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Diving courses on CMAS standards Level 1



Introduction to the marine
ecosystems, biodiversity and
Marine Megafauna of Mauritius



Lecture at sea on sustainable and
responsible eco-tourism



*Let's fall in love
with the Ocean*



2021

WAKASHIO OIL SPILL RECOVERY PROGRAMME OF UNDP



**CGI ACTION
NETWORK**
Post-Disaster Recovery



**Marine Megafauna
Conservation Organization's
educational programme**
Marine Megafauna
Conservation Organization
Mauritius

Island Innovation Awards Winner
RESILIENT ISLAND AWARD



EDUC PROJECT

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OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM:

- to provide local residents with basic knowledge and practical skills to open opportunities to participate in Blue Economy Projects;
- mentally connect local people to the ocean, with an understanding of marine ecosystem processes and human impacts at national and personal levels;
- to increase the involvement of local people and communities in the processes and activities for the preservation of marine ecosystems.

It was planned to involve at least 50 people

Requirements for participants:

- to be a resident of the South East of Mauritius
- over 18 years old;
- swimming ability;
- no problems with heart and/or lung, asthma or epilepsy

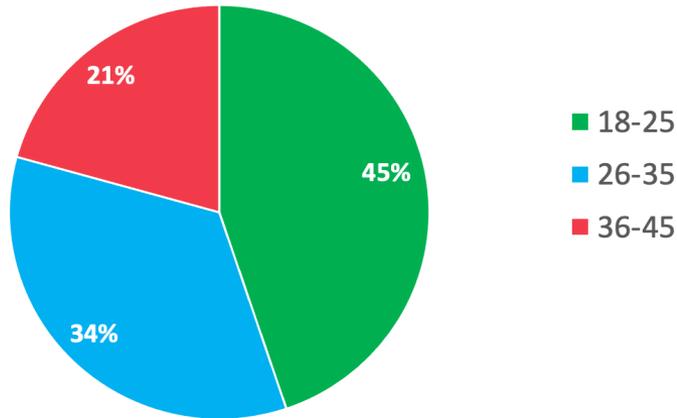
RESULTS OF THE PROGRAM

3 batches during May-August 2022

	1st batch	2nd batch	3rd batch	Total
Applied (all regions)	80	60	94	234
From target categories	45	40	52	137
Invited	40	40	52	132
Confirmed	26	27	36	89
Showed up	20	14	24	58
Came without registering	2	2	2	6
Swimming test and interview	21	16	24	61
Enrolled	20	16	24	60
Completed	19	15	21	55
<i>conversion from invited</i>	<i>45%</i>	<i>36%</i>	<i>39%</i>	<i>40%</i>
<i>conversion from enrolled</i>	<i>95%</i>	<i>94%</i>	<i>88%</i>	<i>92%</i>

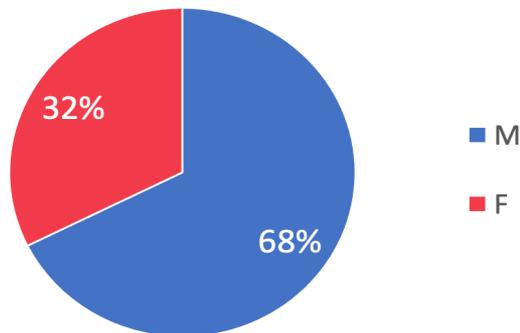
WHO WERE OUR STUDENTS?

Participants Age Distribution

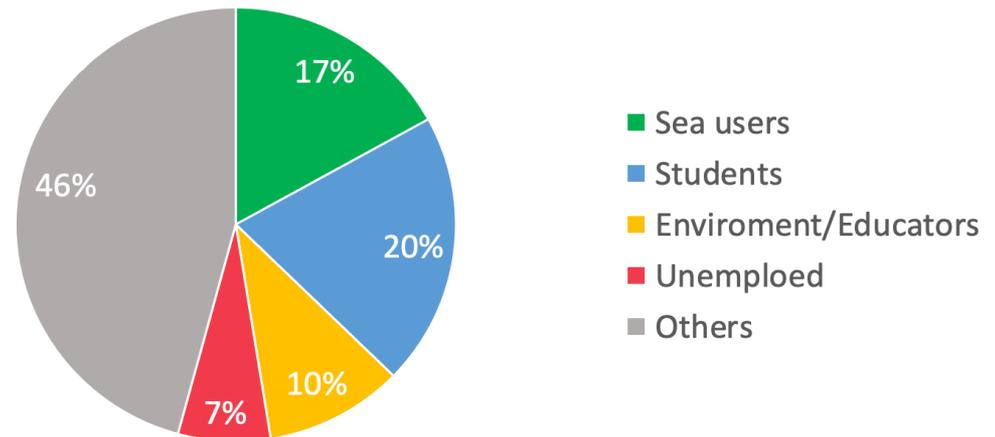


Average age:
28 years old

Participants gender ratio



Profession of participants



Assessment of participants' knowledge in the end of the programme

Diving exam (theory)

average score
81/100

Test about marine ecosystem and biodiversity of Mauritius

average score
20/25

Diving exam (practice)

51 student of 55
93%

60%
of students showed
very good or excellent
results

FEEDBACK OF THE PARTICIPANTS (47 responds from 55)

