

## Taro Papuana beetle (030)

### Samari

- Umi save faendem nomoa disfala bitol long tutri ples long wol olsem Oceania and Indonesia. Bitol ia hemi kakim taro wetem tu samfala difren plant olsem smol oel pam, kokonat, gian taro, kakake, banana, sukaken, an pandanas. Hem wanfala impoten bitol blong taro.
- Adalt bitol hemi save kakaim nao kom or botom blong olketa taro. Man wan kam fastaem an wetem mere wan fo kasem hem, behaen tufala marit mere wan babae bonem egg insaed long olketa rabis lo graon.
- Disfala pest hem save spolem staka kakai moa long ples wea logging or cyclone spolem olketa bik tri an bus finis.
- Lokol kontrol: Umi mas kilim olketa egg an beibi blong bitol insaed graon, plandem olketa legume wea save krol long graon olsem kava krop. e.g *Mucuna*, *Pueraria*, *Glycine*, slash (or usim herbicide) an den plandem taro insaed lo olketa rabis blong legume ia.
- Kemikol kontrol: imidacloprid or pyrethroid cypermethrin taem u plandem an 3 fala manis behaen.

**Komon nem:** Taro bitol

**Saentifik nem:** *Papuana* spieces. Papua New Guinea hemi garem 18 fala difren spisis long Taro bitol, 11 fala nao save kakaim and spolem taro. Olketa common spisis nao olsem: *Papuana woodlarkiana*, *Papuana huebneri*, *Papuana trinodosa*, *Papuana birol*, *Eucopidocaulus tridentipes* an *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.



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

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