



NOXIOUS WEEDS ACT

Acts Nos. 36 of 1903, 6 of 1917, 5 of 1988 and 46 of 1988.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ERADICATION OF PLANTS HARMFUL TO AGRICULTURE

Commencement [4th September, 1917]

1 Short title.

This Act may be cited as The Noxious Weeds Act.

2 Interpretation.

In this Act —

“**noxious weed**” means any plant proclaimed by the Minister of Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries with the consent of the Privy Council to be a noxious weed. (*Amended by Act 46 of 1988*)

3 Power to proclaim noxious weeds.

The Minister of Agriculture Forests and Fisheries with the consent of the Privy Council may from time to time proclaim any plant to be a noxious weed within the whole or any part of Tonga. (*Amended by Act 46 of 1988*)

4 Penalty.

Any owner or occupier who fails to use every means to eradicate a noxious weed from his holding shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine not exceeding \$250. (*Amended by Act 5 of 1988*)

5 Duty of inspectors.

Every inspector under the Plant Quarantine Act shall report the presence on any land of any noxious weed to the police who shall prosecute the owner or occupier. In any district where no inspector under the Plant Quarantine Act has been appointed the police shall prosecute offenders against this Act. (*Amended by Act 5 of 1988*)