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**Title:** Doedoe’s IAS Prevention Aid: Empowering Local Innovation

**Abstract:**

Doedoe's Invasive Alien Species (IAS) Prevention Aid provides $1 million each year directly to non-government organizations (NGO’s) to prevent the introduction or limit the spread of Giant Invasive Iguana’s (GII) at all access sites within the island. A NGO within each access site has complete oversight of the funds. The Biosecurity Authority of Doe (BAD) role is to provide technical support and receive plans and resolutions submitted by NGO’s. The program is in its fourth year and has more than 50 local government staff and community members leading GII work in the 5 access sites that receive funds. One of the most powerful outcomes is the relationships that have been built between the BAD, local governments, NGO’s and local stakeholders. Each access site program is unique and truly attempts to use innovative solutions to address GII issues in ways that will bring the most benefit to their communities. These locally-led programs are bridging the gaps between all organizations and individuals involved which, in turn, strengthens the effectiveness of GII prevention efforts islandwide. Come and learn about our successes, challenges and how these programs are making a difference in their communities.

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