

Country Introduction



Located in the South Western Indian Ocean, the Republic of Mauritius consists of the main island of Mauritius, Rodrigues, the Agalega Islands, the Cargados Carajos Shoals, the Chagos Archipelago, and several other islands within 2.3 million square kilometres of Exclusive Economic Zone – the 19th largest in the world by size.

Mauritius is known for its stunning beaches, vibrant coral reefs, lush landscapes, and rich cultural diversity. Shaped by its diverse population of Indian, African, Chinese, and European descent, this tropical paradise of 1.3 million reflects this diversity in its rich festivals, cuisines and traditions, as well as in its languages among which English and French are widely spoken alongside Creole.

In the past heavily dependent on sugarcane production, Mauritius is eyeing to transform itself into a hub for innovation and technology, alongside a diverse economic portfolio that includes financial services, textiles and tourism.

Besides the picturesque sceneries, Mauritius is known for its hospitality and luxury resorts that welcome more than a million tourists each year.

While enjoying strong democratic principles, political stability, and resolved to achieving sustainable development, including environmental preservation, Mauritius seeks to play a positive role in Regional and International Affairs.



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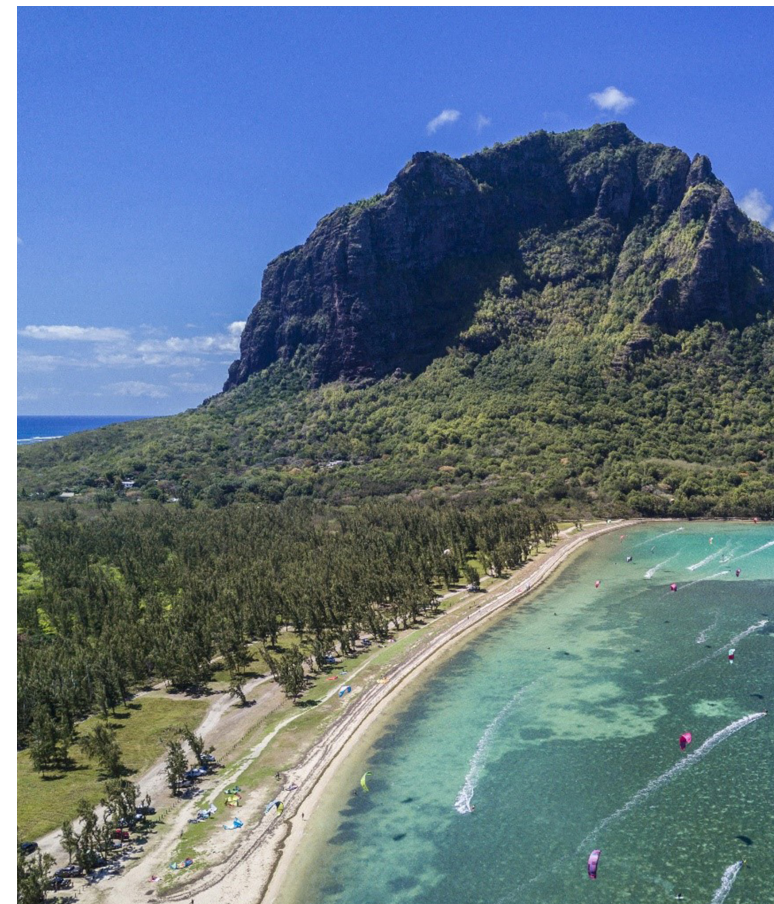


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COMMONS-A PAVILION

MAURITIUS PAVILION



EMPOWERING LIVES

Exhibition Concept

The Mauritius Pavilion at the Osaka World Expo 2025 will showcase the country's efforts in managing its natural environment to enhance sustainable livelihood.

The Mauritius exhibition will use digital technology and live natural items to showcase achievements and the country's vision of life in the future. Through the immersive experience of Virtual Reality, combined with video imaging and gamification, visitors will discover and learn about Mauritian experiences of implementing adaptative sustainable practices for economic growth and development.

The Mauritius exhibition will picturise the rehabilitation and protection of its marine environment and the sustainable exploitation of the resources contained therein. It will highlight the development of skills for sustainable economic activities, including good practices for sustainable tourism. It will also portray the adaptation of human habitats and the social policies to support changing circumstances and an ageing population. The exhibition will also present innovative ideas on the food and energy nexus and emphasise the essential role of partnerships and international cooperation.



Sustainable Fisheries

Mauritius has made efforts in promoting sustainable fisheries and protect its marine resources to support the livelihoods of local communities. The government has established Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) where fishing activities are regulated. These measures aim to prevent overfishing, ensure the conservation of biodiversity, and maintain the health of fish stocks. Additionally, the country provides assistance to artisanal fishers in the form of financial support, training programs, facilitating access to modern fishing gear and scholarships to their children. These efforts aim to improve livelihoods, ensure food security, and protect marine ecosystems for future generations.



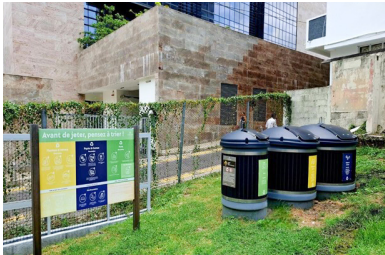
Rehabilitation of marine ecosystem

Rehabilitation of degraded coral reef areas is ongoing through coral farming projects. The projects are carried out in different sites around the island and use different methodologies adapted to the environment. Mangroves are reintroduced in environmentally sensitive areas to provide habitats and feeding grounds for fish and other marine species. Mangroves also help to protect the coast against erosion and heavy swells. The aim of the rehabilitation initiatives is not only to preserve the environment, but to achieve a wider impact by helping the marine ecosystem to develop around coral reefs and coastal areas to thrive.



Sustainable Waste Management

Sustainable waste management practices are implemented by Mauritius. To combat illegal dumping, Civil Amenity Centres have been set up in certain regions to receive sorted wastes and compost green wastes. Compost bins have been distributed to individuals to encourage eco-responsible attitudes. Mauritius has collaborated with the Japan International Cooperation Agency for empowering officers in sustainable waste management practices. Sustainable tourism practices are also implemented, such as eco-friendly accommodations, cultural activities and local markets with the participation of local communities. Waste reduction and water conservation initiatives are already being adopted by operators in the tourism industry in Mauritius.



Agrivoltaic Farming

Support for small farmers to use technology to boost their revenue results in better yields, higher income and lower carbon footprint. One example is the installation of solar panels in plantation fields without restricting agriculture while supplementing income from the sale of electricity.

