

4.36 Tonga



4.36.1 Tonga National Biosafety Framework (2004) (draft)

The Framework targets the following:

- (a) Protection of natural plants and animals of Tonga from accidental escape of the LMO's novel engineered gene into the wild or domesticated relative.
- (b) Minimizing the risk to biodiversity and human health from LMOs in trade.
- (c) Development of effective and efficient pest risk assessment for LMOs.
- (d) Facilitation of trade while protecting the interest of the country pertaining to LMOs through effective boarder management.
- (e) Minimizing the incidence of food borne diseases due to LMO-FFP.
- (f) Monitoring aquatic LMOs to minimize effect on biodiversity from aquaculture practices.
- (g) Monitoring of LMOs to minimize effect on biodiversity.
- (h) Promotion of public awareness and participation through the media, and village meeting such as *faikava* and *fono*.
- (i) Development, implementation and enforcement of Biosafety regulatory regime

Source:

1. *Tonga National Progress Report submitted to the Third Series of Subregional Workshops (2003/ 2004): UNEP-GEF Project on Development of National Biosafety Frameworks (Available at <http://www.unep.ch/biosafety/development/countryreports/TOPrgressrep.pdf>; accessed on 3 October 2007).*