

## Manumanu Meca Ni Dalo (030)

### Kena I Vakamacala

- E kune e na so na vanua, me vakataki Inidonesia kei na wasa Pasifika. E vakacacana na dalo, tei ni niu, jaina, via, dovu kei na voivoi. E okati me dua na manumanu meca bibi toka o koya.
- Na manumanu meca oqo e kana curuma na lewe ni dalo, E dau kune na kena yaloka ena kau vuca se binibini benu.
- E dau kune vakalevu sara ena vanua ni musu kau kei na gauna e dau oti kina na cagailaba.
- **Tataqomaki Taumada (Cultural control):** Me samaki na vanua e ra dau vakasucu kina ka dredre ni laurai; e rawa talega ni tei na mucuna me vakabulabula ni qele ni bera ni tei kina na dalo.
- **Wainimate ni Tatarovi (Chemical control):** Mo vakayagataka na Bifenthrin ena gauna ni teitei, ka me oti talega e tolu na vula.

**Common name:** Taro Beetle, Papuana beetle

**Scientific name:** *Papuana* species. There are 18 species in Papua New Guinea, 11 of which damage taro; common species are: *Papuana woodlarkiana*, *Papuana huebneri*, *Papuana trinodosa*, *Papuana biroi*, *Eucopidocaulus tridentipes* and *Papuana szentivanyi*.



Photo 1. Extensive and typical damage caused by taro beetles, *Papuana* sp., in taro corms. These corms are unmarketable.



Photo 2. Damage in a taro corm due to the feeding of taro beetles, *Papuana* sp.

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Photo 3. Adult taro beetle, *Papuana* sp. The beetle is about 20 mm long.



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