) then sorted by None

- Enterprise-driven transformation of family cocoa production in East Sepik, Madang, New Ireland and Chimbu Provinces of Papua New Guinea**  
Papua New Guinea: East Sepik, Madang, New Ireland and Chimbu  
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### Documents (3 matches were found. 1-3 are shown.) Results are sorted by PubDate (Newest to Oldest) then sorted by Author (Z to A)

- National Green Export Review of Vanuatu: copra-coconut, cocoa-chocolate and sandalwood**  
Rantes, Jimmy; Kalo, Noel; Pakoasongi, Roy (2016) [Report]  
Geneva, Switzerland : United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. 32 p.  
[https://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/ditcted2016d1\\_en.pdf](https://unctad.org/en/PublicationsLibrary/ditcted2016d1_en.pdf)
- A stronger future for Pacific cocoa producer networks**  
(2012) [Poster; Extension material]  
2 p. *PARDI Fact Sheet (Pacific Agribusiness Research for Development Initiative)*  
[https://lrd.spc.int/pardi-publications/pardi-factsheets/doc\\_download/1635-fact-sheetpacific-cocoa](https://lrd.spc.int/pardi-publications/pardi-factsheets/doc_download/1635-fact-sheetpacific-cocoa)
- Cocoa value chain review**  
(2011) [Report]  
6 p.  
[https://lrd.spc.int/pardi-publications/pacific-agribusiness-research-for-development-initiative-pardi/doc\\_download/1625-pardi-cocoachainreview-nov-1](https://lrd.spc.int/pardi-publications/pacific-agribusiness-research-for-development-initiative-pardi/doc_download/1625-pardi-cocoachainreview-nov-1)

# STRENGTHS

- Focus on the Pacific Islands
- 18 years of data and information management experience
  - Small but dedicated team of operators
  - All processes and procedures documented; training programs; user guides
- Scalable
- Taxonomies, metadata and curation

## Coconut Rhinoceros Beetles

A **Community Space** for sharing information and knowledge about CRB

### About CRB

There is only one genuine CRB, *Oryctes rhinoceros*. *Oryctes rhinoceros* originated in SE Asia and has spread from there. *Oryctes rhinoceros* attacks many palm species of any age, including very tall ones. They outbreak when invading a new place or 6–12 months after a cyclone has felled/killed many palms. *Oryctes* uses the dead palms as breeding sites.

*Oryctes rhinoceros* is in contrast to the insect pest known as the Melanesian coconut rhinoceros beetle, *Scapanes australis*. *Scapanes* is indigenous to Solomon Islands and PNG. *Scapanes* primarily attacks coconuts up to 5 years old in plantations planted into cleared bush, also attacks other young palms and banana. *Scapanes* uses the soil/log interface under felled forest logs as a breeding site.

### Fact Sheets

**Coconut rhinoceros beetle – *Oryctes*** [Pacific Pests & Pathogens Fact Sheet 103 (2017)]

[View Fact Sheet](#)

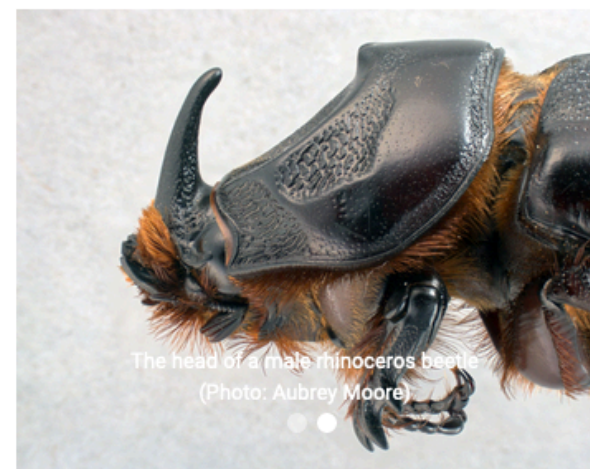
### Select Literature

There are many papers and reports on CRB, so we asked some experts to select those documents that are most important or valuable, including those that are not about the Pacific. They are selected because they can provide good scientific and technical information about CRB and its control; or because they are good examples of publications aimed at creating greater awareness and better understanding of the insect pest, and the economic and social consequences of its incursion into the region.

- [General Overview](#)
- [Pest Control Overview](#)
- [Virus Control](#)
- [Green Muscardine Fungus](#)
- [Public Awareness Materials](#)
- [Miscellaneous](#)

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## CURRENT ISSUES

- PAIS is a hidden gem
- Competition from fancy websites
- Limited engagement by organisations, even Partner organisations
- No succession plan – One-man band

# EMERGING STRATEGY

- Engage new players / Re-energise old players
  - Development of a national agricultural advisory service in Fiji
  - Partner organisation's publications' platform
  - Project resource management
  - Community spaces
- Focus on Partner objectives and embed PAIS
- Formalise PAIS at regional level



# TRANSITION PLAN

- Transition project
  - Prepare for PAIS endorsement at regional level
  - Prepare and launch promotional campaign
  - Identify and respond to opportunities for content management and communication
  - Bring new players onboard; develop partnerships
  - Provide training and mentoring

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