

Name of Organisation	Mauritius Oceanography Institute
Brief description of Organisation	<p>The Mauritius Oceanography Institute (MOI), was established in January 2000 by the proclamation of the MOI Act (Act No. 24 of 1999), with a view to rationalise and co-ordinate oceanographic research and development activities in the Republic of Mauritius.</p> <p>The role of the MOI is to advise the Government on the formulation and implementation of policies and programmes related to oceanography for the development of a sustainable blue economy.</p> <p>Furthermore, in line with the Government Programme 2020 - 2024 and its Vision 2030, MOI has restructured its research agenda in order to support the development of a sustainable blue economy.</p> <p>The MOI is leading national projects such as the characterisation of earmarked aquaculture sites around mainland Mauritius and community based coral culture in the Republic of Mauritius for capacity building of coastal communities in small scale coral farming as an alternative means of livelihood for fishermen and for reef rehabilitation of the Mauritius lagoon. Other projects include the bioprospecting of living organisms of Mauritius Waters with a prospect towards the development of marine drugs for pharmaceuticals purpose.</p> <p>Under the International Maritime Organisation’s GloBallast Partnerships project, and specifically in the GloBallast Monograph, the implementation of a customized Ballast Water Risk Assessment & Decision Support (BWRADS) system for use in management applications (e.g., Port State Control inspections) and Port Biological Baseline Survey (PBBS) implemented in Port Louis, Mauritius, were mentioned as a case study.</p> <p>In 2009, the MOI, through the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), was nominated as the Regional Implementation Centre (RIC) for the African Monitoring of the Environment for Sustainable Development (AMESD) for the Indian Ocean Region. The MOI received plaudits by showing a high level of professionalism during this project which led to a successive nomination for leading the Monitoring for Environment and Security in Africa (MESA) project from 2014 to 2018. Both these regional projects were financed by the European Union (EU). Taking into consideration the proper management of these regional projects, the African Union Commission (AUC) approved the MOI as the RIC for the “Global Monitoring for Environment and Security</p>

	<p>(GMES) and Africa funded by the African Union and the European Union from 2018 to 2021.</p> <p>The network and expertise built within the different projects by the MOI have and will be instrumental in the development of the blue economy and the management of our precious marine and coastal resources.</p> <p>Moreover, the MOI is developing capacity to intervene in situation of crisis in providing daily physical oceanographic data of the region on a GIS support for coordinating search and rescue operations at sea as well as for tracking oil spills.</p>	
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2. Technical services in the feasibility studies of marine aquaculture sites		Director