



TERE ALBERT NURSERY TECHNICIAN

Terearangi is married with five children. He plants to feed and earn additional income for his family.

After a hard day's work as a Nursery Technician, he attends to his plantation in Titikaveka with his family.

Tere has been planting for over 20 years and he specializes in growing watermelon, taro, bok choy and tomatoes.

Tere spent some time in Australia with his family before coming back home to stay. Since then, he plants and sells his produce at the Punanga Nui market.

“Learn the art of planting in order to feed your own household and community” is the message that Tere wants to impart to all youth.



EDWIN APERA ADVISORY OFFICER

Meet Edwin Apera of Vaka Puaikura, who discovered his love of planting from his grandparents.

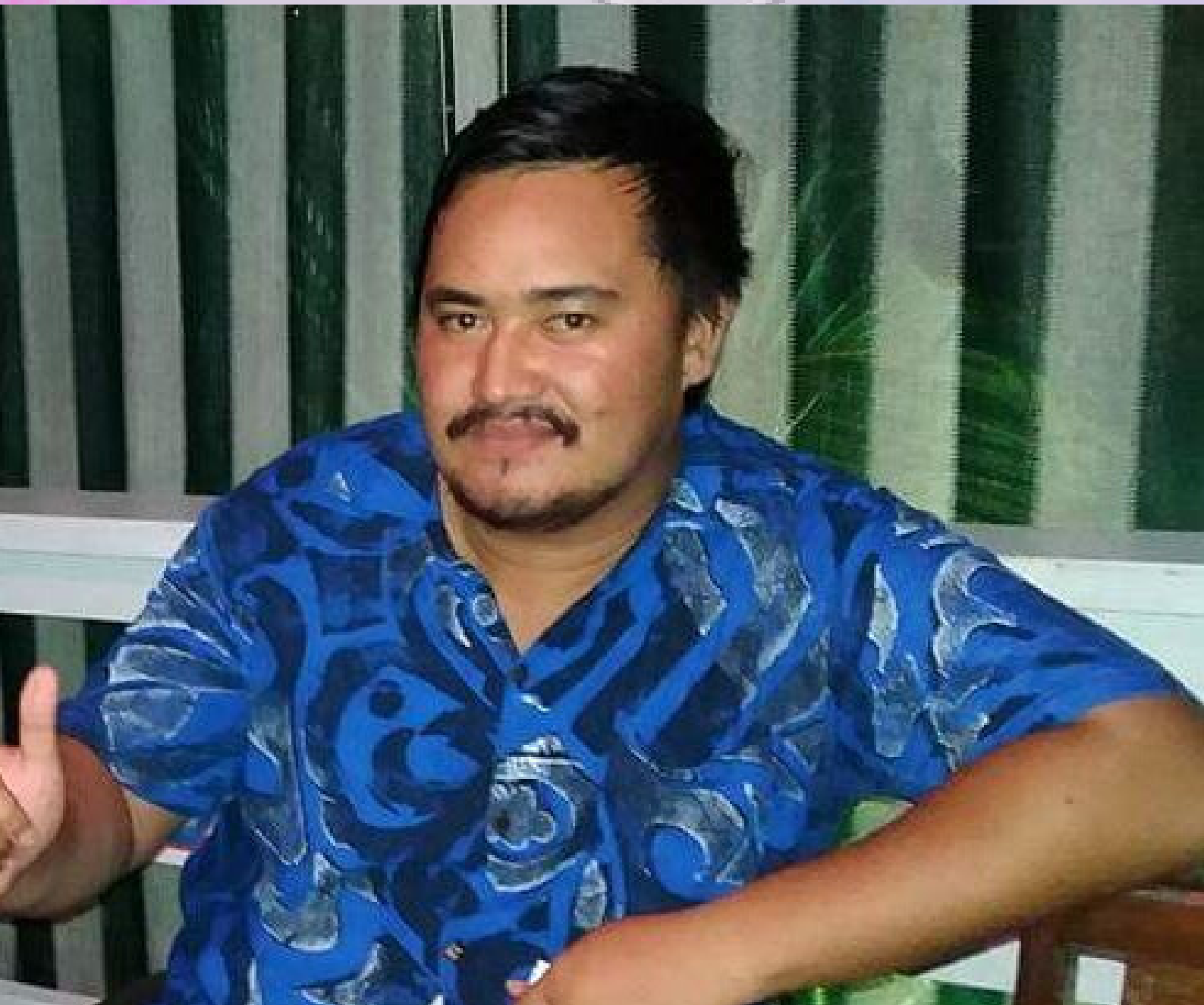
Edwin's interests include planting vegetables and fruit trees. He is also an avid floriculturist (flowers) - a task he has been doing for over 20 years.

He plants taro, tomatoes and dragon fruit when he finds the time from his busy schedule.

As an Advisory officer, Edwin inspires youth through the Ministry's school programmes.

“Action speaks louder than words!” is the motivational message to the youth from this charming man.

“Don't just talk about Agriculture, put it into action, let's plant!”



**PIRIARIKI MAA O
SENIOR BIOSECURITY OFFICER**

Meet this young, energetic, 25 year old farmer who hails from Aitutaki.

Piri enjoys planting capsicum, watermelon, cucumber, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, snake beans and corn, as a hobby.

He also loves to harvest and eat the crops that he grew himself. He gets enthused with the whole planting process from sowing of seeds to harvest and this encourages him to look for innovative ways to improve farming. His role as Senior Biosecurity Officer complements his interest in planting.

His advice to the youth, "get into the Agriculture industry - do livestock or crop farming and let's make Agriculture the backbone of our country again!".



**TAKILI TAIRI
DIRECTOR ADVISORY**

Takili Tairi plants to supplement his income and food for his family.

Farming was a large part of his childhood while growing up and that's what encouraged him to continue planting and pursue a career in Agriculture.

Takili is also a very keen fisherman. Even with a hectic schedule of fishing and his role as Director in the Ministry, he still manages to make time to plant watermelon, tomatoes, cabbage, taro and bok choy for his family.

This proud Atiu warrior recommends to youth "to plant in order to sustain your livelihoods" and adds "being a farmer is a specialized skill set that is recognized all over the world".