## **CAB Direct Abstract**

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The introduction of *Wasmannia* [*Ochetomyrmex*] *auropunctata* was reported to Vanuatu Quarantine and Inspection Service in December 1998. A delimiting survey indicates that the ant occurs in an area of ~10 km<sup>2</sup> on the islands of Vanua Lava, Mota and Gaua. The ant may have been present in Vanua Lava since 1994.

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