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Message From the Chairperson

Mr. Yasuo Suzuki **Chairperson,** **MOL Charitable Trust**

It is with humility and a strong sense of purpose that I step into the role of Chairperson of the MOL Charitable Trust. Succeeding Mr. Kazuhiko Sugano, whose thoughtful leadership helped consolidate our mission across Mauritius, I am honoured to continue the important work that this Trust has undertaken since its creation in 2021.

I joined Mitsui O.S.K. Lines in 1991, and Mauritius marks the third international posting of my career, following earlier assignments in Australia and India. Over the years, I have worked across a wide range of MOL's activities, including bulk shipping, vehicle transport, and logistics, as well as strategic roles in emerging areas. Most recently, I have been involved in new business development, including our corporate venture capital arm and investments in marine renewable energy technologies. I am pleased to bring this experience to Mauritius and to contribute directly to the Trust's mission on the ground.

The MOL Charitable Trust was established to contribute meaningfully to the well-being of local communities, the protection of Mauritius' rich biodiversity, and the advancement of sustainable development goals across the island. Over the past few years, our calls for proposals have supported many projects led by passionate NGOs, each contributing to a better, more resilient society and environment.

As I begin this new chapter, I wish to express my commitment to upholding the values that have guided the Trust thus far: transparency, inclusion, environmental responsibility, and partnership. I am particularly inspired by the collaborative spirit that exists between the Trust and its many stakeholders: nonprofit organisations, community leaders, educators, government institutions, and the people of Mauritius. It is this spirit that gives our work strength and relevance.

I will work closely with our team and local enforcers to ensure the continuity of current initiatives, while supporting innovative new projects selected under the fourth Call for Proposals. Together, we will pursue our shared objectives, focusing on tangible results that improve lives and protect the environment for future generations.

We remain committed to building on the strong foundations already in place, while also exploring new opportunities to deepen our engagement and broaden our development impact.

I look forward to meeting many of you and to contributing to the continued success of MCT's mission.

