

SINU sets to Offer Masters in Resource Management by 2021

The course design for Postgraduate Diploma leading up to Masters in Applied Natural Resource Management is progressing well, Dr. Michael Ha’apio stated. Before undertaking the Master’s program, an individual must first complete the postgraduate level. “We want to focus mainly on Natural Resource Management, however, the Master’s course is tailored out into three streams of Ocean, Forestry and Water Resource Management,” said Dr. Haapio. Dr. Haapio stated that they proposed to start with the Masters in Ocean Resource Management course. Three senior academics are working diligently to ensure the smooth outcome of the courses; Dr. Kofi Apreku, Dr. Michael Ha’apio, and Dr. Transform Aqorau (visiting professor of Ocean).

Dr. Ha’apio further highlighted that they are tasked to do two units each for the Master’s Program, more specifically on the Ocean resource perspective. Dr. Kofi is designing a unit named Coastal and Marine Resource Economics, and the second unit he is preparing is Natural Resource Valuation: Ocean and Minerals. Dr. Transform is designing a unit called the Law of the sea and Tuna Resource Management since he has just launched his book on this specific topic. The new course benefits a lot from his vast knowledge and experience in tuna resource management around the Pacific Region. Dr. Ha’apio is in charge of designing the unit in Blue Economy



Dr. Michael Ha’apio

and Adaptation Project Design and Environment Impact Assessment and the Research Methodology.

Our goal is to develop and introduce the course in semester one of 2021 and we want to build this as a flagship of SINU. We aim to improve our reputation so that people will view our National University as unique in the Pacific Region by offering a course that provides a more applied and technical Natural Resources Postgrad diploma that leads towards Masters.

Students wishing to continue with their Master’s degree in Natural Resource Management are required to complete six units in two semesters at the postgraduate level and another two semesters on thesis writing. Dr. Ha'apio also highlights the support they received from technical people in the Ministry of Fisheries, Ministry of Environment, and the Ministry of Forestry. We want to do our best, and it is just a matter of time before the official launch of the new program. We strive to achieve our desired goal as course designers of this specific program." concluded Dr. Ha'apio.

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Diploma in Tropical Forestry Students undergoes Work-Based Learning at the Ministry of Forestry and Research



SINU Diploma in Forestry Students with Lecturer Peter Mahoa at Ministry of Forestry and Research

Work-based learning is the best experience students can be involved in, to fully understand their purpose and test their ability to put theories they have learned into practice. It enables them to be familiar with the work environment and be acquainted with the different activities that steer an organization.

Under SINU's Faculty of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries Studies existing MOU with the Ministry of Forestry & Research signed in September 2019, a unit coded as FOR512, was developed to allow students to engage in a three month (equivalent to 12 weeks) of work attachment. Their practical work experience attachment includes the following Assessments; Employers Work Assessment Report, Students Practical Work Experience Written Report, and Self-Study Assignment Assessment. These will add up to their overall marks to complete the course.

Forestry Lecturer Mr. Peter Mahoa stated that thirteen students have already completed their practical last year under this unit. Four students did their industrial attachment at Kolombangara Forest Products Ltd. (KFPL) in the Western Province. Another four students did their work-based learning at Eagon Pacific Plantation Limited, also based in the Western Province, and five students undertook their practice with the Ministry of Forestry and Research and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in Honiara.

There was a briefing led by Stephanie Rikoi, Utilization Chief Forester, and Mr. Kevin Alu, Director of Operations, on 15th September, for the second lot at the Ministry of Forestry headquarter on protocols. Ms. Rikoi assured the students in her opening remarks that they will learn a lot and understand the different forestry processes in both technical and administrative areas. "The practical will allow students to develop an interest in a specific field they would like to expertise on." said Ms. Rikoi.

Mr. Mahoa highlighted that the eight Diploma Students will be rotating within five Divisions for the next three months. Four groups of two students will spend two weeks per rotation at each of the five divisions at the Ministry. They have started their practical on 16th September. Other Elven students will do their practical at KFPL on the western Solomons.

After the briefing, the students had an orientation of the Ministry of Forestry & Research premises, within the various Ministry Divisions and were introduced to the Forestry Officers who will be working with them during their practical.

Accompanying the students to the briefing were; Forestry Lecturers Peter Mahoa, Laren Gomeses, and part-time tutor Samuel Pitakaka Vazu.

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Career Opportunities

The Solomon Islands National University is the National University of the Solomon Islands. It is a dual-sector university, offering programmes in Higher Education as well as TVET. SINU enrolled over seven thousand full-time students during 2019. The demand for SINU programmes is growing rapidly. The University operates from 3 campuses in Honiara, and a number of distance education and outreach sections in various parts of the country.

The University is looking for suitably qualified, experienced and dynamic persons for the following positions:

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COVID-19 CORNER

How Do I Protect Myself?



Wash your hands regularly with **soap** and **water**, or rub your hands with **alcohol gel** with $\geq 70\%$ concentration.



Cover your mouth and nose while **sneezing** or **coughing**.



Avoid **close contact** with anyone who has a cold or flu-like symptoms.



If you have fever, cough and difficult breathing, **seek medical care early**.