

Name of Organisation	Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping	
Brief description of Organization	The vision of the Ministry is to make the Blue Economy an important pillar to sustain economic diversification and growth, having due regard to the conservation of marine ecosystems. It aims at strengthening governance and harnessing the marine resources in our Exclusive Economic Zone for fostering sustainable development in contribution to human well-being, food security and poverty alleviation.	
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Schemes/Incentives/Support Services that may benefit Cooperative Societies	Details of Schemes/Incentives/Support Services (Description)	Contact Person (Name, Tel. No. and Email Address) for each scheme/incentive/support service
1. Canotte Scheme	The Scheme is provided only to registered artisanal fishers.	N/A
2. Semi-industrial Off-lagoon Fishing Scheme	Provision of a grant of up to a maximum of Rs.6 million representing 50% for a cost of a semi-industrial fishing boat. The remaining cost may be met by the applicant's own fund or avail of leasing facilities from the Industrial Finance Corporation of Mauritius Ltd. The Semi-Industrial Off-lagoon Fishing Scheme is being implemented on a yearly basis since the Financial year 2016/2017 ¹ .	Mr. B. Rajabalee Tel: 212 6329 brajabalee@govmu.org
3. Training of Fishermen in the General Course for Fishers (GCF)	A total of 323 fishers (298 Male & 24 female) have been trained from January 2022 to December 2022. They have successfully completed the	Mr. R. Hassea (STO) Tel: 234 6858 rhassea@govmu.org

¹ **Note:** With regards to the Semi- Industrial Scheme, the grant of 6M in accordance with the provisions in budget 2022/2023 is still being finalized at the level of the Ministry and its implementation has not yet started.

	<p>training course and a certificate of attendance were awarded to them.</p> <p>A list of 59 applicant fishers are awaiting to undergo the GCF training course from 11 to 20 April 2023.</p>	
<p>4. Training of Fishmongers in Fish Handling, Preservation and Marketing Training Course</p>	<p>A total of 123 fishmongers (79 Male & 44 Female) have been trained from 31 October to 07 November 2022 and from 13 February to 17 February 2023.</p> <p>New batches of trainees are awaited from FPS for training course.</p>	<p>Mr. R. Hassea (STO) Tel: 234 6858 rhassea@govmu.org</p>
<p>5. FAD Fishery</p>	<p>As at 30 March 2023, a total of 24 FADs is active out of the 28 designated sites.</p> <p>A total of 17 Single Buoy FADs have been consigned till date along with 14 Satellite Buoy for deployment.</p> <p>One new site at Poste de Flacq and five outerling sites in the West have been earmarked for deployment of SMART FADs to be carried out by end of December 2023.</p>	<p>Mr. H. Baccus (Ag. SO/SSO) Tel: 234 6858 hassbacc@gmail.com</p>
<p>6. JICA Project - Improvement of Livelihood of Coastal Communities through Sustainable Development of Blue Economy</p>	<p>FiTEC is involved with output 3 of the Project: Knowledge and skills of coastal fishers on offshore fishing are enhanced to divert reef fishing efforts to offshore fisheries</p> <p>Project sites are Wakashio affected areas (from Trou d'Eau Douce to Mahebourg)</p>	<p>Mr. R. Mohit (DSO) Mr. V. Senedhun (SO/SSO) Dr. S. Ramah (TO) Mr. H. Baccus (STO) Tel: 234 6858 rdmohit@govmu.org senedhunv@gmail.com sramah@govmu.org ibaccus@govmu.org</p>

<p>7. ECOFISH Project</p>	<p>The project involves 3 phases:</p> <p>1. Harvest: Assembly and deployment of FADs and training of fishermen in their use; tenders for procurement of FAD materials have been awarded. 12 satellite buoys and 17 Single Buoy FAD are available to FiTEC for deployment now.</p> <p>2. Post-Harvest Infrastructure: Fish Landing Station improvement, fitting of green equipment (solar panel, solar ice-making machine, rainwater harvesting system, solar chiller) and training in operation of these equipment; Sites have been confirmed and contract has been awarded for the procurement and installation of the solar ice making machine.</p> <p>3. Post-Harvest processing: Training in fish hygiene, fish processing and marketing. A consultant has been recruited for longline fishing techniques and a consultant for fish hygiene has been approached for training</p>	<p>Mr. R. Mohit (DSO) Tel: 234 6858 rdmohit@govmu.org</p>
<p>8. FAO Project -Enhancing livelihoods, food security and maritime safety through resilience of fishing communities dependent on coral reef fisheries in the African coastal countries of</p>	<p>1. Improved management of coral reef/FAD fisheries both for restoration and protection as well as for income generation</p> <p>2. Improved fishery value chains and access to markets</p>	<p>Mr. R. Mohit (DSO) Mr. V. Senedhun (SO/SSO) Tel: 234 6858 rdmohit@govmu.org senedhunv@gmail.com</p>

<p>the Indian Ocean (REEFFISH)</p>	<p>for coral reef & FAD fisheries products 3. IUU fishing reduced and maritime safety increased 4. Enhanced & shared knowledge on the improved management of coral reef fisheries contributing to scaling up of the interventions</p> <p>Consultative meetings have been done with fishers at the Project sites namely Poste de Flacq, Trou aux Biches and Rodrigues (Pointe Monier)</p>	
<p>9. Cards</p>	<p>For Budget 2021-22, 500 Fishermen cards were provided and 210 have been issued. For Budget 2022-23, provision have been made for an additional 500 Fishermen cards.</p>	<p>Ag Deputy Controller Fisheries Protection Service Tel: 211 2470 fps@govmu.org</p>
<p>10. Bad Weather Allowance</p>	<p>A bad weather allowance of Rs 575 per day is provided to fishermen.</p> <p>100% rate of bad weather allowance to fishermen admitted to a clinic or hospital.</p>	<p>Ag Deputy Controller Fisheries Protection Service Tel: 211 2470 fps@govmu.org</p>
<p>11. Close season allowance</p>	<p>Close season allowance of Rs 575 per day is provided to nets fishermen.</p>	<p>Ag Deputy Controller Fisheries Protection Service Tel: 211 2470 fps@govmu.org</p>
<p>12. Compensation for voluntary surrender of a large net or gill net licence</p>	<p>As per Budget 2014, compensation for: a) individual fishers is Rs52,500/-; and b) fishers who are members of Cooperative/Association is Rs105,000/-</p>	<p>Ag Deputy Controller Fisheries Protection Service Tel: 211 2470 fps@govmu.org</p>

13. Purchase of Hooks	Some 1,800 artisanal fishers will be provided with an annual financial assistance to the tune of Rs 2,500 for the purchase of hooks.	Ag Deputy Controller Fisheries Protection Service Tel: 211 2470 fps@govmu.org
14. Death Grant	A death grant of Rs 200,000 is provided for death of fishermen at sea.	Ag Deputy Controller Fisheries Protection Service Tel: 211 2470 fps@govmu.org