Warm regards
Yasuo Suzuki
Chairperson, MOL Charitable Trust



2. MOL Charitable Trust in Mauritius



300

million yen of total
funding allocation



MUR 1M

offered by Trust
per project

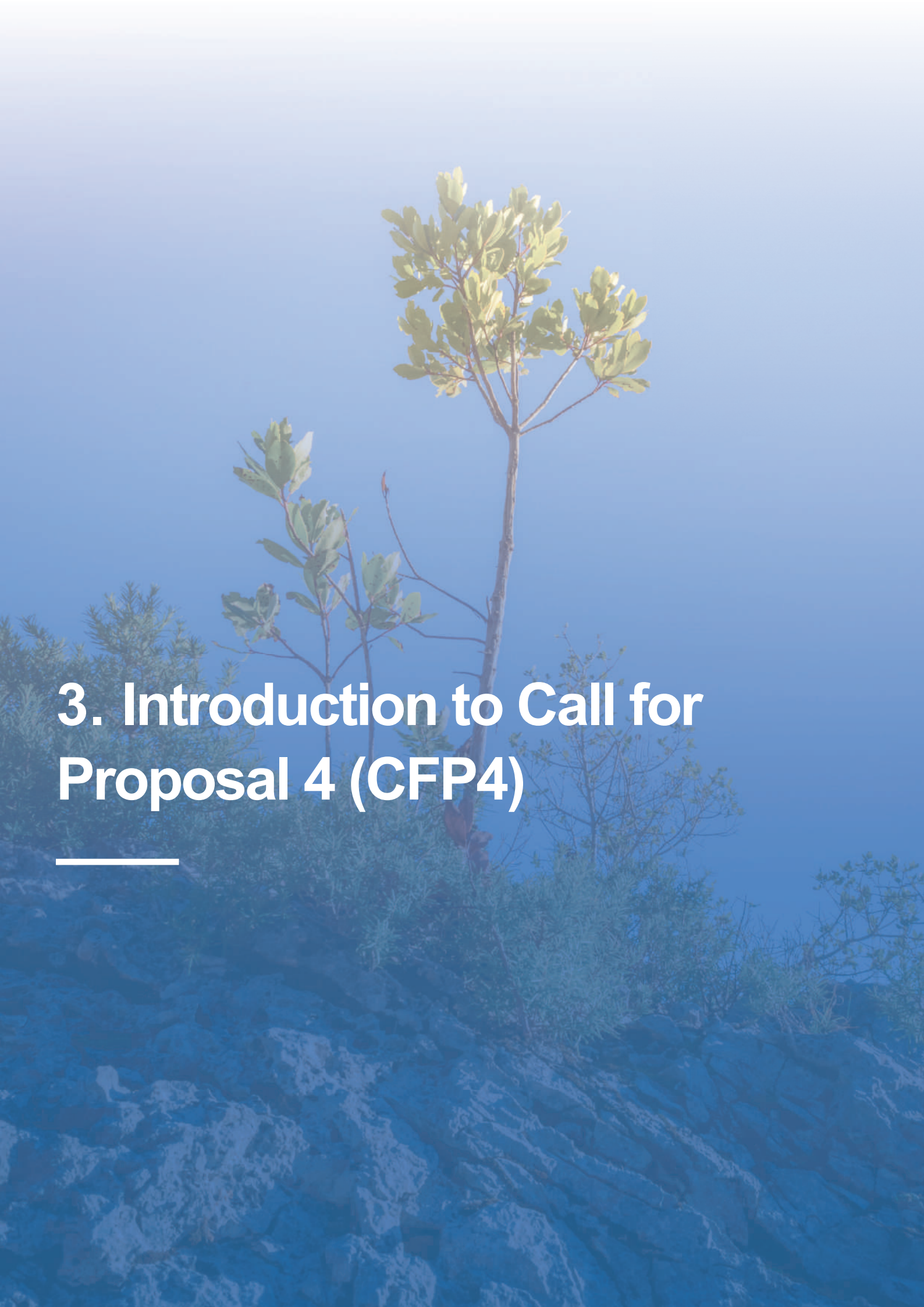
MOL Charitable Trust in Mauritius

Since its establishment on June 21, 2021, the MOL Charitable Trust (MCT) has served as a cornerstone of Mitsui O.S.K. Lines Ltd.'s (MOL) dedication to supporting the people and environment of Mauritius. Rooted in MOL's broader mission of environmental stewardship and social responsibility, the Trust focuses on empowering local communities and advancing sustainable practices. Guided by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), it funds localized, high-impact projects aimed at fostering economic growth, protecting biodiversity, and preserving cultural heritage.

With a total funding allocation of 300 million yen, the Trust offers grants of up to MUR 1 million per project to support initiatives that make a tangible difference on the ground. Its efforts are coordinated by a committee of local enforcers who ensure that selected projects align with the Trust's objectives. Complementing its work, the Japan-based MOL Mauritius International Fund tackles large-scale initiatives, exemplifying MOL's commitment to harmonizing global responsibility with local action.

Further information on MOL support activities for Mauritius can be found at

<https://www.mol.co.jp/en/formauritius/funding/>

A photograph of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, there is a rocky cliff face. Above the rocks, there is a dense layer of green shrubs and small trees. A single, taller tree with a thin trunk and a cluster of green leaves stands prominently against a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

3. Introduction to Call for Proposal 4 (CFP4)

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The MOL Charitable Trust (MCT) has launched its fourth Call for Proposals (CFP4) for 2024/2025, on the 6th of September 2024, reaffirming its dedication to promoting sustainable development and social well-being in Mauritius.

Over 80 applications were received during the submission period reflecting the vitality of the NGO and civil society sector in the country. After a rigorous and impartial evaluation process led by the I61 Foundation, the selected projects were announced on 18 December 2024, with Memorandums of Understanding signed in January 2025.

This call for proposals prioritised four key areas:



Agriculture



Education



Environment



Social Initiatives

with the selected projects addressing diverse challenges such as coral reef restoration, sustainable agriculture, and youth skills development. This comprehensive approach underscores MCT's unwavering commitment to its mission and the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

The official award ceremony was held on January 28, 2025, at the Preskil Island Resort Hotel, graced by M. Keita Akazawa, Deputy General Manager of the Environment & Sustainability Strategy Division at Mitsui O.S.K. Lines as the chief guest. His Excellency the Ambassador of Japan to Mauritius, Masahiro KAN, also attended the event, underscoring the importance of this initiative.



