

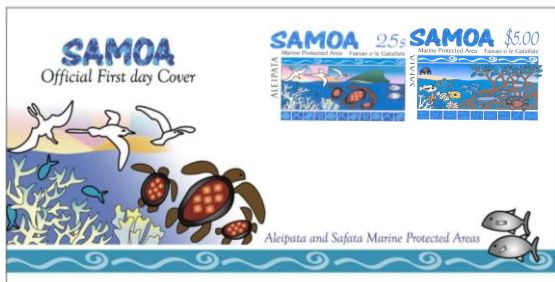
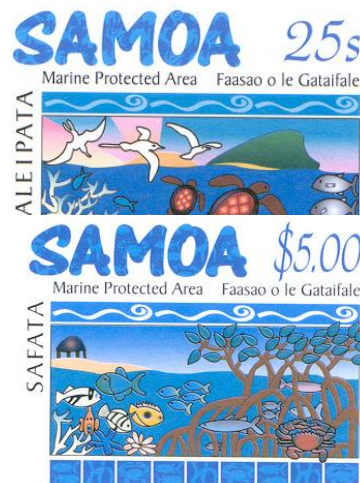


# SAMOA MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

The programme involves the establishment of multi-use, community-based, marine protected areas (MPAs). Extensive coral reefs, diverse lagoons, offshore islands and critical mangrove habitats are found in Aleipata and Safata. Importantly, these marine areas have sustained many generations and are seen as a critical part of culture and livelihoods in Samoa.

The people of Safata (9 villages) and Aleipata (11 villages) Districts have been developing their marine protected areas for the past three years. Both have agreed Management Plans which cover issues important to local people including; fisheries and coastal area management, tourism development, cultural heritage, aquaculture and

no-take zones. The MPAs are firmly grounded in the *faasamoa* – the Samoan way of life and decisions taken for the MPA are by local people. To achieve their MPA goals the people of Aleipata and Safata are working in partnership with the Government of Samoa, The World Conservation Union (IUCN) and the World Bank. The MPAs have sister projects in Tanzania and Vietnam.



Samoa Post supports the concept of protecting the environment and is proud to highlight the positive work being done in Aleipata and Safata. This two-stamp set, plus First Day Cover is available from the Samoa Bureau or its appointed agents worldwide.

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