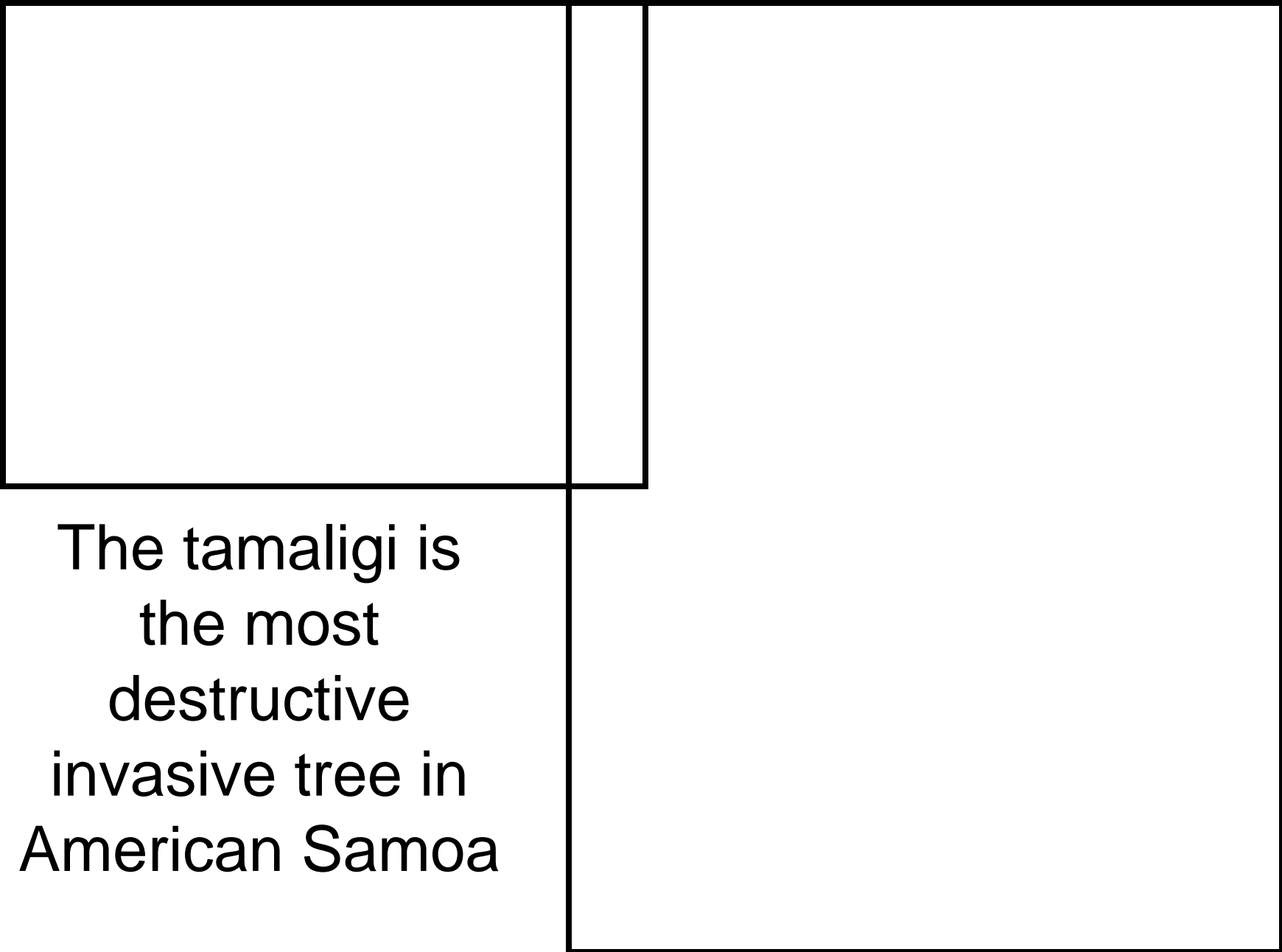


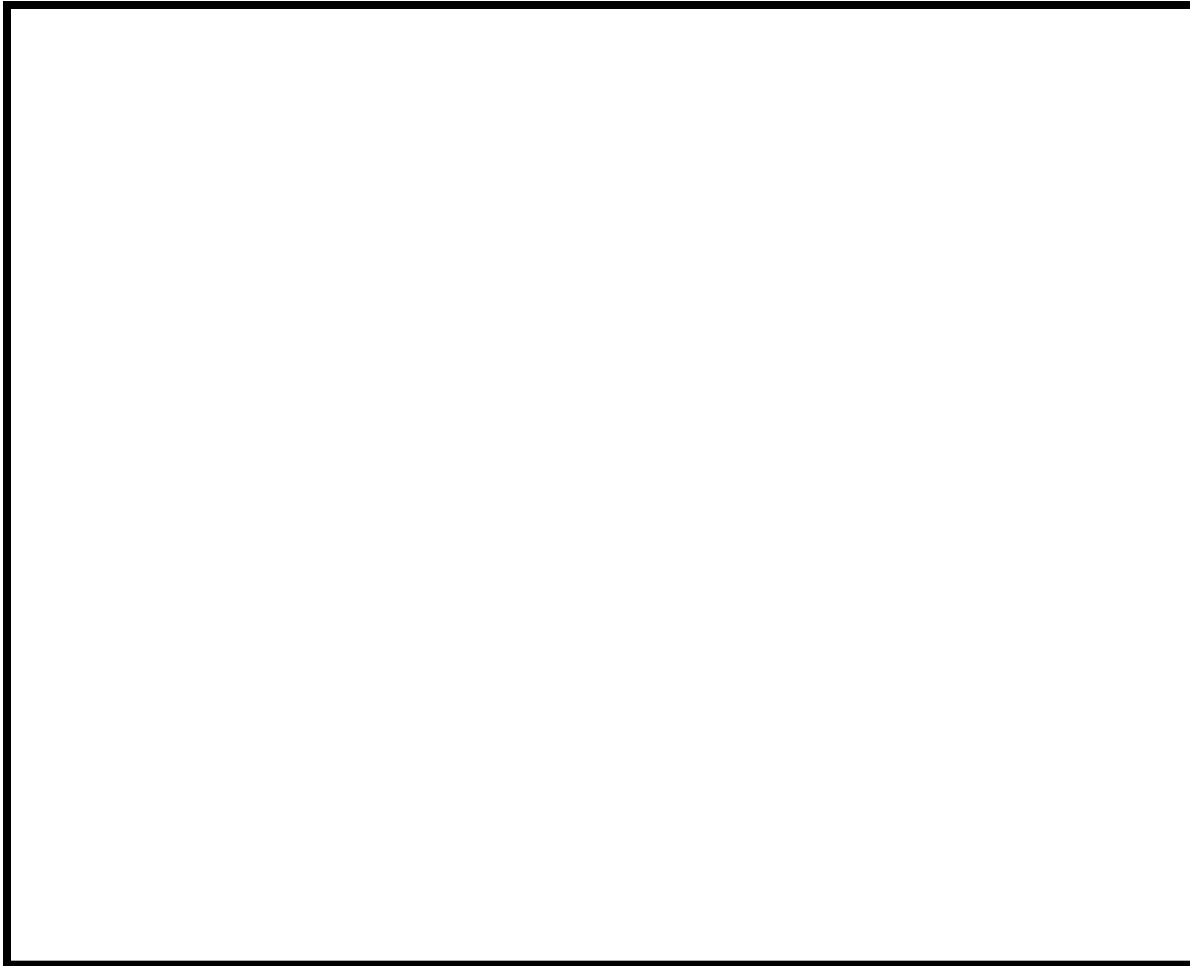
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