



## FACTSHEET

# COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE

## IDENTIFY

### Damage to Trees:

V-shaped cuts at 45° angle in fronds  
(feeding along central vein)

Snowflake effect on palm fronds

Scalloped edges from unfurled  
leaves

Snowflake effect on palm fronds



45° V-Cuts



Scalloped Edges



Snowflake Effect



2-inch Bore Holes

### Presence of Beetles or Larvae:

Larvae live in decaying plant material (mulch, compost, stumps, green waste) - Adults found on/near palms feeding on emerging fronds.



## Alert:

- Highly invasive and a threat to coconut and palm industries, causes significant damages to coconuts, oil palm, other palm species.
- Uncontrolled infestation of CRB can kill most coconut and palms within a year.



## Prevent:

- Actively report sightings to prevent establishment, remove breeding sites eg. mulch, compost, stumps, dead trees, green waste.
- Regularly inspect coconut trees, palms, and garden materials for signs of infestation.

## Plant at Risk:

- Coconut trees, Banana, Fan Palms, Pandanus, Date Palms, Royal Palms



Banana



Date Palms



Fan Palms



Coconut

## Report to BAF or MoAW & SI :



If you notice damages or find beetles/larvae, report immediately by calling BAF on 3312512 / 5994 or visiting [www.baf.com.fj](http://www.baf.com.fj) and Ministry of Agriculture, Waterways and Sugar Industry on 3383583 / 1523.



REPORT



If collecting samples, wear gloves, place specimens in a sealed container, store in a freezer and submit them to your nearest BAF or MoAW & SI.