

We, Papua New Guineans, should be proud of the important facts and discoveries on its unique remarkable natural resources that other countries do not have:

■ **Marine:**

- *Madang lagoon has the most species rich coral reef yet studied in the world.*
- *There are more kinds of corals occurring on one place (about 700-800 sp.) than on any other place studied in the world.*
- *More kinds of nudibranchiate snails (600 sp. being collected which of about 200 sp. haven't been named yet).*
- *A place where over 100 sp. of reef fish occurs, more than any place in the world.*

■ **Terrestrial:**

- *Papua New Guinea has the World's largest tree frog.*
- *World's largest tree kangaroo.*
- *World's largest and second largest butterfly.*
- *World's largest pigeon.*
- *World's smallest parrot.*
- *World's tallest banana tree sp.*
- *World's longest lizard.*
- *World's largest moth.*
- *Papua New Guinea has 715 sp. of bird, more than USA, which has only 700 sp.*
- *Papua New Guinea has 900 sp. of butterflies, while Australia has only 250 sp. and USA have 650 sp.*
- *Papua New Guinea has at least 2,400 sp. of orchids, while USA have only 40 sp.*

■ **Papua New Guinea's Impressive Species Diversity.**

- *Total plants diversity is estimated 15,00 sp. with at least 10,500 endemic to PNG.*
- *Total number of species of mammals is 242, of which 57 are endemic.*
- *Total reptile diversity of 305 sp. with many endemic.*
- *Total amphibian diversity of 241 sp. with more than 89 endemic.*
- *Among invertebrates, butterfly sp. with 57 endemic ranking the country twelfth globally for endemic butterflies.*
- *And in tiger beetles, PNG is the world's seventh richest country with 163 sp.*
- *In Marine diversity, some 3,000 marine fishes are thought to occur in New Guinea waters, with about 2,000 inhabiting inshore reefs and habitats.*
- *Coral diversity is estimated at 3,000 sp. but the total may exceed 7,000 making PNG one of the most coral rich countries in the world.*

SEEMS THAT THIS RESOURCES WHICH GIVE US PRIDE AND DIGNITY ARE GONE RAPIDLY. DOES ANYONE KNOW HOW AND WHY?. IF YOU KNOW THE ANSWER YOU ARE LUCKY TO SAVE THE FUTURE GENERATIONS TO COME.