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to the Commission**

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Subject: Combating invasive species and restoring Polynesia's forests

The forest management company AOA announced on 9 March the launch of the AOA Polynesian Forests project.

This initiative aims to safeguard diversity.

both by controlling invasive species such as parachute lilies that choke plants and by planting native and endemic species such as the Purau tree to regenerate forest areas.

The project is being launched on a 250-hectare plot of land in the municipality of Mataiea, located in the Mo'aroa valley, where 16 of the 52 invasive species listed in French Polynesia have been found.

It is being funded by the company AOA, Sofidep and the Bank of Tahiti.

Six young people from the local municipality have already been hired to work on it and AOA plans to fill other posts in the near future, thus creating local jobs.

The site will eventually be opened to the public with a view to raising awareness of how the ecosystem works, among other objectives.

1. Does the Commission intend to provide this project with financial support?
2. If so, how much?
3. If not, what does it intend to do to combat the spread of invasive species and save Polynesia's flora?

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