

BIOSECURITY ACT 2008

Biosecurity (Infested Controlled Areas) Order 2025

IN exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 70(1) of the Biosecurity Act 2008 and on the advice of the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji, I hereby make this Order—

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Biosecurity (Infested Controlled Areas) Order 2025.

(2) This Order comes into force on the date of publication in the Gazette.

Asian Subterranean Termites (Coptotermes gestroi)

2.—(1) The following areas as set out in Schedule 1, are declared as infested biosecurity controlled areas for Asian Subterranean Termites (*Coptotermes gestroi*)—

- (a) Ba;
- (b) Labasa;
- (c) Lautoka; and
- (d) Nadi.

(2) The following may not be moved out of the areas specified under paragraph (1) except with the permission of a biosecurity officer and in accordance with any conditions reasonably imposed by the biosecurity officer—

- (a) all stages of the Asian Subterranean Termites (*Coptotermes gestroi*) including eggs; and
- (b) any material hosting the Asian Subterranean Termites (*Coptotermes gestroi*), which includes the Asian Subterranean Termites (*Coptotermes gestroi*) nests, soil, potted plants, wood, logs, timber, lumber, kindling, planks, wooden building materials, wooden furniture, live plants, harvested host plants (pine, mango, cassava, coconut tree and sugarcane), and articles made of cellulose (books, papers, clothing, and textiles that have been stored for a period of time).

Little Fire Ants (Wasmannia auropunctata)

3.—(1) The following areas as set out in Schedule 2, are declared as infested biosecurity controlled areas for Little Fire Ants (*Wasmannia auropunctata*)—

- (a) Coral Coast along Olosara and Nacocolevu (Sigatoka Research Station);
- (b) Dakuibeqa, Rukua and Waisomo village in Beqa Island;

- (c) Delasui village in Tailevu;
- (d) Koro Island;
- (e) Leleuvia Island;
- (f) Naqarawai, Saliadrau and Wainimakutu village in Namosi;
- (g) Nausori; and
- (h) Yasawa Island.

(2) Any material infested with Little Fire Ants (*Wasmannia auropunctata*) must not be moved within or out of the areas specified under paragraph (1) except with the permission of a biosecurity officer.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), a person intending to move any material infested with Little Fire Ants (*Wasmannia auropunctata*) within or out of the areas specified under paragraph (1) must ensure that the material is disinfected from Little Fire Ants (*Wasmannia auropunctata*) either through chemical treatment known as ‘knockdown insecticides’, or other physical means such as brushing off or in accordance with any condition imposed by the biosecurity officer.

Fruit Fly Species (Bactrocera kirki and Bactrocera obscura)

4.—(1) The whole of Rotuma is hereby declared as an infested biosecurity controlled area for Fruit Fly Species (*Bactrocera kirki* and *Bactrocera obscura*).

(2) The following may not be moved out of the area specified under paragraph (1) except with the permission of a biosecurity officer and in accordance with any condition imposed by the biosecurity officer—

- (a) all stages of the Fruit Fly Species (*Bactrocera kirki* and *Bactrocera obscura*) including eggs, larvae and pupa; and
- (b) any material hosting the Fruit Fly Species (*Bactrocera kirki* and *Bactrocera obscura*), which includes all fruits found in Rotuma.

Taro Beetle (Papuaia uniondis)

5.—(1) The following areas as set out in Schedule 3, are declared as infested biosecurity controlled areas for Taro Beetle (*Papuaia uniondis*)—

- (a) Buca Bay;
- (b) Gau;
- (c) Kadavu;
- (d) Levuka; and
- (e) Viti Levu.

(2) The following may not be moved out of the areas specified under paragraph (1) except with the permission of a biosecurity officer and in accordance with any condition imposed by the biosecurity officer—

- (a) all stages of the Taro Beetle (*Papuaia uniondis*) including eggs; and

- (b) any material hosting the Taro Beetle (*Papuana uniondis*) which includes taro planting material, aroids of the genera *Colocasia*, *Alocasia*, *Xanthosoma*, *Cyrtosperma*, *Amorphophallus*, banana plants (*Musa spp.*), betel nut plants (*Areca catechu*), coconut plants (*Cocos nucifera*), pandanus plants (*Pandanus odoratissimus*), soil, poultry manure and potted plants.

