

Cutting of Trees

Why are trees important?

Trees are vital for the existence of humans, animals and plants.

What is the role of trees?

Trees provides oxygen, food, shelter, protection and is vital to our ecosystem.

Why is cutting trees a problem?

Tree cutting can lead to many environmental issues such as; deforestation, habitat loss, soil erosion, food insecurity and increase of global warming.

What can I do instead of cutting trees?

- Plant trees and shrubs
- Prune or trim trees
- Transplant trees

Where can I plant trees?

You can plant trees anywhere on your land. Ensuring the trees do not interfere with existing infrastructure.

What type of trees should I plant?

- Plant native tree species rather than introduced species;
- Plant trees or shrubs that provide nutrient-absorbing properties like papyrus, vetiver and banana;
- Plant trees that can provide a multi-purpose. e.g. mango trees provide food, shade and a wind barrier;
- Plant trees that protect coastal areas eg: Au

Who can I contract for more information about trees?



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OR the [Cook Islands Natural Heritage Trust](https://cinature.org/) website
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