Iturimai was the son of Bakoa and Nui Unikai; he had a brother Tanoa, the shark. But some say he grew from a crack in the Tree of Samoa. He lived under the Tree of Samoa with his companions.

Once while he lived in Samoa he left his companions under the Tree and went out by himself. And while he was away a purpose came ashore, so all the people divided it up, forgetting to keep a share for Iturimai. When he returned only the head remained and that was the portion reserved for Namahana, the king. So Iturimai went to Namahana and said, "I will take a part of your share," and it was so. After a time another fish, Itubuna, came ashore; and Iturimai said, "Do not
touch that fish, I am going to take out of it the portion which you did not give me before. So he slit the fish and burst its gall bag so that the flesh was embittered. Then he left it and said, 'Come and take your portions,' and they ate of the bitter flesh and they all died. But Tahamani brought them to life again.

After that he broke and burned the tree of Samoa, and its inhabitants were separated and scattered. He himself went with Teake of the tree's summit, and Tahamani also. When they came to Bem Teake (the greater Booby) checked his flight, and made a nest on the island.