



FOREST INVASIVE SPECIES

BACKGROUND

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EXISTING INVASIVES

- OVER 50 DISEASES CAUSING MICROORGANISMS
- **OVER 53 INSECTS SPECIES**
- WEEDS/SHRUBS/TREES (NOT ASSESSED)
- **MAJORITY OF THEM ARE INVASIVE SPECIES**



MAJOR CONCERNS

- AFFECTS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY
- **IMPACT ON BIODIVERSITY & ENVIRONMENT**
SOME INVASIONS HAVE
THE POTENTIAL TO
BECOME IRREVERSIBLE.
- **DETRIMENTAL TO HUMAN
HEALTH –
PESTICIDE RESIDUES**



CONCERNS ... (CONT)

- Geographically separated small size & island nature of the country
- **Developing status**
- Greater diversity of habitats
- **Increased degradation and fragmentation of natural habitats due to development activities**
- Current highly threatened status of many endemic species and their habitats

INVASIVE SPECIES - EXAMPLES

GYPSY MOTH



SOCIAL PEST - OUTBREAKS EVERY YEAR CAUSE SOCIAL PROBLEMS

COCONUT



PEST: COCONUT HISPID BEETLE



DAMAGE

Direct economic losses between June 2000 - Feb 2003 at USD 259,350

COCONUT

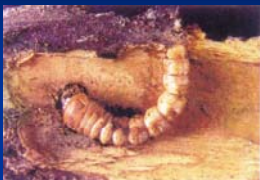
PEST: RHINOCEROS BEETLE



SPREAD COUNTRY WIDE
REDUCE YIELD BY SEVERAL %

MANGO & BREADFRUIT

PEST: RHINOCEROS BEETLE



STEM BORER : SPREAD COUNTRY WIDE
REDUCE YIELD BY SEVERAL %

LIME

PEST: BACTERIA
CITRUS CANKER



- WIPED OUT LOCAL LIME VARIETIES

BANANA



BANANA WEEVIL BORER

DURING THE EARLY 1990'S BANANA PRODUCTION IN SOME MAJOR ISLANDS WAS SEVERELY AFFECTED



DAMAGE

WATER & ROSE APPLE



PEST: PYSILLID INSECT

NO DIRECT DAMAGE TO THE FRUITS BUT REDUCE YIELD BY REDUCING THE PHOTOSYNTHETIC ABILITY OF THE PLANT

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SPIRALLING WHITEFLY

NUISANCE PEST OF MANY CROPS

WHITEFLY



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GIANT AFRICAN SNAIL

INTRODUCED IN THE 60'S
SUCCESSFUL BIOLOGICAL CONTROL
PROGRAM USING A FLAT WORM

WEEDS



Lantana camara

degraded & replace natural
vegetations and interfering
with natural regeneration.



Grass sp.

A rapidly spreading noxious
perennial weed in agricultural land

WEEDS



A rapidly spreading noxious
perennial weed in agriculture and
natural vegetations.

Frequent weeding and herbicides
Economic loss of crop competition



NATURALISED TREES



Grown all over the country
as a shade tree

Replace many endemic
species

HOW DO WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE? -- MOFA

STRENGTHENING PLANT QUARANTINE & INSPECTION

1. Regulation : Live plants and plant products import permit application

- An original State Phytosanitary Certificate is required for the live plants
- Any shipment without valid original State Phytosanitary Certificate will be detained until further notice
- It must not include dried parts in any of the live plant and plant product

HOW DO WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE? ..MOFA

STRENGTHENING PLANT QUARANTINE & INSPECTION

1. REGULATION: Live plants and plant products import permit application (cont)

- Live plants and plant products should not contain soil particle
- Notification - Plant Protection and Animal Quarantine Unit
Hulhule 72 hours prior to the expected time arrival of the consignment and the flight number

PLANT PROTECTION BILL IN PROGRESS

HOW DO WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE?MOFA

STRENGTHENING PLANT QUARANTINE & INSPECTION

2. INSPECTION
3. CONTROL PROGRAMS – BIOLOGICAL
4. MONITORING & SURVEILLANCE
5. TRAINING & AWARENESS



HOW DO WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE?MOFA - policies

STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN

Policy 6: Strengthen legal framework to regulate the use of agriculture natural resources and develop services related to agriculture development

- Regulate the provision of uninhabited islands for community based agriculture development at provincial level in accordance with the Agriculture Land Act

PREPARATION OF AGRICULTURE LAND ACT IN PROGRESS

- Strengthen laws and regulations to create a conducive environment for sustainable agriculture and forestry development

HOW DO WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE?ENV

1. CONSERVATION OF ISLANDS AND ECOSYSTEMS
2. MONITORING & SURVEILLANCE
3. TRAINING & AWARENESS





THANK YOU