



TEKON TIMOTHY TUMUKON

Head of Biosecurity Services

As Phoenix Life's Head of Biosecurity Services, Tekon Timothy Tumukon holds a highly-respected reputation in biosecurity. Prior to joining Phoenix Life, Tumukon headed the Republic of Vanuatu's Department of Biosecurity as the department's director and played a key role in developing the country's biosafety framework. He accumulated strong bioscience knowledge during his almost 30-year career and held notable job roles that have well prepared him for his position with Phoenix Life.

Tumukon also served as Principal Plant Protection Officer in Vanuatu's Department of Livestock & Quarantine Services, was Vanuatu's Project Coordinator for Persistent Organic Pollution, served as Acting Principal Plant Protection Officer for the Vanuatu Quarantine & Inspection Services and was the Assistant Plant Protection Officer in Vanuatu's Department of Agriculture and Horticulture.

In addition to his many career accomplishments, Tumukon represented the South Pacific region on the Standards Committee for the International Plant Protection Convention as the Pacific Representative from 2008 to 2011. He has also represented Vanuatu in the Codex Alimentarius Commission since 1999 and has headed the work of developing a regional Codex Standard for Kava since 2012; the regional standard will be adopted by the Codex body in 2021. Timothy was elected the Regional Coordinator and Chairperson for the Codex sub-region of North America and the South West Pacific from 2014 to January 2019 (the region includes Canada, the United States, New Zealand and Australia).

