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**PI Technical Note Announcement PI-20**

**TO:** All Pacific Islands Area Offices

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**SUBJECT:** New Bat and Taro Technical Notes

This announcement releases two new Biology Technical Notes, as follows:

1. **Biology Technical Note No. 20 – Bats of the U.S. Pacific Islands.** This technical note provides an introduction to the habitat requirements of bats in Hawai'i, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and general guidance on conservation practices to enhance and manage bat habitats.
2. **Biology Technical Note No. 21 – Practices to Enhance Native Wildlife Habitat on Wetland Taro Farms.** This technical note provides a background on practices that enhance native wildlife habitat in wetland taro or *kalo* (*Colocasia esculenta*) systems and support sustainable farming.

The technical notes will be distributed to all PI employees via email and is available online @: <ftp://ftp-fc.sc.egov.usda.gov/HI/pub/technotes/>. All files distributed by this announcement are available for viewing and printing in the folder called "0\_Tech\_Note\_Ann\_PI-20\_Bat\_and\_Taro\_Tech\_Notes\_Dec\_2009."

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List of documents released:

Documents	Explanation
1. Announcement PI-20	New Announcement PI-20.
2. PI Announcements Index	Revised Announcements Index dated December 3, 2009.
3. PI Biology Technical Notes Index	Revised Biology Technical Notes Index dated December 3, 2009.
4. Biology Technical Note No. 20 – Bats of the U.S. Pacific Islands	New technical note.
5. Biology Technical Note No. 21 – Practices to Enhance Native Wildlife Habitat on Wetland Taro Farms	New technical note.