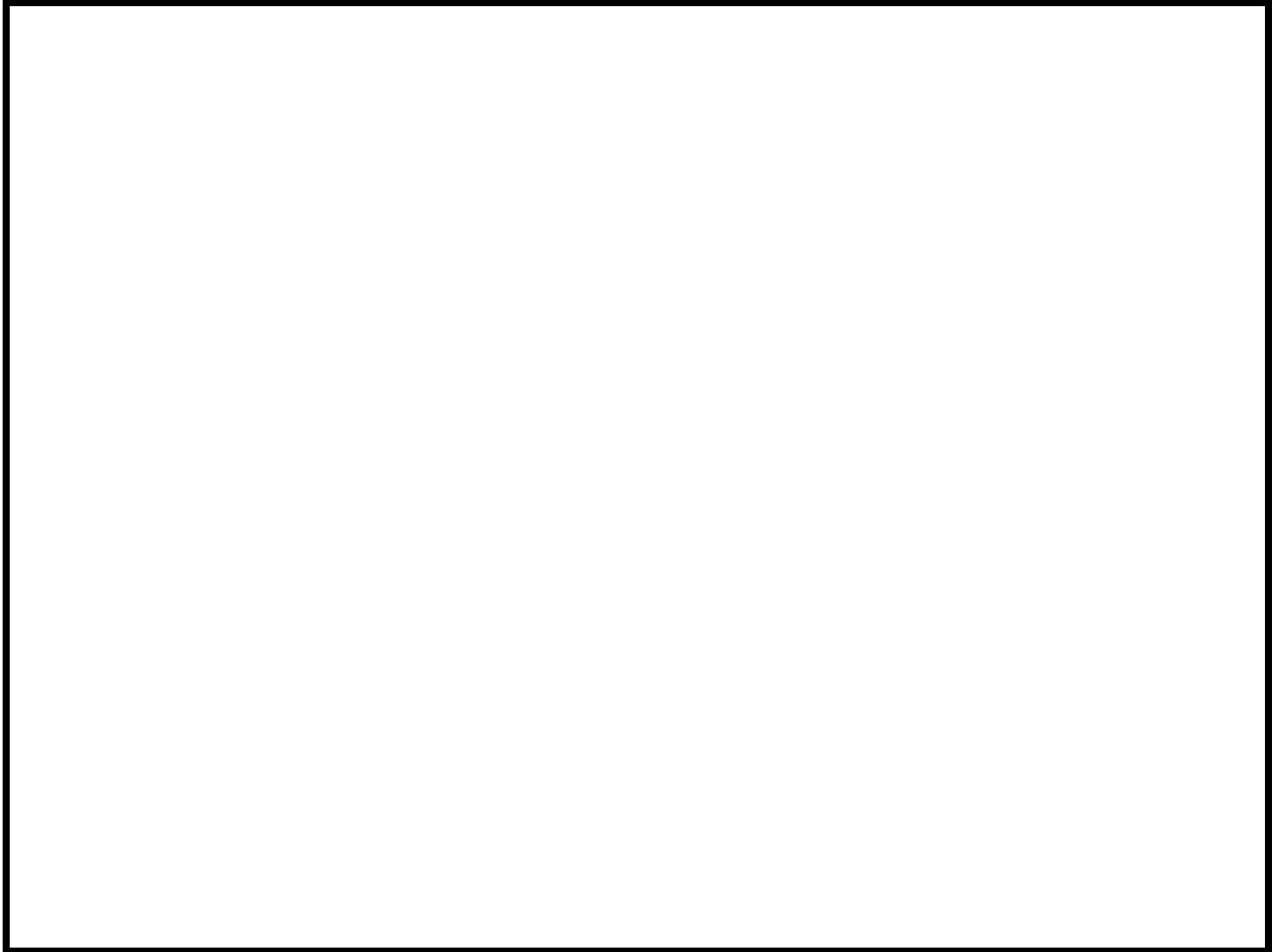


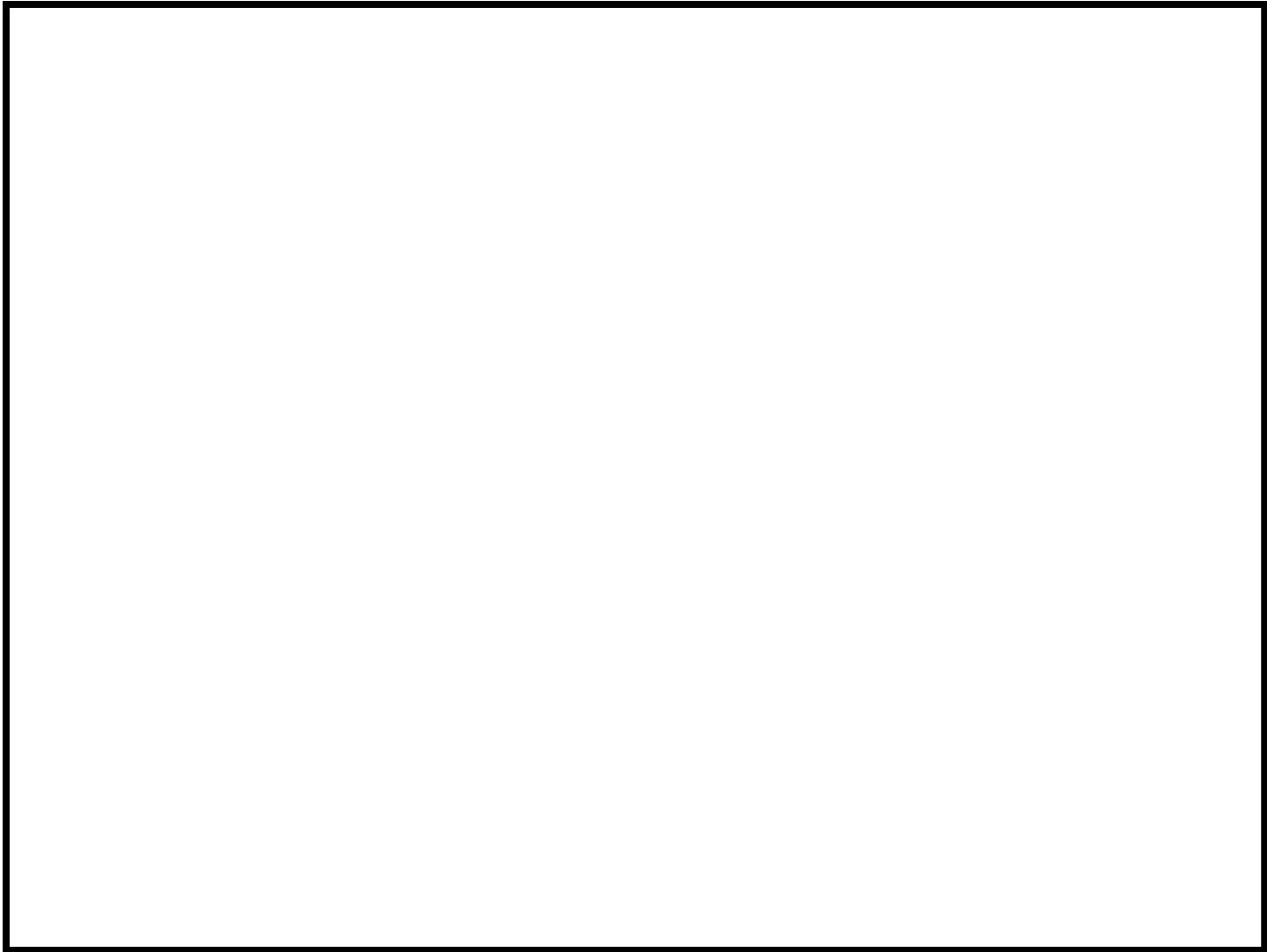
The tamaligi is  
the most  
destructive  
