



National Park of American Samoa
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To: Ryan Monello, PACN Program Manager

From: Scott Burch, National Park of American Samoa Superintendent

Subject: Handling of protected natural resource data

The Superintendent of the National Park of American Samoa has identified resources that are rare, threatened, endangered, or commercially valuable. Information about these resources (the specific location, abundance, presence, or absence), if released to the public or other unapproved audiences, has been determined to potentially result in harm, theft, or destruction. To ensure data are appropriately protected in accordance with park management priorities, the following rules must be followed when disseminating natural resource information collected through inventory, monitoring, or other related scientific activities.

Type of Data		Level of Protection	Rules for Dissemination
Resource Data and Information			
	Specific T&E Species locations	Legally Protected	Specific locations of these species will not be released to the general public. Any such data collected will be redacted from publicly released datasets. This will be done indefinitely.
Location Data and Information			
	Cave entrances	Legally protected	Specific locations of cave entrances will not be released to the general public. Any such data collected will be redacted from publicly released datasets. This will be done indefinitely.
	Plant species <i>Amorphophallus paeoniifolius</i> , <i>Caesalpinia</i> spp, <i>Manilkara dissecta</i> , and <i>Sarcopygme pacifica</i>	Operationally Protected	These species are rare and culturally prized plants that were found in the Park during Cyclone Gita's assessment. Specific locations of this species will not be released to the public. Any such data collected will be redacted from the publicly released datasets. This will be done indefinitely.
	Clam species <i>Tridacna maxima</i> and <i>Tridacna squamosa</i>	Operationally Protected	These species are of concern to the park because they are overfished by the community. Specific locations of these species will not be released to the public. Any such data collected will be redacted from the publicly released datasets. This will be done indefinitely.

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Table 1. T&E Species (General Rule).

Park	Resource	Type of Information to be Protected	Level of Protection	Protected From Release To	Method of Protection	Protected for How Long?	Notes	Justification
NPSA	Emballonura semicaudata semicaudata	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	SC
NPSA	Megaptera novaeangliae	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	RT
NPSA	Numenius tahitiensis	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	SC
NPSA	Gallicolumba stairi	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	E
NPSA	Gymnomyza samoensis	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	E
NPSA	Porzana tabuensis	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	RT
NPSA	Chelonia mydas	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	E
NPSA	Eretmochelys imbricata	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	E

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NPSA	Ostodes strigatus	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	E
NPSA	Diastole matafaoi	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	SC
NPSA	Diastole schmeltziana	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	SC
NPSA	Eua zebrina	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	E
NPSA	Samoana abbreviata	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	SC
NPSA	Samoana conica	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	SC
NPSA	Samoana thurstoni	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	SC
NPSA	Trochomorpha apia	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	SC

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NPSA	Acropora globiceps	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	T
NPSA	Acropora retusa	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	T
NPSA	Isopora crateriformis	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	T

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Table 2. Other species, resources or locations.

Resource	Type of Information to be Protected	Level of Protection	Protected From Release To	Method of Protection	Protected for How Long?	Notes	Justification
Amorphophallus paeoniifolius	Specific Location	Operationally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	This species is a rare and culturally prized plant that was found in the Park during Cyclone Gita's assessment.
Caesalpinia spp	Specific Location	Operationally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	This species is a rare and culturally prized plant that was found in the Park during Cyclone Gita's assessment.
Manilkara dissecta	Specific Location	Operationally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	This species is a rare and culturally prized plant that was found in the Park during Cyclone Gita's assessment.
Sarcopygme pacifica	Specific Location	Operationally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	This species is a rare and culturally prized plant that was found in the Park during Cyclone Gita's assessment.

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Tridacna maxima	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	This species is of concern to the park because they are overfished by the community. Specific locations of this species will not be released to the public. Any such data collected will be redacted from the publicly released datasets. This will be done indefinitely.
Tridacna squamosa	Specific Location	Legally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	This species is of concern to the park because they are overfished by the community. Specific locations of this species will not be released to the public. Any such data collected will be redacted from the publicly released datasets. This will be done indefinitely.

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Cave Entrances	Specific Location	Operationally Protected	Release to public	Redacted	Indefinitely / Forever	Redact location information	Caves in Samoa may contain cultural and natural resources that need protection. Specific locations of caves will not be released to the public. Any such data collected will be redacted from the publicly released datasets. This will be done indefinitely.