A photograph of a coastal landscape. In the foreground, there is a rocky cliff face with a blue tint. Above the rocks, there are green shrubs and a tall, slender tree with a dense canopy of green leaves. The background is a clear blue sky. The text "4. Selected projects and NGOs presentation" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

4. Selected projects and NGOs presentation



Association pour le
Développement Durable*

1. Association pour le Développement Durable

Turning Seaweed into Sustainable Fertilizer for Local Farmers

The project focuses on promoting sustainable farming practices through the use of seaweed as an eco-friendly fertilizer. By addressing challenges such as the lack of environmental awareness and unsustainable agricultural practices, the initiative aims to improve productivity while conserving natural resources. Farmers on the Southeast Coast of Mauritius will be educated and empowered to adopt this innovative approach. Actions include conducting workshops, processing and distributing seaweed, and fostering community partnerships to ensure long-term sustainability.

The project is expected to benefit 21 to 30 farmers in Anse Jonchée, Bambous Virieux, and Vieux Grand Port, while contributing to SDGs such as Zero Hunger, Climate Action, and Life Below Water.



South-East



21-30
Beneficiaries



Education





2. ANOU PROGRESE ANSAM: A Holistic Program for Community Development

This project builds on the success of Caritas Roche Bois in tackling social challenges within vulnerable communities. It adopts a comprehensive approach to community development by focusing on literacy and numeracy support, skills training, and social empowerment. Actions include conducting training sessions to enhance educational foundations, implementing capacity-building workshops, and fostering social engagement initiatives.

The project is expected to benefit more than 40 individuals in Roche-Bois, aligning with SDGs such as No Poverty, Quality Education, and Reduced Inequality.



Roche-Bois



40
Beneficiaries



Education





3. Consortium comprising Coral Garden Conservation (Project Lead) + Southern Handicapped Association (Partner) + Eco Marine Consultants Ltd (Technical support)

AquaVR Experience

The project addresses the degradation of marine ecosystems such as coral reefs, seagrass meadows, and mangrove forests in Mauritius. It tackles challenges like habitat loss, limited public awareness, and the exclusion of marginalized groups from conservation efforts. Through an innovative virtual reality (VR) platform, the project democratizes marine conservation education, offering immersive, expert-led underwater experiences that are accessible to all. Key actions include developing VR content, integrating it into school curricula, engaging marginalized communities, and hosting awareness campaigns. Targeting more than 40 beneficiaries in Surinam, Riambel, St Felix, and Le Morne, the initiative aligns with SDGs such as Quality Education, Climate Action, and Life Below Water.



Surinam, Riambel
St Felix, Le Morne



40
Beneficiaries



Education





CURRIMJEE FOUNDATION

4. Currimjee Foundation

Enn Zardin Pou Mwa

The project empowers vulnerable families by promoting sustainable organic gardening to improve food security and self-reliance. Participants will receive training, resources, and support to establish backyard or rooftop gardens. By fostering nutrition, economic resilience, and environmental conservation, the initiative addresses issues such as poverty and food insecurity. Actions include workshops on organic gardening, provision of starter kits, establishment of community networks, and facilitation of surplus produce sales. Benefiting more than 40 families in Cité Bethléem, Rose Belle, Camp Carol, and Cité La Chaux, the project aligns with SDGs such as Zero Hunger, Gender Equality, and Reduced Inequality



Cité Bethleem, Rose Belle,
Camp Carole, Cité la
Chaux



40
Beneficiaries



Other
(Area of focus:
Agriculture)





5. EcoMode Society

Coral Reef Evaluation and Restoration in Trou-aux-Biches

The project addresses the pressing issue of coral bleaching and degradation, which poses significant threats to marine biodiversity and local livelihoods in Trou-aux-Biches. By implementing coral reef restoration techniques and raising awareness about conservation, the initiative seeks to promote ecosystem recovery and sustainability. Key actions include establishing coral nurseries, transplanting healthy coral fragments to degraded areas, and conducting evaluations of coral health. The project engages local communities through educational programs and targets more than 40 beneficiaries, aligning with SDGs such as Climate Action, Life Below Water, and Decent Work and Economic Growth.



