

Communities and Climate Change in Am. Samoa

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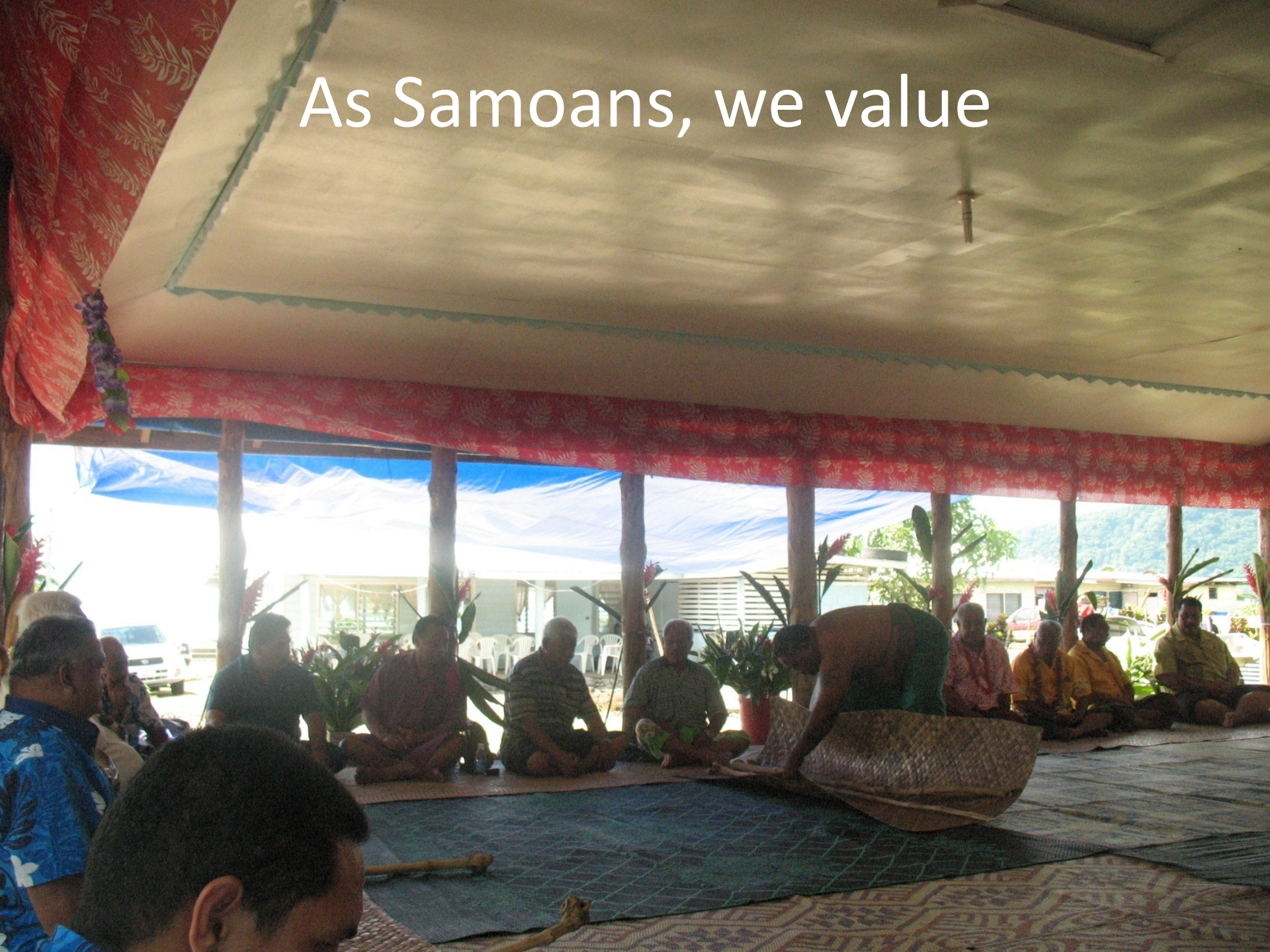
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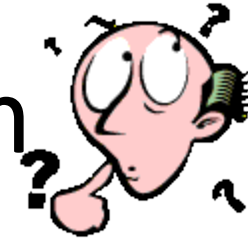
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What is the problem



- Resources are becoming scarce
- Resources are disappearing
- Ecosystems are being destroyed
- Ecosystems are not properly functioning



Why?



Anthropogenic Sources

- Pollution
- Land Clearing
- Overharvesting
- Use of illegal harvest methods
- Erosion



Natural Sources

- Climate Change
 - Tsunami
 - Droughts
 - Hurricanes
 - Coral Bleaching



What are we doing about it?



Practicing Conservation





Integrating Traditional Knowledge
and Science





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Increasing environmental awareness



Becoming environmental stewards



Develop partnership with communities
and private sector



Food security



Livelihood becomes expensive and unhealthy



It is our hope that.....

- We are able to manage and protect our natural resources
- Develop environmental friendly behaviors
- Encourage food security
- Preservation of cultural practices and knowledge
- Sustainably utilize our resources
- Thinking about tomorrow



Our Island – Our Resources – Our Future

