**PRESS COMMUNIQUE**

**MINISTRY OF OCEAN ECONOMY, MARINE RESOURCES, FISHERIES, SHIPPING AND OUTER ISLANDS**

 **(Ref: F/15421/5)**

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF “CANOTTES”**

1. The Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands is implementing a scheme to provide assistance to fishermen for the purchase of “canottes” for off-lagoon fishing under the Fisheries Sectoral Support Programme of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement between the European Union and Mauritius.

2. Financial assistance in the form of a grant of 50% of the cost of the “canotte” up to a maximum amount of Rs200,000/- will be provided.

3. In this context, this Ministry is inviting registered fishermen who wish to benefit from the scheme to submit applications for the purchase of a fibre glass “canotte” of **above 7m and less than 12m in length**, equipped with either an inboard or outboard **engine of 15HP and above**, safety equipment, life jacket for each person on boat, a set of 3 hand flares and radar reflector.

4. Applications should be accompanied with the following documents:

1. Letter of application;
2. Copy of fisherman card; and
3. Quotation from boat builder.

5. Applications bearing reference **‘F/15421/5’** should reach the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands, 4th Floor, LICI Building, President John Kennedy Street, Port Louis on or before  **28 August 2015 at latest.**

6. Registered fishermen who have previously submitted applications should submit a fresh application.

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