Trou-aux-Biches



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Beneficiaries



Coral Reefs
(Area of focus:
Environment)





6. ENL Foundation Ltd

La Ferme Nou Leritaz

This project aims to sustain livelihoods for vulnerable families in southern Mauritius through sustainable agriculture and entrepreneurship. By fostering self-sufficiency, food autonomy, and income generation, the initiative addresses issues such as unemployment and limited access to nutritious food. Actions include technical training, coaching in sustainable farming, consultations on marketing strategies, and the creation of a cooperative model for long-term sustainability. The project benefits more than 40 individuals, including families and children, in La Baraque and L'Escalier. It aligns with SDGs such as No Poverty, Zero Hunger, and Decent Work and Economic Growth.



Southern Mauritius



40
Beneficiaries



Other
(Area of focus:
Agriculture)





7. Fondation Solidarité Eclasia

Nou Baz Solider

The project promotes social inclusion, sustainability, and economic empowerment in the community of Cité Mangalkan, Floréal. By addressing poverty, waste management, and skill development, the initiative creates opportunities for employment and social engagement. Key actions include establishing a solidarity grocery, launching a second-hand shop, organizing upcycling workshops, and providing training for artisans. The project targets more than 40 beneficiaries, including vulnerable families and individuals, aligning with SDGs such as No Poverty, Reduced Inequality, and Responsible Consumption and Production.



Cité Mangalkan,
Floréal



40
Beneficiaries



Community
Development
(Area of focus: Social)





8. Green Attitude Foundation

Sea Turtle Preservation through Local Capacity Building and Community Engagement - Phase II

Building on the success of Phase I, this project strengthens conservation efforts for sea turtles in Mauritius by focusing on community engagement, data-driven conservation, and stakeholder collaboration. It addresses gaps in local knowledge and participation while promoting sustainable practices to protect green and hawksbill turtles. Actions include conducting educational workshops, monitoring population trends using drones, and developing conservation measures tailored to local habitats. The project benefits more than 40 individuals in the South-East and North of Mauritius and aligns with SDGs such as Life Below Water and Climate Action.



South-Eas, North



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Beneficiaries



Other
(Area of focus:
Environment)





9. Junior Achievement Mascareignes

Junior Achievement Mascareignes

This project addresses environmental challenges such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and resource depletion by fostering awareness and education on green entrepreneurship. It empowers youth and educators in Mauritius and Rodrigues to adopt sustainable business practices through training and curriculum integration. Actions include adapting the GREENT program to local contexts, engaging schools, and promoting sustainable economic initiatives. The project benefits more than 40 individuals, including students and educators, aligning with SDGs such as Quality Education and Responsible Consumption and Production.



Mauritius,
Rodrigues



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Beneficiaries



Education





10. Mahebourg Espoir

Employability of Youth with Little Education Background

The project aims to address unemployment among underprivileged youth by equipping them with vocational, technical, digital, and agricultural skills. By overcoming economic barriers and fostering partnerships with local stakeholders, the initiative promotes sustainable livelihoods and resilience. Actions include training in hairdressing, digital literacy, and sustainable agriculture, as well as practical workshops and job placement programs. The project benefits 31 to 40 individuals through the Mahebourg Espoir Education Centre, aligning with SDGs such as No Poverty, Quality Education, and Decent Work and Economic Growth.



Mahebourg



31-40
Beneficiaries



Other
(Area of focus:
Agriculture)





11. Mauritian Wildlife Foundation

Learning with Nature

The project fosters environmental awareness and conservation by engaging students and the public with the natural environment on Ile aux Aigrettes. It addresses the lack of knowledge about Mauritius' endemic biodiversity and promotes long-term conservation attitudes. Actions include guided islet visits, curriculum-aligned educational materials, and programs tailored to different age groups. The project benefits more than 40 individuals, including students and community members, and aligns with SDGs such as Sustainable Cities and Communities and Life on Land.



