



## **About the Fisheries Training and Extension Centre**

The Fisheries Training and Extension Centre (FiTEC) situated at Pointe aux Sables was set up through a grant from the Government of Japan to provide additional facilities for the development of off lagoon fishing and training of fishermen. FiTEC became operational in October 2004 and obtained the MS ISO 9001:2008 certification for quality management in 2010.

FiTEC adheres to the Government Vision 2030 and is expected to play a significant role in the development of the ocean economy which aims at becoming one of the economic pillars. FiTEC caters for the various training needs of the fishing industry and carries out research and experimental fishing for untapped resources.

## **Aims and objectives of FiTEC**

FiTEC, through its training activities, aims at empowering fishermen to earn a better livelihood and facilitates them to venture into more profitable off lagoon fishing around Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) by deploying and maintaining a number of these FADs around the island.

The following are among the training objectives of FiTEC:

- To provide basic knowledge and skills to new entrants for a career in the fishing industry,
- To upgrade knowledge and skills of fishermen to operate in the off lagoon area,
- To encourage use of effective and efficient fishing techniques,
- To promote production and supply of safe and quality sea food,
- To educate fishermen to develop a safety at sea culture,
- To create awareness on the protection and conservation of the marine environment, and foster the ecosystem approach in fisheries for sustainability.



*FADs are deployed around the island for the direct benefit of fishermen*

## **Courses offered by FiTEC**

Several training courses have been designed to fulfill the various training needs of fishers and other operators of the fisheries sector.

### ➤ **General Course for Fisher**

The General Course for Fisher provides fishermen with the basic knowledge and skills to start a fishing career. The training course is dispensed to non-registered fishermen who earn a living solely by fishing and who have applied for the Fisherman Registration Card. The training course is run over a period of 6 weeks, including practical sessions at sea and is free of charge.



*Learning the basics of fisheries is the way forward towards more professionalism*

Besides, the Ministry offers a stipend of 300 rupees per day to every trainee attending the training course. The trainee is awarded a certificate of attendance on successful completion of the course.



*Training on the use of sails to save fuel, reduce pollution and increase safety*

### ➤ **FAD Fishery Training Course**

The **FAD Fishery Training Course** addresses the training needs of registered fishermen willing to leave the lagoon and venture out for off lagoon fishing. It also targets fishermen interested to upgrade their fishing skills around FADs. After completing this training course the fishermen are able to safely and efficiently fish pelagic species in the open sea around FADs, using new fishing techniques. The course is of 3 weeks duration and also comprises practical sessions at sea. A certificate of attendance is awarded to the trainee who completes the training course. Each trainee is also eligible to a stipend of 300 rupees per day of attendance.



*Training in maintenance of engines for enhanced safety at sea*

### ***Training Course in Fish Handling, Preservation and Marketing for Fishmongers***

This training course is a requisite for traders holding the Fishmongers License. It is free of charge. It comprises five modules and is dispensed over five half days. At the end of the training, the fishmonger is able to adopt good handling practices and hence offer safe and good quality fish and fish products to customers. A certificate of attendance is delivered to the fishmonger following all the five modules.

### ***Capacity building of in-house personnel***

FiTEC ensures that it has a well-trained human resource to meet customer expectations by exposing its personnel with the latest technological advances in the field of fisheries. The assistance of renowned fishing agencies are sought in that respect.



