Supporting the economic empowerment of the artisanal fishing community of the Republic of Mauritius

The European Union through a EUR 1 million grant will enable the artisanal fishers of the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues to be more economically resilient.

The project will:

1. Enable artisanal fishers to use best fishing practices for sustainable management of marine resources.

2. Train artisanal fishers to operate environmentally friendly post-harvest fish processing plant.

3. Encourage more artisanal fishers to apply EU-norms for fish processing.

This project will improve and strengthen the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the artisanal fisher community in the Republic of Mauritius.

**OUR APPROACH**

Artisanal fishers move out of over-exploited lagoons and adopt measures to reduce post-harvest loss

**If**

then

resulting in

The value of the catch of artisanal fishers will increase

Improved economic resilience and poverty alleviation as well as increased food security through better managed marine resources.

**Budget**

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**Period**

2020 - 2024

October 2020
To support the artisanal fishing community for the sustainable management of coastal fisheries and to improve their economic situation.

The project will be directly implemented by UNDP in partnership with the Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping.

Key results to be achieved:

- Revenue of artisanal fishers from fishing activities increase to EUR 400/month
- 550 artisanal fishers are trained to use modern Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs)
- 5 fish landing stations are upgraded and are equipped with rain-water harvesting systems and powered through renewable energy
- 200 women/young people are engaged in enhanced post-harvest processing and trained in fish hygiene.

Partners:

- Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping
- European Union
- Indian Ocean Commission

UNDP in Mauritius

UNDP supports and supplements national efforts aimed at reducing poverty in all its forms, addressing gender mainstreaming and gender-based violence, accelerating the transition to sustainable development, and making sure national institutions and communities are able to withstand crises and shocks. We strive to ensure that the most vulnerable and excluded are not left behind, develop game changing solutions to accelerate sustainable development, and promote low-carbon consumption, and preparedness against climate-related crises and shocks.

Quick facts:

- Artisanal fishers on average earn USD 140 a month (2011, EU Study) as compared to the national average of USD 650/month
- 14.5% of artisanal fishers in Mauritius are 60+ compared to 8.5% in Rodrigues
- Percentage of artisanal fishers having only primary education or below: 88.9% in Mauritius and 96.6% in Rodrigues
- Artisanal fish produce decreased from 892 tons in 2011 to 569 tons in 2017

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