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## National Updates on Soil: *Niue Is*

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Main activities implemented under Pillar 1:Implemented to promote sustainable soil management practices:

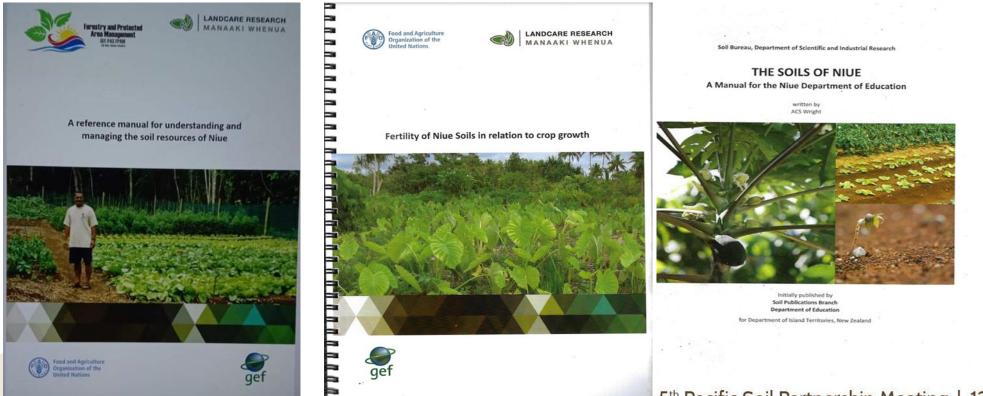
 Promoted mulching and composting.



- Niue Island Organic Farmers Association(NIOFA)-Promoting Organic Farming principles at National Level
- Organic Certification Process-Biogro NZ(Still under suspension-last 2 years)
- Focus on Vanilla Production. Also fruit trees.
- Promoted SLM Practices, Agroforestry & muccuna legume Cover crop.



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- World Food Day-National Agricultural Show day Activitiesto promote Soils conservation.
- Niue Taro Day.
- Working Closely with NIOFA and Niue Growers Association.
- Fortnightly Radio Agricultural Awareness Program.



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### Main activities implemented under Pillar 4: Enhancing the quantity and quality of soil data (e.g. soil mapping activities);

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND MAP NOTES

Soil survey by D.M. Leslie, New Zealand Soil Bureau, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, incorporating previous soil information prepared by A.C.S. Wright and F.J. van Westerndorp and published in 1965.

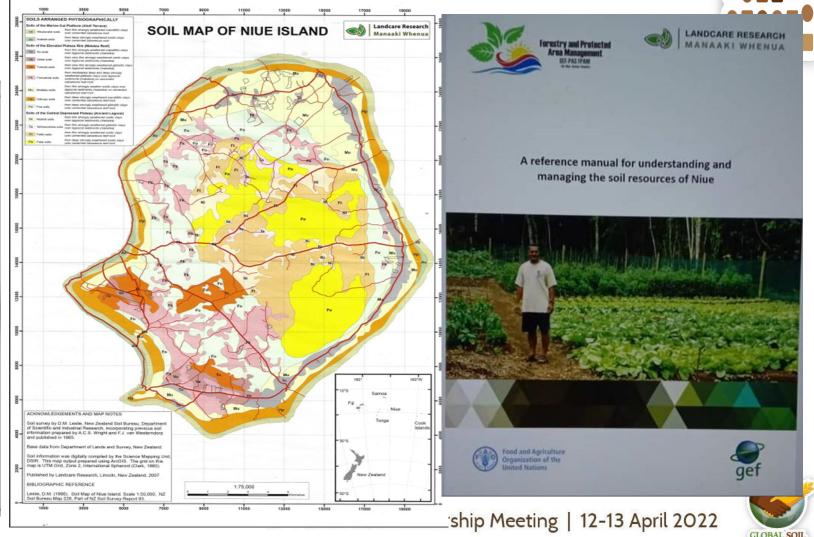
Base data from Department of Lands and Survey, New Zealand.

Soil information was digitally compiled by the Science Mapping Unit, DSIR. This map output prepared using ArcGIS. The grid on this map is UTM Grid, Zone 2, International Spheroid (Clark, 1880).

Published by Landcare Research, Lincoln, New Zealand, 2007

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC REFERENCE** 

Leslie, D.M. (1986). Soil Map of Niue Island. Scale 1:50,000, NZ Soil Bureau Map 228, Part of NZ Soil Survey Report 93.



# Main activities implemented under Pillar 3:"Pillar 3": Research and Development;

- Very Minimal Little to No Research other than basic Soil enhancement methods.
- Biochar Development -engaged with Private Sector. Did Proposal for further funding.

## Main activities implemented under Pillar 5:Harmonization of methods and indicators related to soils (e.g. the activity of soil laboratories).

- No Soils Laboratory
- Soil Samples send to NZ for analysis.
- Samples minimal amount.
- Costly Exercise.





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