

TITLE OF PROGRAMME: RODRIGUES ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT (REEP)

By **Mauritian Wildlife Foundation** [NCSR Reg No: NCSRF/2017/0158]



PROJECT TECHNICAL SHEET

Project Type	Education and Awareness
Start of Project	1998
Location	Rodrigues, Republic of Mauritius
Priority Area	Environmental & Sustainable development - Biodiversity
Status	Ongoing

OBJECTIVES

Reach out, sensitise and educate Rodriguans on the endemic biodiversity present in Rodrigues, the need for its conservation, and other relevant environmental issues.

ACTIVITIES BEING IMPLEMENTED

- Give educational talks to school groups and village groups.
- Organise educational visits in the Solitude Nursery, Grande Montagne and Anse Quitor Nature Reserves.
- Organise Volunteer Conservation Days in the nursery, nature reserves, in the field around Rodrigues and during bat surveys.
- Organise and deliver talks on radio and television.
- Write newspaper and magazine articles.

- Prepare social media posts.
- Develop and distribute educational material (bookmark, brochures, posters, stickers, etc.).
- Organise an island-wide fruit bat survey once per year in November.
- Organise activities for the International Biodiversity Day, World Wildlife Day, Earth Day, World Forest Day, World environment Day, World Tourism Day, International Volunteer Day and Rodrigues Fruit Bat Day.
- Support various other Rodriguan restoration and conservation projects.

PROJECT BENEFICIARIES

- Students, educators and community groups.
- Rodriguan population and its future generations, school children, tourists and the world at large.
- Republic of Mauritius, regarding meeting national biodiversity targets (e.g., the National Biodiversity and Strategy Action Plan 2006-15) and fulfilling obligations towards international biodiversity conventions (e.g., Rio Conventions, Aichi Targets, Millennium Development Goals).

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Rodrigues Environmental Education Project (REEP) has been operational since 1998. From its inception REEP has been involved with the community, changing people's attitudes towards the environment.

This change is achieved through awareness-raising and informal environmental education initiatives: talks in schools and to the media, visits to restoration areas and environmental education campaigns - including outreaching to community groups so as to allow them to have a 'hands-on' experience of the habitat restoration process. A Volunteer Day is celebrated through activities and distribution of educational materials to those who have volunteered for the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation during that year.

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REEP also focuses on sensitising school children about environmental issues that affect Rodrigues and encourages them to take pride in their natural heritage. Various approaches are used and include a short film on the Rodrigues Fruit Bat to create awareness on the importance of the Bat in the ecosystem, an annual 'Bat Day' and an illustrated field guide entitled 'La Faune et la Flore de Rodrigues' distributed to all schools and libraries in Rodrigues. World Biodiversity Day is also celebrated each year with plant donations to Grade 6 children.

In 2016, guided Ecotours were launched in the Grande Montagne Nature Reserve - the site has now become an active regional and international platform for raising awareness of Rodrigues' unique endemic fauna and flora with local and foreign visitors. These various actions have also helped develop collaborative links with the government, private sector and other non-governmental organisations.



REPORTING AND FINANCIALS

PROJECT DATES

The programme is continuous, but the level of project activity is assessed yearly to adjust to the project aims and requirements. Annual report & other reports delivery is as per agreed timeframe with main funders.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

- Human Resources: One full-time Educator and Support Staff.
- Infrastructure: One fully equipped office.
- Equipment: One vehicle, use of vehicles for activities, one laptop, one projector, Educational and Awareness Days material (posters, reserve signage, exhibition signage, stickers, brochures and booklets) and bat counters.
- Other: Printing and stationery, refreshments for volunteers and one training visit to Mauritius.

BUDGET 2024-2025

Description	Budget (Rs)
Project Staff Cost	1,052,480
Transport and Travel	350,400
Equipment and Materials	489,000
Other Operation Costs	81,060
Total Operational Cost	1,972,940
Administration Cost	250,000
TOTAL PROJECT COST	2,222,940

ANY LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTION IS MOST WELCOME.

If excess funds are raised, they are carried forward to the next year of the project.
A full and detailed project and budget write-up can be given to you on request.

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