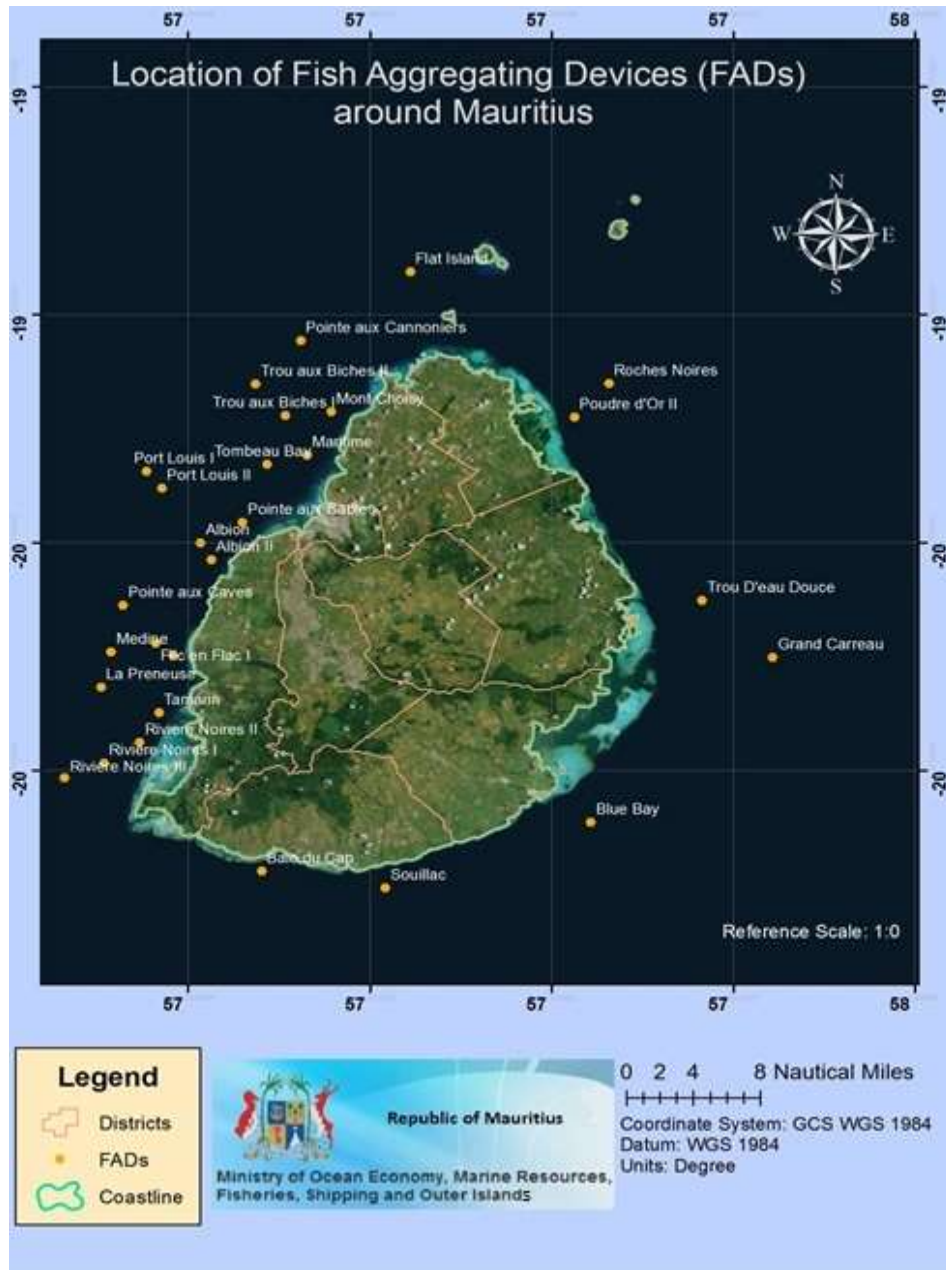
***OFCF (Japan) Expert coaching trainers of FiTEC in new fishing technique***

### ***Forthcoming Course***

- FiTEC will soon launch the FAD Technology and Resource Management training course targeting fishermen fishing around FADs. The training course will be of 5-day duration and has as objectives to upgrade the skills and knowledge of fishermen with regards to FADs and resource conservation and management.

### Deployment and maintenance of FADs

FADs are moored and maintained functional around Mauritius. These are regularly serviced and lost ones are replaced.



S/N	NAME	DEPTH (m)	▲ COAST	LATITUDE ( S )	LONGITUDE ( E )
1	ALBION I	1280	2.3	20 ° 09'.446	57 ° 23'.330
2	ALBION II	410	1.1	20 ° 11'.869	57 ° 22'.891
3	BAIE DU CAP	855	2.7	20 ° 33'.073	57 ° 23'.283
4	BLUE BAY	968	2.4	20 ° 29'.110	57 ° 43'.540
5	FLAT ISLAND	750	9.6	19 ° 49'.434	57 ° 34'.373
6	FLIC EN FLAC I	1241	2.5	20 ° 15'.995	57 ° 19'.337
7	FLIC EN FLAC II	215	0.9	20 ° 17'.791	57 ° 20'.645
8	GRAND CARREAU	260	8.2	20 ° 21'.336	57 ° 55'.531
9	LA PRENEUSE	2480	5.2	20 ° 17'.711	57 ° 16'.080
10	MARITIM	400	1.4	20 ° 04'.345	57 ° 29'.160
11	MEDINE	2580	5.3	20 ° 12'.663	57 ° 17'.410
12	MON CHOISY	590	1.7	20 ° 01'.424	57 ° 30'.340
13	POINTE AUX CAVES	2400	4.4	20 ° 10'.741	57 ° 19'.510
14	POINTE AUX SABLES	100	0.9	20 ° 09'.753	57 ° 25'.179
15	PORT LOUIS I	3560	11.8	20 ° 02'.816	57 ° 15'.956
16	PORT LOUIS II	3409	9.5	20 ° 06'.205	57 ° 15'.882
17	POUDRE D'OR II	245	4.2	20 ° 02'.327	57 ° 46'.035
18	PTE AUX CANONNIERS	450	3.3	19 ° 56'.416	57 ° 33'.579
19	RIVIERE NOIRE I	968	4.5	20 ° 23'.596	57 ° 16'.771
20	RIVIERE NOIRE II	480	2.2	20 ° 21'.069	57 ° 19'.780
21	RIVIERE NOIRE III	3100	9	20 ° 17'.901	57 ° 12'.119
22	ROCHES NOIRES	732	5.4	20 ° 02'.542	57 ° 48'.885
23	SOUILLAC	1075	2.2	20 ° 33'.793	57 ° 31'.146
24	TAMARIN	390	1.5	20 ° 20'.630	57 ° 20'.119
25	TOMBEAU BAY	1050	2.6	20 ° 04'.413	57 ° 27'.890
26	TROU AUX BICHES I	2023	4.3	20 ° 00'.161	57 ° 27'.775
27	TROU AUX BICHES II	2675	6.6	20 ° 01'.334	57 ° 24'.387
28	TROU D'EAU DOUCE	992	2.8	20 ° 13'.884	57 ° 51'.561

***List of FADs with mooring depths, distance from the nearest coast and positions***

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