invasive tree in  
American Samoa

Tavita Togia, the only terrestrial biologist for  
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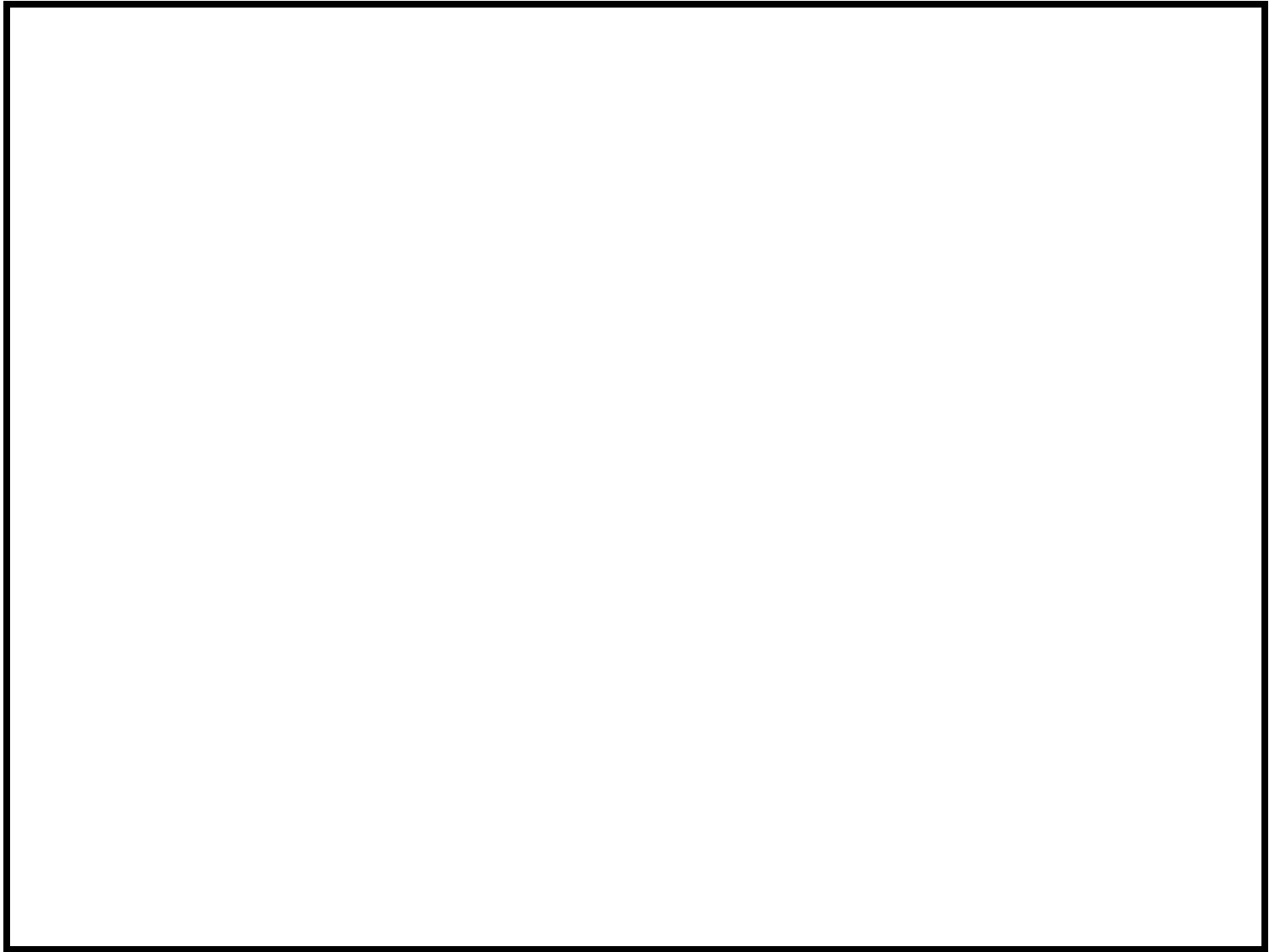


Mr. Togia fostered collaboration between  
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