

# PUKAPUKA ISLANDS BEACH BURR CONTROL PROGRAMME



**BEACH BURR IS A SERIOUS AGRICULTURAL INVASIVE WEED FOR PUKAPUKA.**

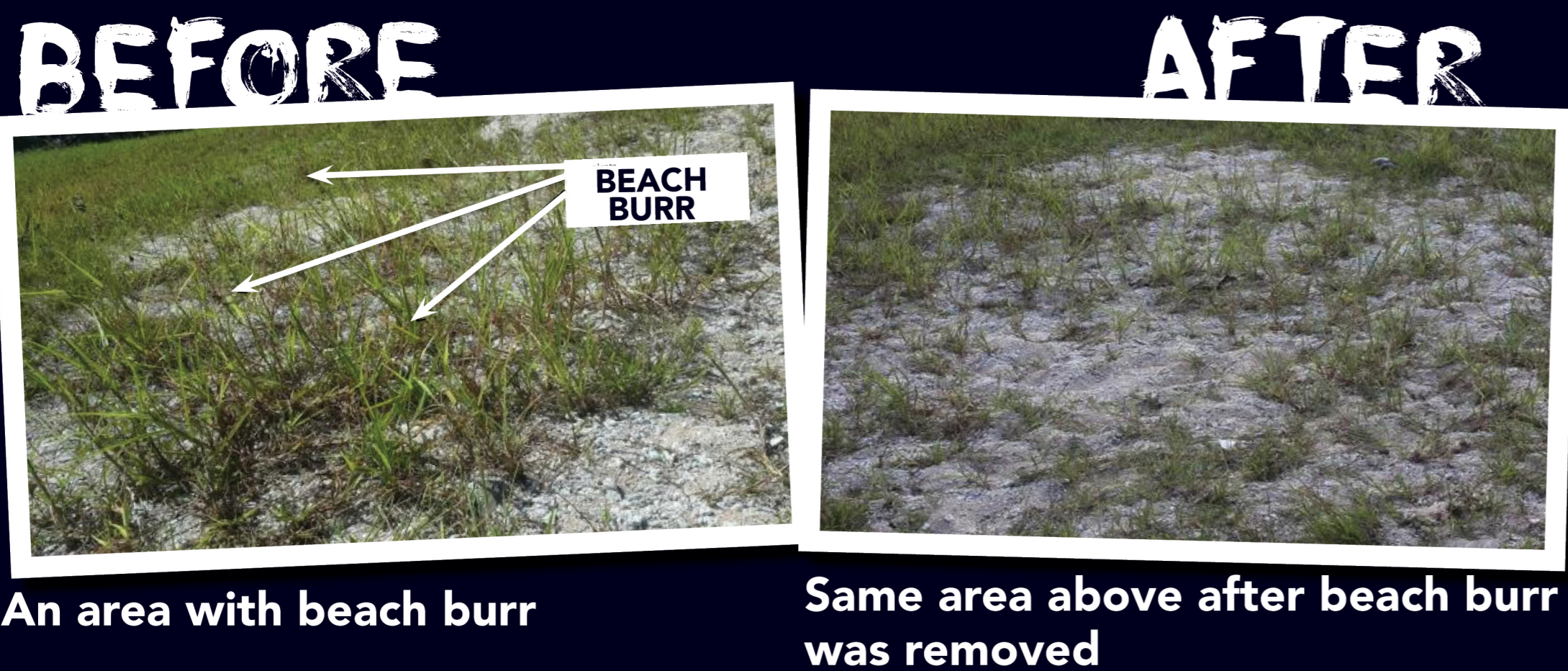
It can have serious impacts on the islands vast birdlife, its limited land area and agricultural sites if not under control.

Beach Burr was first discovered in recent years on Motu Kotawa. In May 2015, this invasive weed had spread to nearby Motu Ko and Pukapuka's main island, Motu Wale.



Local community removing beach burr on Pukapuka

An Invasive Alien Species Beach Burr team from Rarotonga travelled to Pukapuka to survey beach burr areas and carryout an education and awareness programme with the community and to establish the Beach Burr removal program on the island, to be monitored by the Pukapuka Island Council.



An area with beach burr

Same area above after beach burr was removed

## IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES

