

Vava'u Archipelago -Kingdom of Tonga: 2014 moth and butterfly survey

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Moths and butterflies were surveyed across the Vava'u Archipelago as part of a large multi-disciplinary biological assessment. Conducted from 13 to 28 February 2014, it involved 7 terrestrial scientists, 10 marine scientists and 18 Tongan Government staff. Fourteen islands were visited. The work was made possible through cooperation between local land owners and business operators together with agencies including Tongan Government, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme and Vava'u Environmental Protection Agency. While many areas on 'Uta Vava'u and its outlying islands retain natural values worthy of protection, eight terrestrial sites were recommended as priorities for conservation action.

