

# QUARANTINE NEWS

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## NEW ITEM ON THE MENU

Quarantine in collaboration with the Fisheries Division have successfully completed an IRA on the importation of crayfish from Australia. The first consignment arrived at the beginning of the month and the Quarantine Service was satisfied that all the requirements were met by the importer. Fisheries and Quarantine conducted post entry monitoring the health status and other related matters concerning the crayfish so that it can thrive in Samoa and also add on as one of the delightful choices on one's dinner plate.



Some CITES protected species

**Think Before you pack that souvenir**

**Think smart , think CJTES!**

Quarantine inspectors were among several members of national & regional organizations that participated in a 3 day training on the "Prevention of Illegal Wildlife Trade" under the auspices of the Oceania Custom Organization (OCO). The overall objectives of the training were to gain basic information , knowledge ,skills and motivation needed to effectively combat the illegal trade in wildlife, familiarize & identify wildlife species most commonly found in the international trade in the region. This is to ensure effective enforcement of relevant regulations regarding trade in wildlife flora and fauna. The training was a success that the knowledge and information attained proved helpful especially as front liners at the border.

## Taro makes a Comeback

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**Yes! can't wait to export again!**

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