Mauritius,
Rodrigues



40
Beneficiaries



Other
(Area of focus:
Environment)





12. Mission Verte

Initiatives to Raise Awareness of Waste Reduction, Reuse, Recycling, and Composting

This project educates and engages the younger generation in the South-East region of Mauritius in sustainable waste management practices. It addresses issues such as inadequate awareness of recycling and the need for community participation in environmental protection. Actions include conducting educational sessions, organizing composting workshops, hosting coastal cleanups, and employing a Green Ambassador to promote recycling initiatives. Benefiting more than 40 individuals, primarily youth, the project aligns with SDGs such as Responsible Consumption and Production, Life Below Water, and Good Health and Well-being. Growth.



Southern Mauritius



40
Beneficiaries



Other
(Area of focus:
Environment)





13. Revey Twa

Revey Twa Fam

The project empowers vulnerable women by providing practical training, job placement, and life skills development to improve their livelihoods and self-esteem. It addresses critical issues such as unemployment, food insecurity, and poverty by fostering economic independence and resilience. Actions include partnerships with local employers, internships, advocacy for fair wages, and support during training. Benefiting 21 to 30 women from Port Louis, Pointe aux Sables, and La Tour Koenig, the initiative aligns with SDGs such as No Poverty, Gender Equality, and Decent Work and Economic Growth.



Port Louis, Pointe aux Sables, La Tour Koenig



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Beneficiaries



Community Development
(Area of focus: Social)





14. St Malo Sail Training and Yachting Association

Acquisition of Trailers for Launching Sailing Dinghies at Sea

The project enhances the safety, efficiency, and accessibility of sailing activities for disadvantaged youth in the Tombeau Bay region. It addresses operational challenges related to boat launching and storage, providing a secure environment for skill development and personal growth. Actions include acquiring trailers for safe dinghy launching, combining theoretical and hands-on learning, and fostering confidence and technical skills among participants. Benefiting 11 to 20 youth, the project aligns with SDGs such as Decent Work and Economic Growth, Reduced Inequality, and Sustainable Cities and Communities.



Tombeau Bay



11-20
Beneficiaries



Community Development
(Area of focus: Social)





15. TI RAYONS SOLEIL

Les Boulbous Play Centre

The project addresses early-stage social exclusion, developmental challenges, and food insecurity among young children aged 2 to 3 years. It also supports young mothers by providing free childcare, enabling them to seek employment. Actions include establishing a daycare centre, offering balanced meals, facilitating developmental activities, and ensuring early detection of developmental issues through specialized care. Benefiting 11 to 20 children in Cité Beau Vallon Mahebourg or Black River, the project aligns with SDGs such as No Poverty, Zero Hunger, and Quality Education.