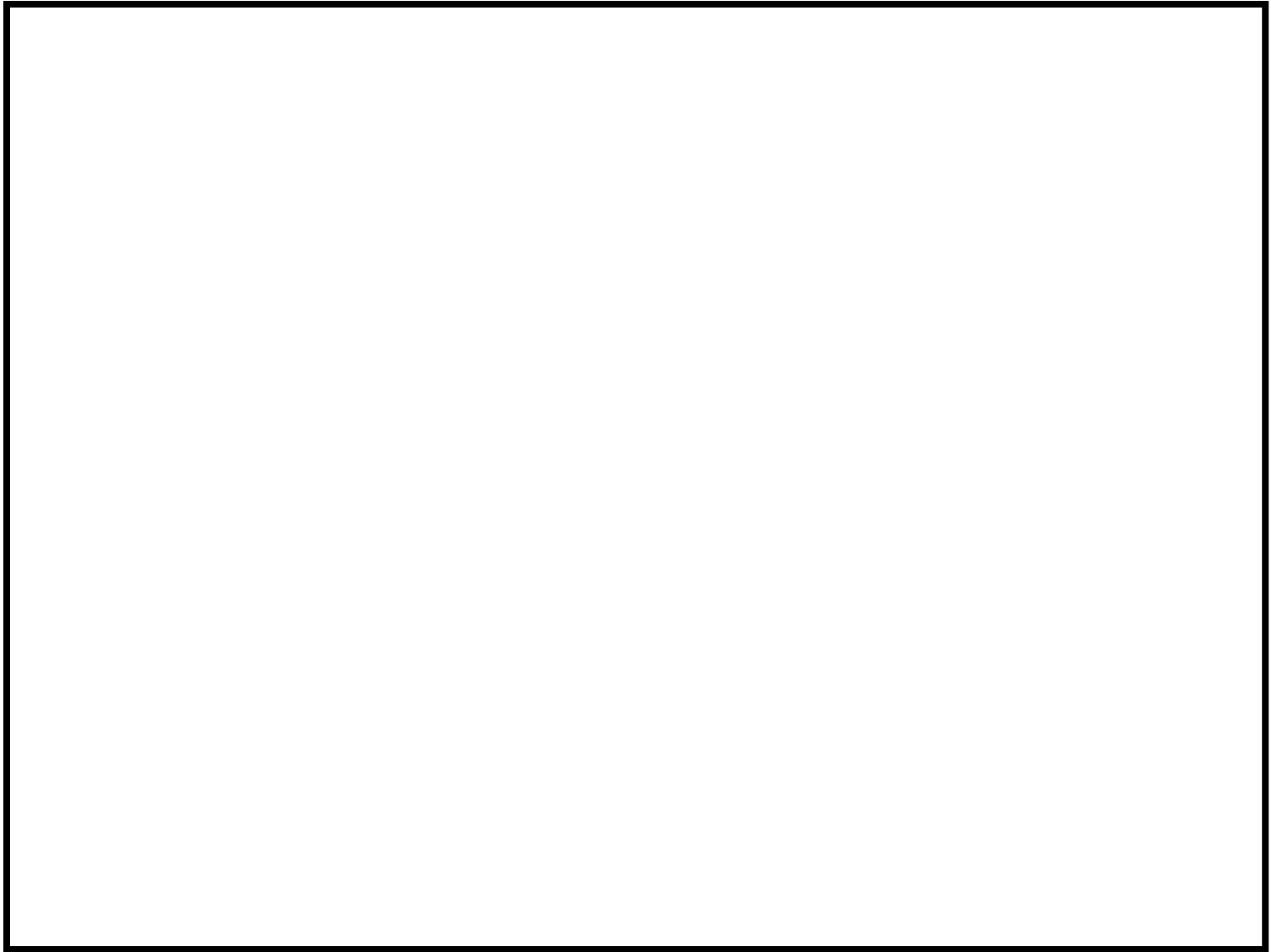




Meeting with the Matai (or chief) council  
of Fagasa village



Fagasa villagers girdling tamaligi trees



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Mr. Togia discussing native plants  
with students