Revocation

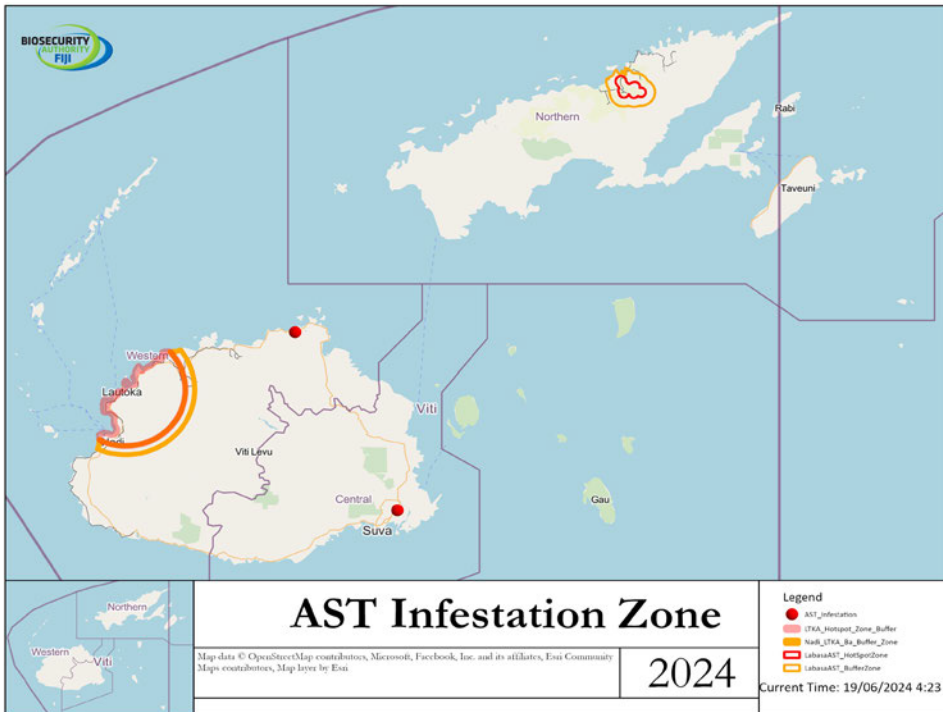
6. The Plant Quarantine (Taro Beetle) Emergency Regulations 1984 is revoked.

Made this 25th day of March 2025.

S. L. RABUKA
Prime Minister and
Minister for Public Enterprises

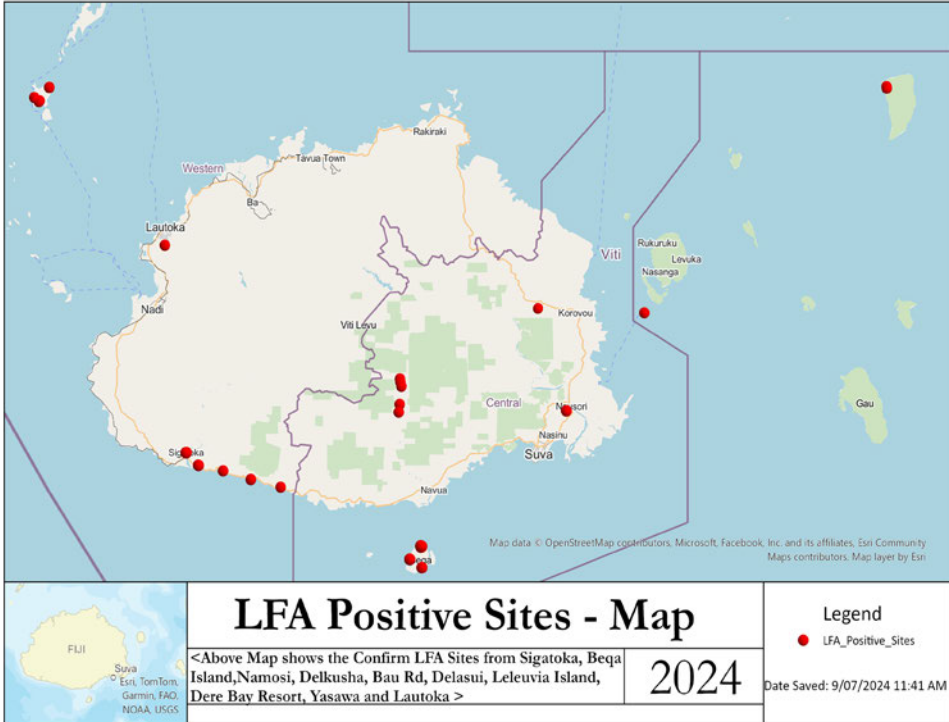
SCHEDULE 1
(Order 2)

INFESTED BIOSECURITY CONTROLLED AREAS FOR ASIAN SUBTERRANEAN
TERMITES
(*COPTOTERMES GESTROI*)



SCHEDULE 2
(Order 3)

INFESTED BIOSECURITY CONTROLLED AREAS FOR LITTLE FIRE ANTS
(WASMANNIA AUROPUNCTATA)



SCHEDULE 3
(Order 5)

INFESTED BIOSECURITY CONTROLLED AREAS FOR TARO BEETLE
(*PAPUANA UNIONDIS*)

