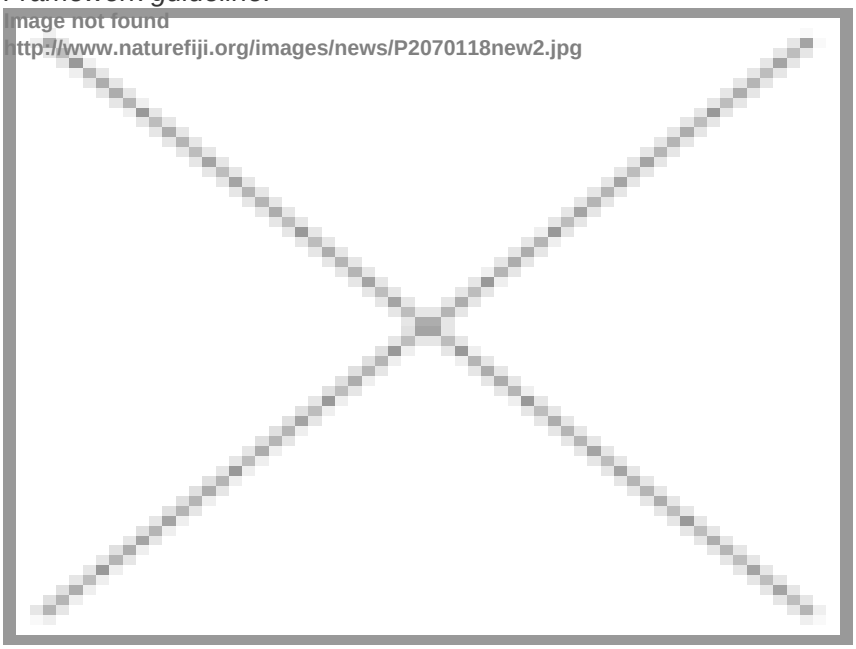
Title Former Birdlife Fiji Programme Conservation Officer Tuverea Tuamoto has joined NatureFiji-MareqetiViti (NFMV) as the EU Invasives Project Officer. *"The NFMV crew welcomes into their fold their newest member, Tuverea Tuamoto, as the EU Invasives Project Officer. This project, which ran through its preliminary stages last year and begins in earnest in 2012, is a large-scale collaboration with Birdlife International and the Fiji Invasives Species Task (FIST) force. NFMV's role in the EU Invasives project deals largely with the invasive American Iguana (AI) and will involve garnering local support for the nationwide campaign to control the spread of this pest. Tuverea is a seasoned field officer with years of experience at invasive eradication programmes on bird-inhabited outer islands in the Fiji archipelago. He comes to us after working for the Birdlife Fiji Programme team since 2008. His extensive repertoire includes species recovery programmes, rodent eradication, habitat restoration and management, development of eradication plans, land-based bird surveys, seabird surveys, preparation of public awareness materials, and many public presentations. Mr. Tuamoto's major achievements whilst at BI-FP were the completion of a comprehensive literature review to identify priority areas for seabird conservation in Fiji (subsequently followed by seabird field surveys), and the drafting of Fiji?s first IBA Monitoring Framework guideline.*



Tuverea Tuamoto attending his first NFMV staff meeting.

Tuverea's ability to engage in discussions with the community and present conservation concepts to his audience is well known by his colleagues and is highly respected. Community support for eradication projects in Fiji is ultimately the most important dynamic critical to sustain a pest free status and to achieve the objectives of any invasive eradication project in the long term. Tuverea's appointment as our EU Invasives project officer is well-contrived and bodes well for the community-based components of the project. From the rest of the NFMV team, we wish you all the best Tuvere!" Source: NatureFiji-MareqetiViti. **Subscribe to The BirdLife Pacific Quarterly E-Newsletter**