



Micronesia Regional Invasive Species Council

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Nikolao Pula, Director
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Dear Director Pula,

As Chair of the Regional Invasive Species Council for the Western Pacific, I am pleased to submit a letter of support for Dr. Moore's grant proposal to support his work towards biological control of coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) on Guam and Palau.

Without a reducing the high populations of CRB on these islands, it is just a matter of time before this pest spreads within Micronesia. If it gets onto the smaller islands and atolls where coconut is the "tree of life" this will be a humanitarian tragedy.

RISC has been asked, via a communique from the recent Micronesian Forum, which is a meeting of all the Micronesian Governors, to help find a solution to the rhino beetle problem. Dr. Moore is offering a promising solution, and I urge your office to fund his proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tamdad Sulog".

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