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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO OCCUPY A VESTED BARACHOIS**

1. The Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping is inviting potential promoters to:
  - (i) express interest as per the Application Form at **Annex I**, to occupy a Barachois vested in this Ministry; and
  - (ii) submit a project proposal as per the template at **Annex II** to conduct innovative aquaculture projects in the Barachois.
  
2. To be eligible for this Scheme, the applicant shall:
  - a) be an individual residing in, or be a company having its registered address in the Republic of Mauritius;
  - b) not have benefited from a Lease Agreement or be in possession of a Letter of Authorisation from the Ministry in respect of another barachois;
  - c) in case of a company, provide the shareholding details, financial statements for the last 2 years and tax returns over the last 3 years; and
  - d) provide evidence of any experience claimed and ability to manage an aquaculture business.
  
3. A Selection Committee shall be set up for the assessment of the technical and financial feasibility of projects and the selection of applications. Project proposals will be shortlisted based on a list of criteria set by the Ministry. Shortlisted promoters will be invited through a Request for Proposal to submit their projects to the Ministry for consideration.
  
4. An Evaluation Committee would assess the Request for Proposals received. Projects would be selected in order of priority, based on a set of criteria set by the Ministry.
  
5. Selected promoters would, on receipt of a Letter of Authorisation, be authorised to carry out aquaculture activities in the vested barachois for a period of two years.

6. Three months prior to the expiry of the Letter of Authorisation, an Assessment Committee set up by the Ministry will assess the aquaculture projects being implemented in the barachois to determine their viability, and will recommend continuation of the project or not to this Ministry.
7. Recommended promoters will be required to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Ministry for a duration of 10 years, and renewable for an additional duration of 10 years, subject to all terms and conditions being complied.
8. It shall remain the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all relevant clearances and approvals are obtained.
9. The applicant shall bear all costs associated with the running of the aquaculture project with no monetary, technical or manpower assistance from the Ministry.
10. Any change as to the type and nature of the project, and fish to be cultured, after the submission of the project proposal, shall not be authorised and shall lead to the application being rejected by the Ministry.
11. An annual rental fee will be charged per arpent for water body and land as per the Fisheries (Vested Barachois) Regulations 2023.
12. Under no circumstances shall:
  - a. the Barachois or any structure thereon be subject to any lien or inscription for the purpose of funding the project;
  - b. any authorisation granted pursuant to this Expression of Interest exercise constitute or be construed as a grant of ownership, leasehold right or other proprietary right onto the successful proponent regarding any part of the Barachois; and
  - c. the Ministry be under any legal obligation, contractual or otherwise, towards a successful proponent, to extend or renew the term of the authorisation to occupy the Barachois.
13. Any selection and/or Letter of Authorisation, which will be issued by the Ministry, may be revoked at any point in time and shall not constitute an agreement between the applicant and the Ministry for the use and/or occupation of the Barachois.
14. The applicant shall be solely responsible for the implementation of the project. The Ministry shall not be responsible or liable for any damage, loss, injury or death associated with the implementation of the project.

15. The Application Form and project proposal should be sent to:

**The Senior Chief Executive  
Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping  
4th Floor, LIC Building  
President John Kennedy Street  
Port Louis**

16. The deadline for submission of the Application Form and project proposal is **30 days** as from the date of publication.

17. The application form, guidelines for project write up and details of the barachois are available on this Ministry's website.

**NOTE:**

***The Barachois will be leased on an 'as is' basis. Accordingly, the selected promoter will be responsible to make his own arrangements for access to the barachois, where no access is available.***

**27 September 2024**

**MINISTRY OF BLUE ECONOMY, MARINE RESOURCES, FISHERIES & SHIPPING**

**Application Form for Allocation of Vested Barachois**

Name of Applicant: .....

Address: .....

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Tel No. (Residence): ..... (Office) .....(Mobile) .....

Fax:..... Email:.....

Title of Aquaculture Project Proposal.....

<b>SN</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Locality</b>	<b>Name of Barachois</b>	<b>Extent</b>	<b>Please Tick</b>
1	Rivière du Rempart	Haute Rive	Haute Rive	35A65P	
2	Rivière du Rempart	Grand Gaube	Belle Vue Cugnet	21A32P	
3	Poudre D'Or	St Antoine	Anse Bon Sergeant (Bassin Chazal)	50A0P	
4	Rivière du Rempart	Pointe des Lascar-	Pointe des Lascar- Barachois Fountain Bay	(9A 05 - Barachois) 38,215 m <sup>2</sup> + (2 A13- Adjoining State Land) 9,000 m <sup>2</sup>	
5	Grand Port	Mahebourg	PG Rivière La Chau	83 A 00	

\* **Details of the barachois are at Annex III**

List of documents to be submitted for consideration

<b>S. N</b>	<b>Documents</b>
1	Project write up
2	Shareholding details
3	Financial statements for the last 2 years
4	Tax returns over the last 3 years
5	Evidence of any experience / technical know-how claimed
6	Proposed project investment
7	Certificate of Incorporation
8	Certificate of Character of promoter

Date: ..... Signature: .....

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**Project Write –up Guidelines**

(Details to be submitted for any Aquaculture projects).

1. Project title
2. Background
  - Aquaculture project
3. Project write up including a summary of the proposed aquaculture project
  - Location + justification for selecting the proposed barachois
  - Project components (vessels, ice-plants, equipment etc)
  - Project costs and phasing
  - Project structure, organization and management
4. Applicant's details
  - Percentage shareholding & name of shareholders
  - Total cost of the project
  - Source of Funding
  - Certificates of incorporation
5. Employment
  - Number of persons to be employed (direct/indirect)
6. Technical aspect
  - Methodology of fishing operations/fish processing activities/aquaculture activities
  - Technical specifications of infrastructure / machinery, etc
  - Aquaculture – Ponds size, culture period, stocking density, survival rate, weight at harvest, number of floating cages, yield etc
7. Marketing strategy
8. Others
9. Annex (any other relevant information)

## Details of Barachois

SN	Name of Barachois	Extent	Details
1	Haute Rive	35A65P	There is no public access to the barachois which is surrounded by private property. There is no land component attached to the barachois.
2	Belle Vue Cugnet	21A32P	There is no dedicated access to the Barachois which is inter alia, partly bordered by a declared public beach, and party by State land, over which stands a fisheries post, already vested in the Ministry. Moreover, Air Agri Limitee holds an industrial site lease over a strip of land bordering the barachois for the setting up of a Light Structure Hangar to accommodate two ultra Leger Motorised Sea Planes with permission to use a corridor in the barachois to accede the site.
3	Anse Bon Sergeant (Bassin Chazal)	50A0P	Compagnie Sucrière de St. Antoine Ltée holds a lease for agricultural purposes over an extent of Pas Geometriques of 65A79P surrounding part of the barachois. There is, over the remaining part surrounding the barachois, a campement site over an extent of 1A21P. There is no public access to the barachois.
4	Pointe des Lascar-Barachois Fountain Bay	(9A 05 - Barachois) 38,215 m <sup>2</sup> + (2 A13P- Adjoining State Land) 9,000 m <sup>2</sup>	Extent of 2A13P Adjoining State Land (adjoining reserves)
5	PG Rivière La Chaux	83 A 00	Part of the barachois of an extent of two acres (8 000m <sup>2</sup> /2.4A) of water body currently occupied by One To Go Enterprise Ltd for a crab farming project.