



**THE
FOAGA
FILES**

**FOAGA FILES: NONO'A-SALEIMOA
SITE VISIT REPORT
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SITE VISIT NARRATIVE

On 10 of June, 2022 we received a community referral from Leicester Cook, a gold mind of possibilities has recently been brought to our attention, he is one of our local NUS students, who resides in the village of Nono'a-Saleimoa, who had come across a number of foaga he rediscovered during the renovation of the Vaiaisa Spring at Nono'a-Saleimoa. Because of the possibilities brought about by this chance discovery CSS has decided to initiate a project to rediscover and record the lost foaga treasures that lies hidden among the many villages of Samoa.

We contacted the Pulenu'u of Nono'a-Saleimoa Afioga Liutagata So'oalo and received permission to conduct a site visit on 19 of August, 2022. The Foaga Files Team arrived at Noano'a-Saleimoa at 9am and were met by Leicester Cook and he guided us to the area where the foaga located.

Leicester Cook and representatives of Noano'a-Saleimoa village informed our Foaga files team that, there are many foaga in Nono'a-Saleimoa but people didn't know the important of those kind of rocks in the history of Samoa. We document only 9 different foaga at Noano'a-Saleimoa spring and other foaga was located on Cook land. He believes that there are many other foaga in their land and we should need to revisit.



Vaia'isa Spring Pool at Nono'a-Saleimoa

MAPS OF DOCUMENTED FOAGA

There are 7 Foaga were located at Nono'a-Saleimoa Spring and the other 3 were located at the southeast of Noano'a Saleimoa on the Cook family propoerty. The foaga were spread out along the Village spring from east to northwest. Our Foaga Files team are working together to make all the documentation for all foaga.



Map of Foaga documented at Vaiaisa Pool, Nono'a-Saleimoa

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Map of Foaga documented at Cook Residence, Nono'a-Saleimoa



FOAGA SPREADSHEETS

FOAGA TABLE 1

Designation	Facet Id.	Length	Width	Depth	Type
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 1	A	29	20	4	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 1	B	9	6	5	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 1	C	22	23	3	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 1	D	33	38	8	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 1	E	30	20	4	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 2	A	30	15	2	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 2	B	30	20	2	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 3	A	50	37	3	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 3	B	30	27	2	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 4	A	70	70	35	IA1b
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 5	A	27	27	3	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 6	A	35	26	3	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 8	A	45	8	3	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 8	B	36	30	4	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 8	C	40	38	5	IA1a



FOAGA SPREADSHEETS

FOAGA TABLE 2

Previous Designation	Facet Id.	Length	Width	Depth	Type
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 8	D	30	24	2	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 8	E	26	22	1	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 9	A	34	32	3	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 9	B	30	20	2	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 9	C	53	28	4	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 7	A	23	20	3	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 7	B	30	11	2	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 7	C	40	13	3	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 7	D	30	20	4	IB1b
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 7	E	20	10	2	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 7	F	15	15	2	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 7	G	25	12	1	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 7	H	35	12	1	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 7	I	10	10	1	IA1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 7	J	55	20	2	IB1a
Nonoa-Saleimoa Foaga 7	K	40	20	2	IB1a



SITE VISIT PICTURES



This are the first foaga we documented during our foaga site visit at Nono'a-Saleimoa Spring



Vaiaisa Spring view that shows foaga 3,4,5,6.

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During our foaga site visit we found this deeply grinding stone that may have used for making ava drinks in the past.



Close up shot of Foaga 4.

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Our Foaga files team are working together to documented foaga as well as interviewing Puluenu of Nono'a Saleimoa in order to get all information related to foaga. (l,r; Joe Skippis , Rev Malotau Lafolafoga, Liutagata So'oalo, Saleaumua Vili, Caroline Malaitai and Anastasia Clarke)



Pictures of our Foaga Files Field Teams are working together to records, marked and measured foaga 6. (l,r; Tinei Tuia, Taatia Fagalele, Saleaumua Vili, Corline Malaita'i and Anastasia Clarke)

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Wide view foaga 7 next to the village road southeast of Vaiaisai Spring



Close up shot of Foaga 7 with photoboard and scale

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Caroline Malaitai took pictures of Foaga 8 and recorded by Anastasia Clarke.



Near view Foaga 8

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Picture foaga 9. Smooth grinding surface



Foaga 9 were recorded by our foaga files team. (l,r; Saleaumua Vili, Caroline Malaitai, Anastasia Clarke and Tinei Tuia)



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