

# Eco Sud – Newsletter



#### **Recent activities**

- Visit of Eco Guide FGASA
- Distribution of Hotline documentary
- Meeting Telfair Insitute

## **Upcoming events**

- Activity day Mahébourg Espoir August 5th
- Eco Guide

### **Item descriptions**

#### Visit of Eco Guide FGASA

At the end of May Lagon Bleu received a visit from Grant Hine of FGASA, South Africa. This organization provides educational opportunities to promote the conservation and rehabilitation of the cultural and natural heritage of South Africa. Mr. Hine gave us an introduction about their Eco Guide program and explained us which steps we need to take to get this program for Mauritius.

#### Distribution of Hotline documentary

The distribution of the Hotline documentary took place in June. The idea behind this documentary is to raise awareness among the local residents about the Hotline for the Fisheries Post in Mahébourg. Lagon Bleu totally supports this anonymous hotline in order to prevent illegal fishing. The documentary included summaries of scientific studies/research, an introduction to Lagon Bleu and a brochure and were distributed among residents of Pointe d'Esny and some hotels.

#### Telfair Institute

Two members of Lagon Bleu made a visit to the Telfair Institute. The purpose of this meeting was to ask the director to allow us to give presentations about Lagon Bleu to the students in order to get their help. The director was willing to help us if we made a proper project for this matter. We will keep you updated about this!

#### **Educational information**

## **Overfishing**

Unfortunately, the sea does not contain an infinite number of fish, and due to a growing population and increased number of tourists each year there is more demand for fish. The fish the fishermen catch are getting smaller at a rapid rate and less abundant because they do not have time to grow and reproduce. In many places, all the big fish have disappeared already!



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Prevent illegal fishing!

#### To do list!

Prepare Eco Guide manual

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