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M-Files[®] IS ON THE WAY!

M-FILES IS COMING: A NEW ERA OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

The Ministry of Lands & Natural Resources (MoLNR) is preparing for one of its most transformative steps forward. On Tuesday, 14 October 2025, the Ministry will officially launch the M-Files Document Management System, a groundbreaking initiative that promises to revolutionize the way information is managed, shared, and accessed within the Ministry.

This move marks a significant milestone in the Ministry's journey toward modernization, transparency, and efficiency. With M-Files, the future of information management has truly arrived.

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The Ministry of Lands & Natural Resources oversees some of the nation's most vital documents—land records, titles, applications, and more. Traditionally, much of this information has been locked in paper-based files, leading to challenges in storage, delays in processing, and limited transparency.

M-Files will address these long-standing challenges by:

- Digitising all land records: Every paper file will be scanned, secured, and made easily searchable in a central system
- Harnessing AI-powered management: With features like automatic classification, metadata tagging, and Optical Character Recognition (OCR), information will be easier and faster to find
- Streamlining workflows: Application and registry processes will be automated to reduce delays and minimize manual handling
- Improving access and transparency: Different user levels will allow staff to securely search, share, and manage records

This change will empower staff to focus on what matters most—serving the people of .

A PROMISE DELIVERED

Back in July, the M-Files implementation team met with Ministry staff to listen to their document management needs and challenges. On 14 October, they will return—this time to deliver on their promise.

The message is clear: “Your life is about to get so much easier!” No more wasted hours searching through piles of paper. No more confusion over document versions. No more blind spots. Instead, staff will be empowered with a system designed for accuracy, speed, and clarity

LOOKING AHEAD

The launch of M-Files is not just a technology upgrade—it's a cultural shift in how information is treated at MoLNR. By embracing digitisation, AI, and automation, the Ministry is taking a decisive step toward greater accountability and efficiency.

As the official posters declare: Dreams come true! The days of lost files, backlogs, and inefficiencies will soon be replaced with a modern, responsive, and transparent information ecosystem.

Mark your calendars: Tuesday, 14 October 2025. This is more than a launch—it's the beginning of a new era for information management in Vanuatu's Ministry of Lands & Natural Resources.



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FEEDBACK & CONTRIBUTIONS:

We want your input!

Send your updates, suggestions, or stories to de@vars.vu by Thursday 3 PM for inclusion in next week's issue.