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# **WEED ALERT!!**

## **STOP THIS INVASIVE PLANT!**

### **About the invasive Water-Lettuce!**

- \* An invasive water plant that is native to South Africa. It is now a bad weed in Australia.
- \* Water-lettuce was recently brought into Samoa and has been reported from gardens in Vaivase-uta, Vaigaga, Vailoa, Tamaligi and Vaisigano villages.
- \* The invasive water-lettuce grows fast forming dense mats, blocking the sunlight leading to the death of native plants and animals.
- \* Water-lettuce can take over any aquatic environment causing foul smell, low oxygen in the water and may contribute to the risk of flooding.
- \* The entangled root system restricts the movement of water contributing to stagnating water providing ideal breeding places for mosquitoes.
- \* Avoid this water plant to reach into rivers and to other islands of Samoa.

### **What you can do to help!**

If you see this plant **REMOVE** IT from its aquatic environment and **DISPOSE** of it in a dry compost.

**REPORT** any plant to the Environment Division by telephone: **67200**.

For more information please contact:  
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# LATISI VAI

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### **Natura o le ola o le Latisi Vai:**

- \* O se laau ola loulouā ma sosolo i luga o suavai to'a ma vaitafe. O se laau sa tupuga mai i Aferika i Saute. Ua sosolo fa'avao nei i Ausetalia.
- \* O le latisi vai sa o'o mai i Samoa mo togalaau teu fale ma teu fanua, e pei ona maitauina i afioaga o Vaivase-uta, Vaigaga, Vailoa, Tamaligi ma Vaisigano.
- \* O le vave o lona ola, ma ia fausia ai se fala mafafia, na te ufitia uma ai le suavai, ma lē sao ai se malamalama e ola ai laau ma i'a, i totonu o le suavai , ae maise o vaitafe;
- \* O le latisi vai, e mafai ona sosolo i luga o se fa'atanoa vai pe o se vaitafe, ma ufitia uma ai le suavai, ma ono maua se manogi leaga, ma fa'aititia ai le okesene, ma ono mafua ai ni tafega;
- \* O ona a'a uumi e sosolo i lalo ma autafa ma felavasa'i solo , e taofiofia ai le tafe o le suavai, ma avea ma nofoaga tu'ufua o le namu, o lo o pipisi ai fa'ama'i;
- \* Ia taofiofia lenei laau o le latisi vai, mai i lona sosolo atu i totonu o vaitafe, ma isi motu o le atunu'u;

### **O sau galuega mo le aveesea o le latisi vai!**

Afai o le a e maitauina lenei laau, ia se'i loa ma aveese mai i se fa'atanoa vai, pe o se vaitafe o le a e vaai ai;

Mo nisi Fa'amatalaga, fesili mai i fa'amaumauga i lalo ane:

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