

THE FOAGA FILES

FOAGA FILES: FUSI-SAFATA SITE VISIT REPORT OCTOBER 27, 2022

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SITE VISIT NARRATIVE

On October 15, 2022, we received a community referral from Tupou Fiu Seniu, an NUS student who resides in the village of Fusi-Safata, who had come across a number of foaga while walking across her village.

We contacted the landowners and received permission to conduct a site visit on 27 of October, 2022. The Foaga Files Team arrived at Fusi-Safata at 9am and were met by Tupou Fiu Seniu and her family member near the first foaga. Tupou Fiu guided us to the area where the first foaga located.

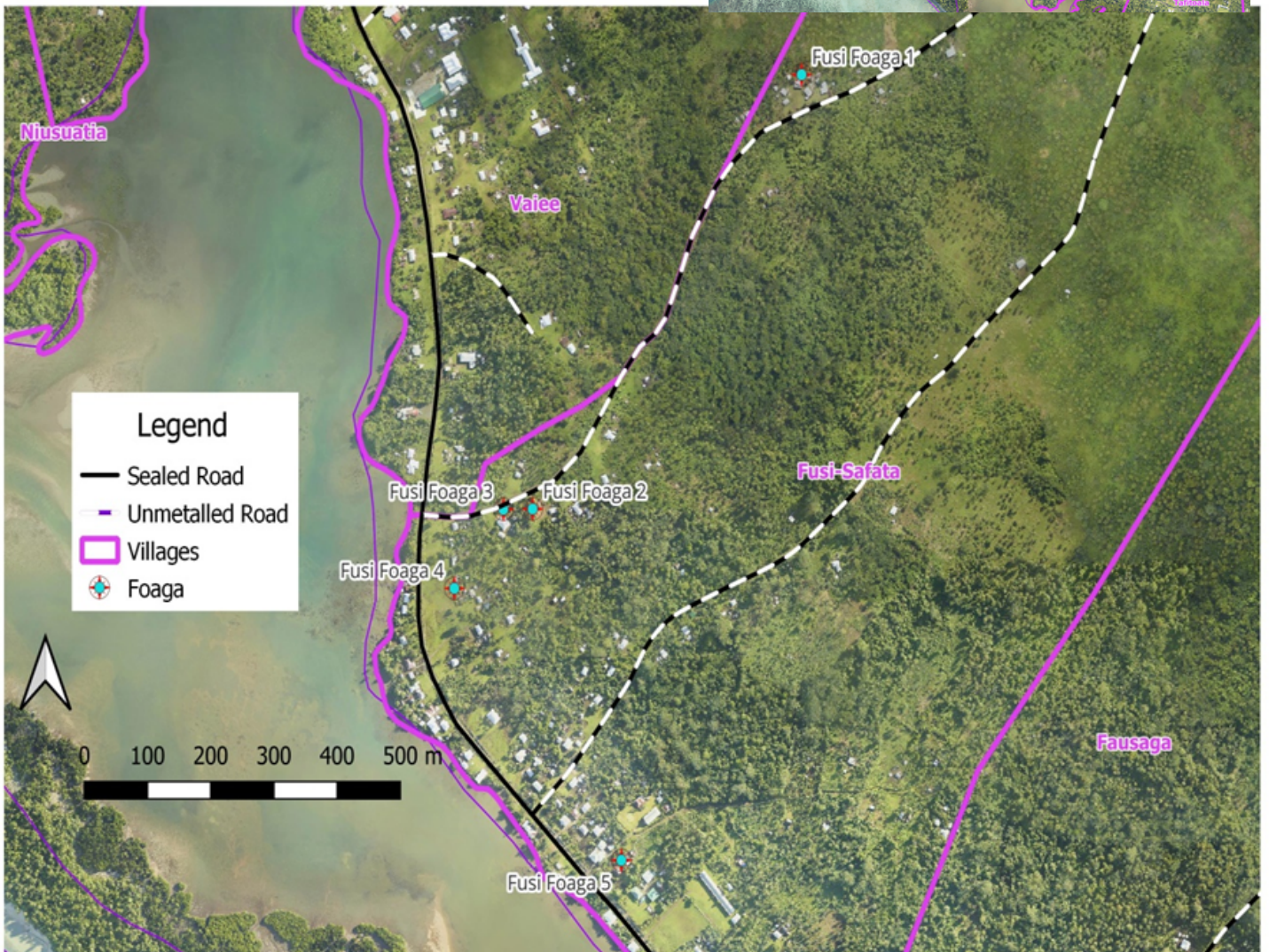
Tupou Fiu Seniu and representative of Fusi-Safata village informed our Foaga files team that, there are many foaga in Fusi but people didn't know what was the useful of those kind of rocks. We document only 5 different foaga but Tupou believes that we should need to revisit Fusi area to search and finding more foaga.



