



## RMAP BULLETIN 27 AUGUST 2004

### RMAP PROGRAM NEWS

#### **New PhD projects with the Resource Management in Asia-Pacific Program, ANU 2005-2007**

If you have a first class honours (or equivalent) in biology, geography, environmental science, archaeology or similar and you will be applying for an Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA) or International Postgraduate Research Scholarships (IPRS) in the next round then go to the RMAP website <<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/>> for further details of two new and exciting projects for prospective PhD students in palaeoecology at ANU.

Project 1. **Historical ecology of highland environments in the Galapagos Islands.**

Project 2. **Fungal spores as indicators of extinctions and invasions of herbivores in Australasian-Pacific prehistory.**

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### SEMINARS OF INTEREST

#### **Narratives of Ethnicity and Environment in the Uplands of Northern Thailand**

Andrew Walker, Research Fellow, RMAP Program, ANU

Date & time: Monday 30 August, 12:10-13:00

Venue: SL1 (upstairs) in the former Geography and Oceanography building at UNSW@ADFA, Northcott Drive, Canberra.

(Asia Pacific Seminar Series at UNSW@ADFA)

#### **Something Nasty in the Woodshed - Toxic and Hazardous Substances in the Asia-Pacific Region**

Mark Hyman, Senior Executive Officer at the Department of Environment and Heritage

Date & time: Monday, 30 August, 12.30 - 1.30 pm

Venue: Seminar Room 1, 2nd floor, J.G. Crawford Building, NCDS, ANU

(Asia Pacific School of Economics and Government Seminar)

#### **Managing Groundwater Access in the Central Highlands of Viet Nam**

Jeremy Martin-Cheesman, PhD candidate APSEG, former Manager with consulting group Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in Australia and the USA

Date & time: Thursday 9 September, 12.30 – 1.30pm

Venue: Seminar Room C, Coombs Building, ANU

(RMAP Seminar)

### RECENT ADDITIONS TO RMAP WEBSITE

#### **Conference Calendar**

([http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf\\_calendar.html](http://rspas.anu.edu.au/rmap/conf_calendar.html))

#### **Fiji Updates**

Presented by the University of the South Pacific and The Australian National University.

Fiji Update-Suva, Wednesday 1 September, Marine Studies Lecture Theatre, USP

9.00am-4.00pm

Fiji Update-Lautoka, Friday 3 September, Waterfront Hotel, Lautoka

10.00am-3.30pm

The discussions will centre on a survey of the Fiji economy (published in the Pacific Economic Bulletin), an analysis of the sugar industry, and a panel discussion on the role of Australia's aid in the Pacific. Programs are available at <http://apseg.anu.edu.au>. These Updates are open to the public. There is no charge for attending, and a light lunch will be provided.

RSVP: [debra.grogan@anu.edu.au](mailto:debra.grogan@anu.edu.au).

## OFFLINE PUBLICATIONS

Bourke, R. M., C. Camarotto, E. J. D'Souza, K. Nema, T.N. Tarepe, S. Woodhouse, 2004.  
**Production Patterns of 180 Economic Crops in Papua New Guinea.** Coombs Academic Publishing, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, The Australian National University.

This book describes the production patterns of 180 economic crops in Papua New Guinea, that is, the seasonality of production (or the lack of it) and year-to-year variation. It is based on extensive field recordings of availability of food and cash crops. The data sources are long-term market surveys; purchase figures for a government-run fresh food wholesaler; interviews with villagers; observations of village architecture; experiments on research stations; and literature reviews. The data runs are between 1 and 22 years long, with most 3 to 5 years. Where sufficient data are available for a crop, it is analysed to examine the relationship between the production patterns for that crop and environmental factors, such as temperature, day length and rainfall. The social contribution to the patterns observed are also noted, in particular, the influence of the local agricultural system.

Free copies are available for PNG institutions. Please contact Michael Lowe (Email: [michael.lowe@anu.edu.au](mailto:michael.lowe@anu.edu.au)) or Mike Bourke ([mike.bourke@anu.edu.au](mailto:mike.bourke@anu.edu.au)).

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## OTHER NEWS

**Careers Night: Environment and Sustainability.** Tuesday 7 September, 6-9pm, Forestry Lecture Theatre, Bldg 48, ANU. For undergraduates and postgraduates considering careers in resource and environmental management; research; community and international development; education and communication; policy; advocacy and lobbying; consultancy. Register by 31 August by emailing [nie@anu.edu.au](mailto:nie@anu.edu.au).

**Women in the Environment Event - Panel Discussion: 'Future Prospects for Employment in the Environmental Sector'**, 9 September 2004. Hosted by The Environmental Jobs Network and the Sustainable Energy Authority Victoria (SEAV). A networking opportunity for female graduates, job seekers and current students to meet established women within the environmental industry. Sustainable Energy Centre, Ground Floor, 215 Spring Street, Melbourne 5.30pm Registration and drinks - Contribution \$15 (inc. GST). rsvp : [rsvp@environmentaljobs.com.au](mailto:rsvp@environmentaljobs.com.au)