

Inter-Motu Movements

The risks associated with biosecurity involve the importation of new species from other islands and the exportation of species from certain motus to other still-preserved motus. To prevent invasive species already imported from spreading across different motus, we have established a protocol specifically addressing inter-motu movements.

Biosecurity Protocol for Accessing Tetiaroa's Motus

Our biosecurity program's primary objective is to prevent the importation of new invasive species from other islands in French Polynesia. While this first objective is crucial, it is not sufficient. Over time, human activities have introduced species that are now established on certain motus of Tetiaroa. However, some of these species are not present on all motus.

Therefore, the second objective of our biosecurity program is to prevent the activities of Tetiaroa entities from contributing to the spread of species among the various motus of the atoll.

To translate this intention, new rules governing inter-motu transport have been drafted. We kindly request that, during your visits to other motus of Tetiaroa, you:

- Be vigilant regarding the presence of rats and ants.
- Transport all field equipment, camping gear, and food in sealed containers.
- Keep the boat offshore as much as possible and avoid being connected to the shore by a line. In case of impossibility, ensure thorough rinsing of the chain or rope before bringing it on board.
- Clean all solid waste left by tides on the motu with seawater before bringing it back with you.
- Keep camping areas clean, rinse your dishes and waste before storing them in sealed containers, and bring them back to Onetahi.
- Ensure that all backpacks, field equipment, camping gear, etc., are free of rats, plants, and ants before loading them onto boats.
- Check equipment and the boat before disembarking on Onetahi.