Foaga Files Team. Fusi foaga 1. (l,r: Tupou Fiu Seniu, Sala Faasavalu, Tuiala Moimoi, Tineiafiolemaluapapa Tuia, Saleaumua Vili, Ta'atia Fagalele)

MAP OF DOCUMENTED FOAGA

All 5 Fusi-Safata foaga were located in the different area of Fusi-Safata. This map would help to show the area where we founded 5 different foaga in Fusi-Safata. Our foaga files team working together to documented the very first foaga found in Fusi-Safata around 9:30am. The foaga spread out in Fusi from southeast to northwest.





FOAGA SPREADSHEETS

FOAGA TABLE 1

Designation	Facet.Id.	Lenght	Width	Depth	Type
Fusi-Safata Foaga 1	A	37	35	5	IA1a
Fusi-Safata Foaga 1	B	30	28	5	IA1a
Fusi-Safata Foaga 1	C	38	30	6	IA1a
Fusi-Safata Foaga 1	D	26	25	5	IA1a
Fusi-Safata Foaga 2	A	49	40	6	IA1a
Fusi-Safata Foaga 3	A	40	30	5	IA1a
Fusi-Safata Foaga 4	A	40	20	4	IA1a
Fusi-Safata Foaga 4	B	35	40	7	IA1a
Fusi-Safata Foaga 5	A	36	23	4	IA1a

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East end of Fusi-Safata foaga 1. Foaga Files Team were documented the first foaga located in Fusi. (l,r; Tuiala Moimoi, Tineiafiolomalupapa Tuia, Tupou Fiu Seniu, Sala Faasavalu, Saleaumua Vili and Ta'atia Fagalele)



Team Leader Ta'atia Fagalele measuring the length and the width of the first foaga. Scale on top of the foaga

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Photograph of Foaga Files Team were documented foaga 2 founded next to the fale Samoa near the village road. (l,r; Tuiala Moimoi, Tupou Seniu Fiu, Sala Faasavalu and Saleaumua Vili)



Facing west site Foaga Files Team sharing knowledge about what they knew about foaga. (l,r; Taatia Fagalele, Tupou Seniu, Sala Faasavalu and Saleaumua Vili)



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Team Leader and Foaga Files Team working together to recorded foaga 2. (l,r;(Ta'atia Fagalele, Tupou Fiu Seniu, Sala Faasavalu and Saleaumua Vili)



East site of the village road, foaga 3 founded and documented by Foaga Files Team



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Foaga Files Team were so excited while they recorded the 3 foaga. (l,r; Ta'atia Fagalele, Tinei Tuia, Sala Faasavalu, Tuiala Moimoi, Tupou Seniu and Saleaumua Vili)



Ta'atia Fagalele interviewing Tiumalu Isaia a member of the family during site visit. Photograph of foaga 3.

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Photograph Foaga 4 located on Fusi Malae near the main road. (l,r; Ta'atia Fagalele, Sala Faasavalu and Tupou Fiu Seniu)



Near shot, foaga 4 with scale on top. Seems like the west end was broken. Water remain on the grinding surface. This foaga may have used for special ceremony.

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Southend of Fusi-Safata, foaga 5. The team working closely to recorded foaga 5. (l,r; Tupou Fiu Seniu, Sala Faasavalu and Tuiala Moimoi)



Near shot foaga 5 with photoscale. As mentioned by the old women, (NAME) this foaga were used by the matai to make the ava drinking for the village meeting.



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