

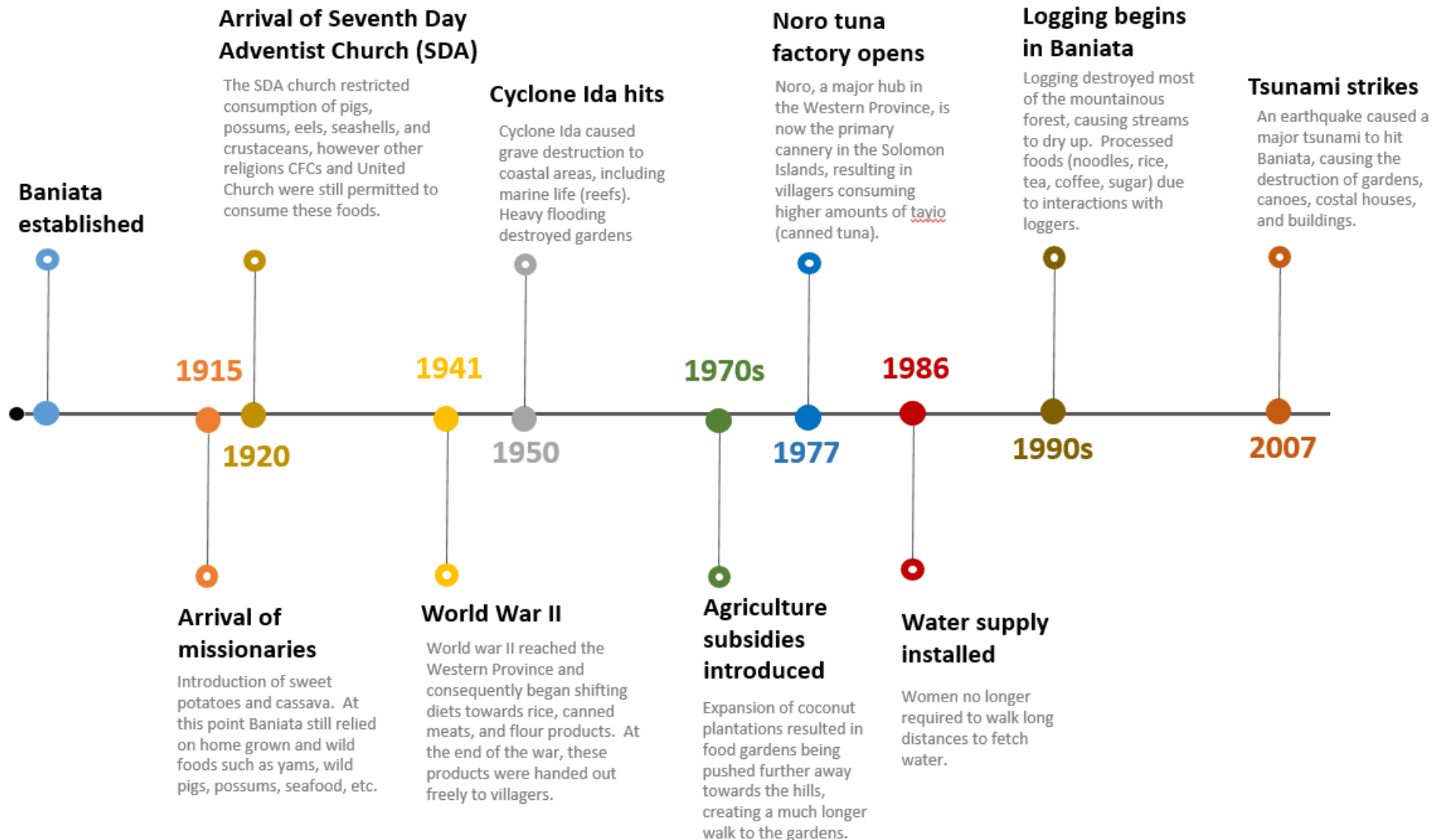


# Traditions and Trends in Indigenous Food Systems

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# Baniata's Food System Transitions



# Trends in Food Production

- Fallowing periods have been reduced
- Decreasing diversity of food crops
- Decreasing yield of crops
- Increasing pest attacks
- Climate change is brings changing weather patterns
  - Increasing heavy rains



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# Trends in Traditional Knowledge

- Strong consensus (women and men) that transmission of traditional knowledge is decreasing
- Elders assume youth are not interested in learning traditional knowledge; yet youth state they are interested
- No documentation of traditional knowledge



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# Key Messages

## Without interventions:

1. Local agro-biodiversity will continue to decrease
2. Reliance on imported and processed foods (which are low in nutrients) will continue to increase
3. Traditional knowledge will continue to be lost



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# Thank you

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