

## Protecting the Samoan Rainforest

For centuries, Polynesian seafarers and European discoverers have been deforesting the South Sea Islands. This wood was especially popular for shipbuilding. Today, entire islands groups have been cleared. One famous example is Easter Island with its giant stone sculptures.



Samoa is made up of two islands, Upolu and Savai and is located north of New Zealand in the South Sea. While Savai is home to an American military base and has become quite deforested, Upolu is home to one of the South Sea’s few remaining rainforests. The village of Uafato is in the middle of this rain forest.

This area is protected but the inhabitants are left with few other enterprises. These forests are not sustainable for firewood, woodworking, and shipbuilding. The goal of this project, which Katadyn supports, is to reforest certain areas and manage them as a sustainable resource—thus protecting the ancient rain forests. For this project to succeed there needs to be education for the locals and money for the reforestation.

This project is under the patronage of the German magazine GEO. (GEO can be compared to National Geographic magazine)

### GEO protects the rainforest



The non-profit foundation, “GEO protects the rainforest,” invests in sustainable forestation in an effort to protect the rainforests. Because rainforests and Katadyn is a connection that goes well together, Katadyn supports the foundation financially and helps them to accomplish their projects.

The first Katadyn-supported project aims to protect rainforests and assist the native inhabitants in the Amazon region.