

US Forest Service

International Activity Report

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Please Check One:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> US Forest Service Staff <input type="checkbox"/> IP Staff <input type="checkbox"/> US Partner <input type="checkbox"/> International Partner		Was this activity administered by International Programs?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		

Activity Title:

Pacific Biocontrol Workshop

Itinerary/Schedule:

Dates		Activity/Site(s)	Location	Country
From	To			
Nov 15, 2009	Nov 19, 2009	Biocontrol Workshop	Auckland	New Zealand
Nov 20, 2009	Nov 20, 2009	Meet with Pacific Invasives Partnership Staff	Auckland	New Zealand

Type of Activity

Select one or two most appropriate categories.

- Professional Consultation/Technical Assistance
- Training Facilitation
- Training Participation
- Observation/Tour
- Research
- Seminar/Conference/Meeting
- Other:

Activity Category

Select one or two most appropriate categories.

- Migratory Species/Habitat Management
- Protected Areas/Ecotourism
- Disaster Assistance
- Forest Health/Invasive Species
- Watershed Management
- Policy Analysis and Development
- Sustainable Forestry Practices
- Fire Management
- Forest Monitoring/Remote Sensing/GIS
- Ecosystems Services

Official Activity Host/Sponsor/Partner

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Other Partners or Involvement Please list others involved in this activity/project.

Organization	Person	Title	Role/Involvement	Address	Phone	Email
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Potential Partners & Contacts

Please assist in broadening our international outreach efforts by identifying other potential partners and important contacts you have met through this activity..

Organization	Person	Title	Interest/Specialization	Address	Phone	Email
Pacific Invasives Initiative	Bill Nagle	Project Coordinator	Invasive Plant Control Projects in Pacific	University of Auckland, Tamaki Campus, Private Bag 92019, Auckland 1142, New Zealand.	64 9 3737599	w.nagle@auckland.ac.nz
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ACTIVITY EVALUATION: PART I

Please respond by checking one box (1-5) per statement.:

1= Strongly Disagree 2= Disagree 3= Don't Know/Neutral 4= Agree 5=Strongly Agree

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1	The pre-departure Health, Safety and Security information letter was relevant and useful.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	I was adequately prepared for this trip.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	International Programs provided appropriate materials and orientation (if applicable).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	This trip/activity was well organized.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	The objectives/activities were clear and appropriate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	This activity was beneficial to my professional development.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	This activity was beneficial to my personal development and growth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	I had intercultural exchange and interaction with international hosts (or guests) in both professional and social contexts.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	I have learned and will implement new approaches based on this experience.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	I believe I contributed significantly and made an impact on others involved in this exchange.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	This activity will impact the work of the US Forest Service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	This activity has potential benefits to other partner organizations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	The objectives of the program were met.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	I have planned or already implemented follow up/outreach activities to share this experience with others (briefings, papers, demonstrations, presentations, newspaper/newsletter articles, websites, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	International activities are important to the work of the US Forest Service.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
16	I recommend that others engage in international exchange activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

ACTIVITY EVALUATION: PART II

<p>Outcomes Please list the key results of this activity.</p>	<p>The workshop went well - we got a good overview of Pacific Island needs, what biocontrol projects are completed or ongoing throughout the Pacific and with partner agencies (ACIAR, LandCare research NZ, CABI, etc) - what agents are in process and where the work is being done. Networking should be increased - people connected well and will know who to contact on a particular problem and we will have a list of the Pacific biocontrol capacity as an outcome (practitioners, projects, facilities) from a survey that we did (finalizing now) .</p> <p>We got a Pacific Islands Biocontrol matrix which will allow us to more easily connect people and projects with opportunities. We got at least half a dozen potential projects outlined and a diverse steering committee with Pacific Island nations and supporting organizations participating on it to follow up with projects and to assist countries with proposal development. Tracy Johnson from PSW-IPIF is on that steering committee and so I can work with him on continuing to accomplish our program goals in the Pacific. There were a few timely funding opportunities identified, including GEF (Global Environment Fund) and CEPF (Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund) that we will work with participating countries on where there is interest along with a list of many other hopeful ones. I will be working with FSM to draft a biocontrol competitive grant in 2011 (State & Private Forestry) for Micronesia.</p> <p>A full report of the workshop is available at PWS-Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry office in Hilo.</p>
<p>Important Lessons Learned, Observations, and Best Practices Please list key observations and recommendations.</p>	<p>Although capacity for biocontrol is very limited we discovered there is much more capacity for them to avail themselves of than previously thought. This workshop highlighted the opportunities for countries and collaborators to work together on species of common interest. A lot of work is actually going on and there are probably more funding opportunities than people originally thought.</p>
<p>Personal & Professional Development What did you gain as a result of this experience? (professional, technical, cultural, personal)</p>	<p>Increased network of international contacts in biological control to further programs in Hawaii and throughout the Pacific. Increased understanding of problems encountered by developing island nations related to successfully undertake a biological control program.</p>
<p>Intercultural Exchange How will you apply the intercultural experiences you had abroad to working within the diverse workforce of the USFS?</p>	<p>This experience has continued to broaden my understanding of Pacific island cultures and how their strong cultural traditions influence their use of and respect for the land . The experience with the New Zealand maori group was new for me. This intercultural exchange helps me to remember to utilize various ways of approaching a problem and being sensitive to the fact that others see the work slightly differently and may approach a problem differently.</p>

<p>Other</p>	<p>A comprehensive meeting report was prepared by Landcare research New Zealand as a condition of the grant and is available. Presentations from the meeting are on the PII website - follow the link below. A report of the meeting is available and in 2010 the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) will be preparing a Proceedings of the presentations during the workshop.</p>
<p>Suggestions about Activity Reporting Please include any improvements you can think of pertaining to this form.</p>	
<p>Reports, Photos & Links</p>	<p>Please share trip reports, photos and other information about the activity with others. International Programs will post links to the information you have already posted on your websites. Please provide URLs.</p> <p>Link 1 – http://www.new-ag.info/developments/devItem.php?a_1121 Link 2 - http://www.issg.org/CII/PII/ Link 3 – http://www.spc.int/corp/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=469&Itemid=1 Link 4 – http://www.cinews.co.ck/2009/December/Wed16/environment.htm#0912100804 Link 5 - www.cinews.co.ck/2009/December/Wed16/environment.htm#0912100804</p>

Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation. You have made most valuable contributions to the global work of the US Forest Service, partner nations and cooperating organizations.

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