

# THE FOAGA FILES

## FOAGA FILES: TUANA'I SITE VISIT REPORT OCTOBER 25, 2022

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## SITE VISIT NARRATIVE

On October 6, 2022, we received a community referral from Tineiafiolemaluapapa Tuia, an NUS undergraduate student who resides in the village of Tuana'i, who had come across a number of foaga while walking on the beach near her home.

We contacted the landowners and received permission to conduct a site visit on October 25. The Foaga Files Field Team arrived at Tuana'i at 9.30am in the morning and were met by senior members of the Luafatasaga Family, Matu'u Uila'ao Tamasese and Lealaitagomoa Bolko Keil, at the Maota o Uila'ao. Matu'u and Lealaitagomoa guided us to the Fagapalapala beach site where we documented 18 foaga featuring 45 facets. Heading from west to east, we worked our way across the beach, completing the foaga recording by 1pm.

The village informed us that there are many other foaga hidden amongst the mangrove swamp and further out in the ocean. We were not able to document them at this time because of availability of access and limited survey time. This is a site that needs to be revisited in future to re-find and document all of the remaining foaga.

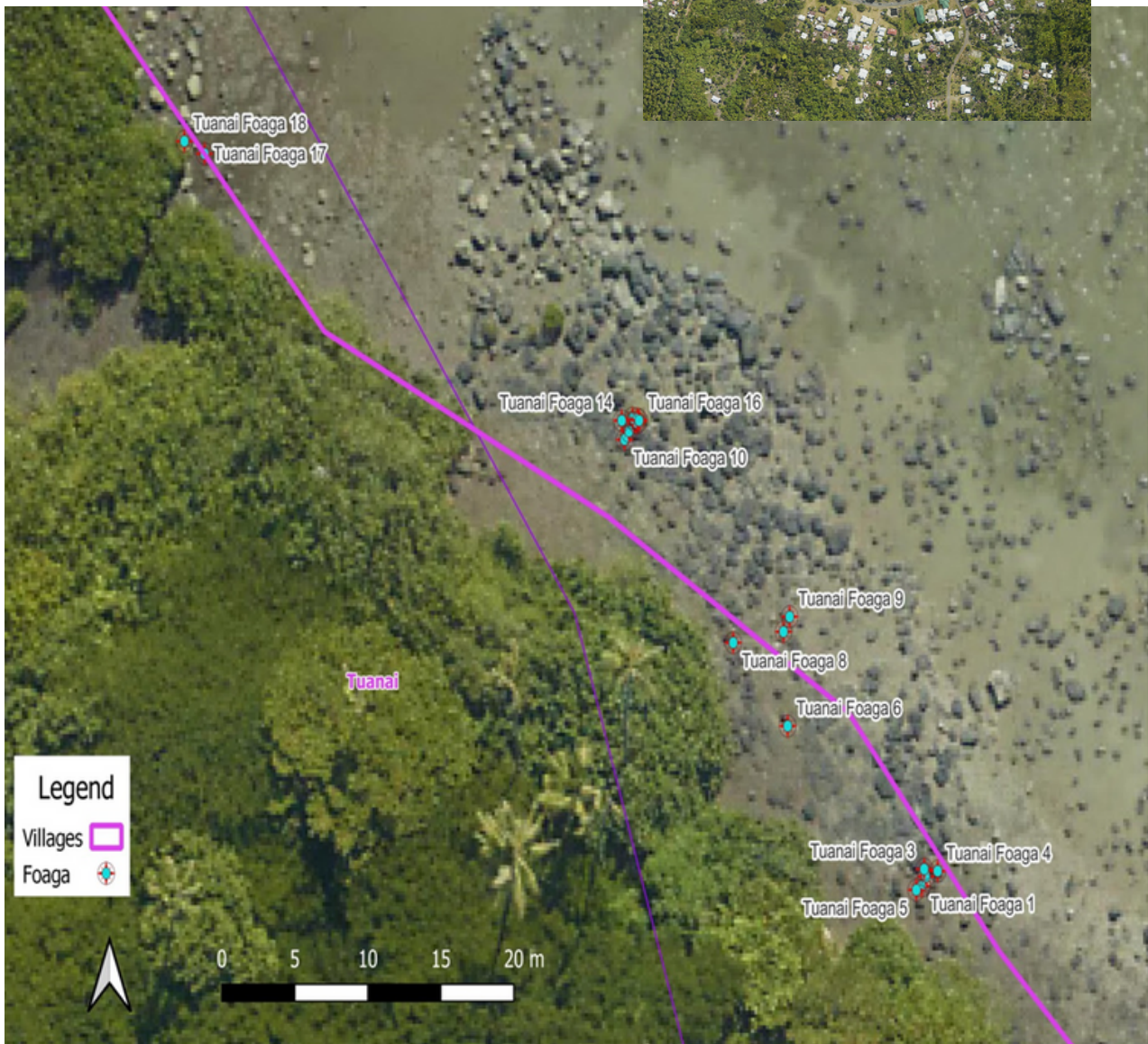


Western end of Fagapalapala Beach, Tuana'i village, Upolu.

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## MAP OF DOCUMENTED FOAGA

All 18 Tuana'i Foaga were located in the tidal zone below the high tide mark, and were visited at low tide. The foaga were spread out along the beach from east to northwest. Our team tracked across approximately 80 meters of beach to complete the documentation.



Map of foaga documented in Tuana'i on October 25, 2022.



# FOAGA SPREADSHEETS

## FOAGA TABLE 1

Designation	Facet Id.	Length	Width	Depth	Type
Tuanai Foaga 1	A	35	20	3	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 1	B	35	20	3	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 1	C	65	45	15	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 1	D	40	20	2	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 1	E	50	30	2	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 2	A	45	28	4	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 2	B	43	35	7	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 2	C	55	23	3	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 2	D	35	8	1	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 3	A	40	30	2	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 3	B	20	20	1	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 3	C	35	20	2	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 3	D	40	20	1	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 4	A	60	30	9	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 4	B	30	30	5	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 4	C	40	30	5	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 4	D	45	40	6	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 4	E	30	20	4	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 5	A	42	30	8	IA1a