Cité Beau Vallon,
Mahebourg

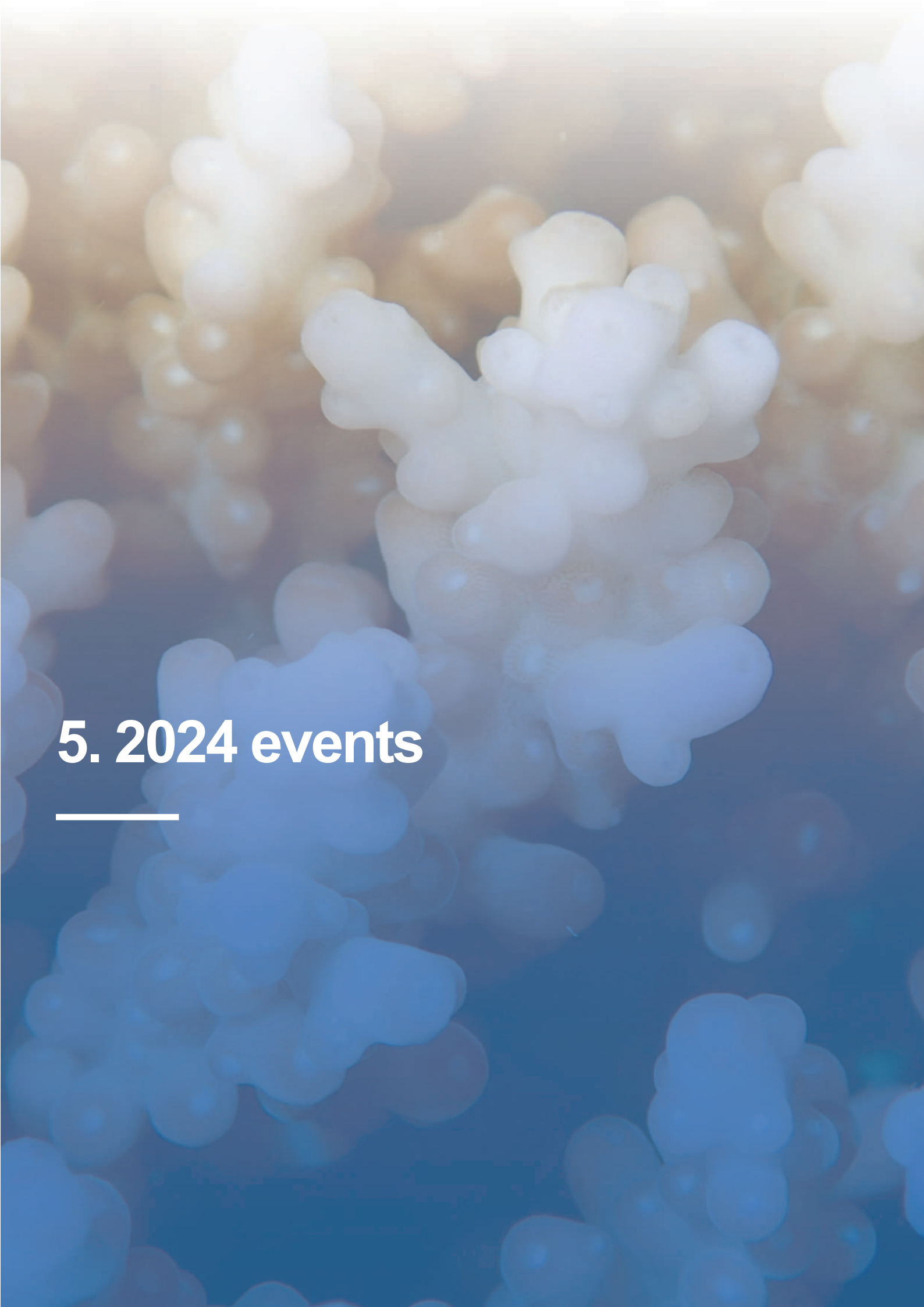


11-20
Beneficiaries



Education





5. 2024 events

Events Year 2024

MOL MOL for Mauritius



MANGROVES



CORAL REEFS



WILD BIRDS



OTHERS



FISHERIES



EDUCATION



CULTURE



COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT



EDUCATION



OTHER



January 19, 2024

Giving out Christmas Gifts to Children

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March 28, 2024

MOL Holds Training Program in Mauritius
Fostering Awareness of Sustainability and Safe
Operations, Not Letting the Wakashio Incident
Fade from Memory

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July 22, 2024

MOL Mauritius International Fund Held the 2nd
Year Project Outcome Session 2024

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July 29, 2024

MOL Charitable Trust Participates in the
Completion Ceremony for Skill Development
Program by NGO

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CORAL REEFS



WILD BIRDS



OTHERS



FISHERIES



EDUCATION



CULTURE



COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT



EDUCATION



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 **July 31, 2024**

Beach Cleanup Event on World Oceans Day

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 **July 31, 2024**

MOL Mauritius International Fund for Natural Environment Recovery and Sustainability's Participates in Project Completion Ceremony by NGO

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 **October 7, 2024**

MOL Mauritius International Fund for Natural Environment Recovery and Sustainability: NGO-led Training Center Establishment

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 **October 9, 2024**

MOL Mauritius International Fund for Natural Environment Recovery and Sustainability: Workshop on Coral Reef and Biodiversity Under Climate Change is held

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CORAL REEFS



WILD BIRDS



OTHERS



FISHERIES



EDUCATION



CULTURE



COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT



EDUCATION



OTHER



November 7, 2024

MOL Holds Session “Thinking about Social Contribution - ‘Lessons from the WAKASHIO Incident and Insights into MOL Group’s Initiatives’

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November 25, 2024

MOL’s Chairman visited Mauritius

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