

Marshall Islands

Day 2

Tabletop Discussions

ISSUE: MARKETING

Comments to Western SARE Administrative Council

- Breadfruit
- Pandanus
- Value-added
- Preservation (shelf life)
- Fund tasting for fair/workshops

Professional Development Program

- Where do experts exist?
- Exchange with experts (varieties)

Land Grant

- Processing technology exists (chips, flour); link with land, food
- Research in planting and harvesting
- Agronomy studies and extension

Island Teams

- Feasibility
- Write proposals to Western SARE (on issue 1-4)

ISSUE: ORGANIC PRODUCTION

Comments to Western SARE Administrative Council

- Fund training for someone to become a certifier
- Research and education in organic production/reduce chemicals

Professional Development Program

- Training on organic production/reduce chemicals

Land Grant

- Organic research and education

Island Team

- Assess needs

ISSUE: PROMOTE LOCAL FOOD, LINK WITH HEALTH (TRADITIONAL MEDICINE)

Comments for Western SARE Administrative Council

- Fun project that gets traditional food to youth (slowly, for acceptance) such as school lunch program
- Workshops for farmers on how to grow local foods

Professional Development Program

- Train professionals on growing local foods and training farmers
- Train public health, women's groups, nurses, etc.
- Help fund participants to send to trainings
- Develop materials including preparation (translated)

Land Grant

- Coordinate funding and training
- Nutrition Analysis
- Develop materials including preparation (translation)

Island Team

- Create plan of action
- WUT and MI possibly apply for grant
- Western SARE should see that many of the issues are not separate but linked – look at integrating grants that hit many issues

ISSUE: PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Comments to Western SARE Administrative Council

- Fellowship/stipend to undergrads to go Hilo, etc. (no tuition)
- Help start broad professional membership association with chapters (multi-island/regional)
- Some type of association/coordination for farmers.

Professional Development Program

- More training for professionals
- Work with association to upgrade skills with certificate
- On-line program (depends on island)
- Carry-out needs analysis (Maybe LGU)
- Develop curriculum accepted across the region

Land Grant

- Coordinate SARE activities/associations and administer certificate programs
- Circulate publications to all islands

Island Team

- Take these ideas to WUTMI conference to share information
- Talk with island administrators