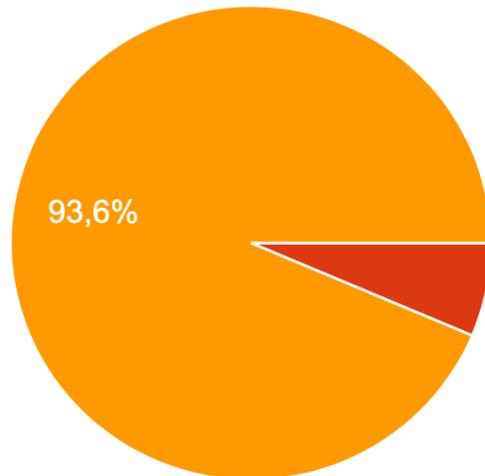
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IMPACT OF THE PROGRAM

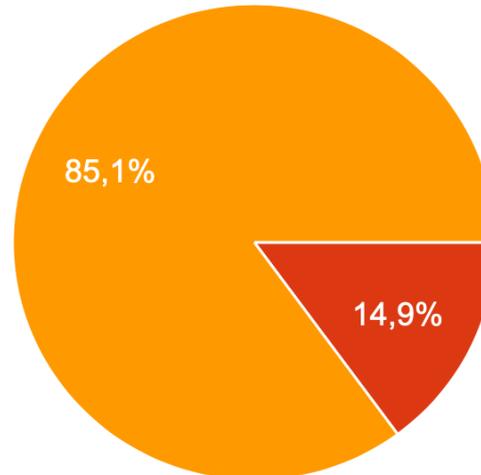
Were the elements of program useful for you?



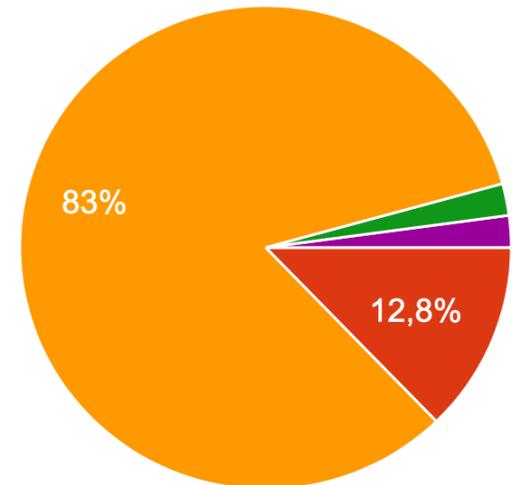
Scuba Diving Level 1



Marine ecosystems and biodiversity



Responsible whales and dolphins watching



- The lecture was very useful, I would use the knowledge I received
- Yes, I learnt something new
- No, it was useless and nothing new

- Was not present for the whale watching and for the above answer i needed to fill it because i will no be able to send the questionnaire.
- Could not benefit fully as i got ill on the boat.

Has your participation in the program had an impact on you?

I gained knowledge and a better understanding about marine ecosystems, biodiversity of Mauritius and human impact	79%
The programme changed my attitude and I will take better care of environment	72%
The program opened up new opportunities for me and I want to learn and develop the skills I gained further	79%
New skills will help me for my professional growth	64%
I made new friends and met like-minded people	81%
No, the programme has not changed anything for me	0%

98 %

of respondents
agreed that such
programmes
contribute to the
conservation of the
island's marine
ecosystems

100 %

of respondents agreed
that such programmes
are needed for local
communities

What would you like to change or add to the program?

Nothing	53%
More practice	17%
Diving Level 2	15%
Other activities after course, for example coral farming	13%

The programme has fully achieved its objectives:

All planned activities have been implemented:

- ✓ Theoretical and practical scuba diving sessions on CMAS Level 1 standards;
- ✓ A lecture on Constitution Law in Mauritius;
- ✓ An introduction to marine ecosystems and biodiversity in Mauritius;
- ✓ Whale-watching trip including lecture on sustainable and responsible eco-tourism.

The number of beneficiaries is 10% higher than planned.

PROGRAM IMPACT

We believe that the programme will have an impact in the short, medium and long term through:

- Involving local communities in the conservation and responsible use of natural resources;
- Transmission of the knowledge and principles of responsible attitude to younger generations through families;
- Uniting local communities;
- Providing a basis that opens up perspectives for participating in Blue Economy projects;
- Promoting aquatic activities among local communities as well as domestic tourism.

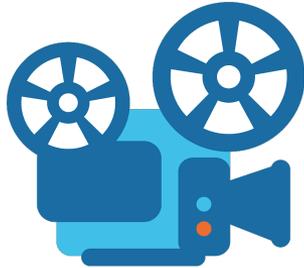
INSTEAD OF CONCLUSION

During the Program the participants were asked the question: what steps should be taken to protect the marine ecosystems in Mauritius? And the most popular answers were:

Improvement of law enforcement – 59 %

More educational programs for locals – 56 %

LET'S SEE HOW IT WAS!



1st batch <https://fb.watch/f33NDEar87/>

2nd batch <https://fb.watch/f33K-vTNHq/>

3rd batch <https://fb.watch/f33B7hBAnl/>





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THANK YOU!

