



DRAFT PROGRAM PORT VILA VANUATU

Time: 8.00am - 3.30pm

Date: Thursday 25th August

Venue: TBC

8:30am - Sign in

9:00 - Introductions

9.15 - National and Regional overview of Invasive Species in Vanuatu

10:30 - Morning tea

11.00 - Panel of current invasive species projects and discussion

12:15 - In depth look at Merremia Peltata (Big Leaf Rope) management

1:00pm - Lunch

2:00pm - Round table on strategies and collaborations for future invasive species action.

3.30pm - Summary and Close

4.00pm - Kava and networking



LIVE&LEARN
Environmental Education

National Invasive Species Workshop

OVERVIEW OF VANUATU CONTEXT

Live & Learn Vanuatu (L&L) has joined with key stakeholders to further drive the campaign against invasive species in Vanuatu. As part of a four year EU funded project, L&L have aimed to increase government capacity, streamline future planning and build public awareness. In addition to this, the team has developed and trialled an innovative new Agroforestry model to curb the spread of Merremia, or Big Leaf Rope.

Working in partnership with the Department of Environment and the Department of Bio-Security, a National Invasive Species Technical Advisory Committee (NISTAC) and National Invasive Species Action Plan (NISAP) were designed to allow for effective and integrated action on Invasive Species. This committee and action plan is now the key driver of invasive planning and implementation throughout Vanuatu.

Live & Learn Vanuatu will be hosting a national workshop bringing together all key stakeholders in Vanuatu to further an open dialogue on current projects and future plans in working to minimise the impacts of Invasive Species in Vanuatu.

The National Invasive Species workshop is seeking valuable input from representatives throughout relevant environment bodies to collaborate and share learnings from current projects on invasive species. This workshop is aligned with the aims and overall vision of NISTAC to strengthen the capacity of institutions to work together in tackling invasive species throughout Vanuatu in a combined and supportive approach.

