



## ECOSUD REPORT LAGON BLEU PROJECT JUNE - AUGUST 2014

### **Eco Volunteer Program**

In January 2013, an Eco Volunteer Program took place, and is still going on. We had the pleasure this year to welcome Eco Volunteers from South Africa, Great Britain, Spain, China and Japan. They participated in Lagon Bleu Project activities, mainly in Lagoon Monitoring and surveys.





More information about the Eco Volunteer Program can be found on our website  $\underline{www.ecosud.mu/lagonbleu}$ 

#### Eco Marine Guide

This year, we have been registered as a MQA approved Training Centre and our Program is recognized by FGASA (Field Guides Association of Southern Africa).

The Marine guide programme aims to enhance stakeholder awareness and understanding towards environmental challenges in order to reduce the impacts of tourism on the marine and coastal environment of the Grand Port Lagoon.

Our Marine Guide Program is actually training skippers from the locality to be responsible, aware of the environment and with a good knowledge of the marine fauna and flora.







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#### **Education Program**

Actually, we are training three girls of Mahebourg Espoir, making them discover, for a first step, underwater world through snorkeling. A second step will be to teach them about the marine fauna and flora.





The objective of that program is to make these girls aware of the marine environment and make them able, afterwards, to become trainers for the other youngsters of Mahebourg Espoir.

## Cleaning Activities

Regular cleaning activities are organized in the region;

- Beach cleaning
- Lagoon cleaning
- Mangrove cleaning

## **Mangrove Replanting**

Through our Education Program, we have been able to do Mangrove Replanting. You can have a look at a video of the last Mangrove Replanting on this link: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHVXzEtX]kg&feature=share">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NHVXzEtX]kg&feature=share</a>

### Lagon Bleu Boat

With the boat that Lagon Bleu has acquired, we are able to progress in our different activities;

- Lagoon Monitoring
- Marine Guide Program
- Voluntary Program
- Education Program





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### Coral Farming and Voluntary No Take Zone

We are actually working on two projects that will help to heighten the community awareness about the actual state of our lagoon and how to prevent it from being worse, and even make it better.

Coral Farming will bring back corals in zones where corals have been completely devastated.

Nowadays, the fish the fishermen catch are getting smaller and less abundant because they do not have time to grow and reproduce. Voluntary No Take Zone will allow small fishes to be able to grow in a zone where fishermen will voluntarily not fish, allowing the fauna to grow and reproduce in this zone.

We thank you for your support so far, but we still need your support.

We at ECO-SUD think that our actions will have a real impact if we are able to continue to address all the issues via our program.

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