

***In situ* conservation of breadfruit in the Pacific Islands: Case studies in Samoa and Kiribati.**
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Cultural changes, an increased preference for western diets, and hurricanes and droughts have greatly impacted the cultivation and use of breadfruit throughout the Pacific Islands. A regional conservation strategy for breadfruit developed in 2002 by the Pacific Agricultural Plant Genetic Resources Network provides a framework for *in situ* and *ex situ* conservation activities to safeguard the rich diversity of landraces in Oceania. Two examples of the link between research -ethnotaxonomic studies on breadfruit names in Samoa by the National Tropical Botanical Garden and plant disease research in Kiribati by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community - and community-based *in situ* conservation of breadfruit will be discussed.

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