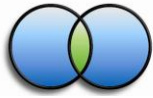


## **GUIDELINES ON CONSENTS AND PERMITS**

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## PURPOSE

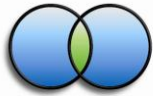
- These Guidelines are to be used by Project Managers conducting rodent and cat eradication projects based on the PII Resource Kit for Rodent and Cat Eradication.
- The Guidelines cover advice on securing legal consents and other permits to undertake eradication operations on Pacific islands

## 1. GENERAL

- You may need legal approvals, for example, importation and use of toxins from government departments, and non-legal approvals, for example, access and use of wharfs.
- Some approvals can take a long time, i.e. many years, start applying for approvals as soon as possible.
- You will need to consider National and district laws when seeking approvals.
- The legal approvals and application process will vary from country to country.
- Legal approvals will vary from project to project and will depend on the details of the target species and eradication techniques.
- Given the differences from country to country and between projects it is difficult to produce a definitive list of consents required before a project starts – seek advice from other implementing agencies and technical advisors on their experiences.
- Non-legal consents from communities and landowners etc will be included in the stakeholder engagement part of the eradication project.

## 2. POSSIBLE CONSENTS REQUIRED

LEGAL	
Import of toxins	
Import of traps	
Export of unused bait (after the operation)	
Export of traps (after the operation)	
Use of toxins	
Use of traps	
Import of equipment	



Damage to environment, e.g. track cutting	
Hunting	
Import of any animals, e.g. hunting dogs	
Import of weapons	
Approval to undertake the eradication operation	
Approval to temporarily remove endangered non-target species	
Import of helicopter	
Refuelling of helicopter	
<b>NON-LEGAL</b>	
Approval to access the island from community	
Approval to access the island from landowners	
Approval to use facilities on the island, e.g. wharves, buildings from facility owners.	
Approval to undertake the eradication operation from community.	

## APPENDIX 1 CASE STUDY – CONSENTS FOR THE ALEIPATA PACIFIC RAT ERADICATION PROJECT

To demonstrate the kind of consents required and typical times to process each request we include a case study from a real project.

### BACKGROUND.

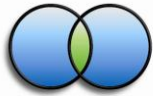
#### Implementing agencies:

- Ministry and Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), Government of Samoa
- South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)

Project: Eradicate Pacific Rat from Aleipata Islands, Samoa.

### CONSENTS REQUIRED

Consent/permit for	Granted by	Time taken to secure approval	Notes
Use of brodifacoum within Samoa	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	2 years	Project implementing agency had to apply for national registration of Brodifacoum.
Import of helicopter	Samoa Airport Authority	2 years	
Refueling of	Samoa Airport	2 years	



helicopter	Authority		
Use of the Satitioa wharf for storage of bait, landing and loading of helicopter	Samoa Ports Authority	1 year	
Government approval of Project	Cabinet of Samoa		
Formal community approval of the project	Aleipata Marine Protected Areas Committee	3 years	

**APPENDIX 2 CASE STUDY – CONSENTS FOR ANOTHER ERADICATION PROJECT**

To demonstrate the kind of consents required and typical times to process each request we include a case study from a real project.

**BACKGROUND**

Implementing agencies:

Project:

**CONSENTS REQUIRED**

Consent/permit for	Granted by	Time taken to secure approval	Cost	Notes