**FOAGA TABLE 2**

Designation	Facet Id.	Length	Width	Depth	Type
Tuanai Foaga 5	B	38	25	7	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 6	A	60	38	8	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 7	A	40	27	6	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 8	A	60	26	7	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 8	B	43	26	6	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 9	A	40	29	5	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 10	A	43	35	6	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 11	B	34	23	5	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 11	C	26	20	4	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 12	A	45	36	9	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 13	A	40	32	8	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 13	B	40	30	6	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 13	C	40	24	4	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 14	A	60	40	10	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 14	B	50	36	8	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 15	A	35	31	7	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 16	A	50	40	7	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 16	B	40	33	6	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 17	A	40	3	9	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 17	B	4	3	7	IA1a
Tuanai Foaga 18	A	45	34	5	IA1a

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## SITE VISIT PICTURES



Tuana'i Foaga 3 with photoscale and ruler.



Eastern end of Tuana'i survey. Pictured are Foaga Files Field Team with a representative of the Luafatasaga Family (l-r: Gwen Pitovao, Matu'u Uila'ao, Saleaumua Vili, Tineiafiolernaluapapa Tuia, Tuiala Moimoi, Ta'atia Fagalele).

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Saleaumua Vili recording the Tuana'i Foaga 1 found during site visit.



Grouping of foaga documented at Fagapalapala beach, Tuana'i.

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Western end of Tuana'i survey.



Northeast end of Tuana'i survey (l-r: Tuiala Moimoi, Ta'atia Fagalele, Saleaumua Vili, Tineiafiolemaluapapa Tuia and Gwen Pitovao)



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Tuana'i Foaga 1, a unique multi-faceted foaga, with photoscale and ruler.



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