



Supporting the Economic Empowerment of the Artisanal Fishing Community of the Republic of Mauritius

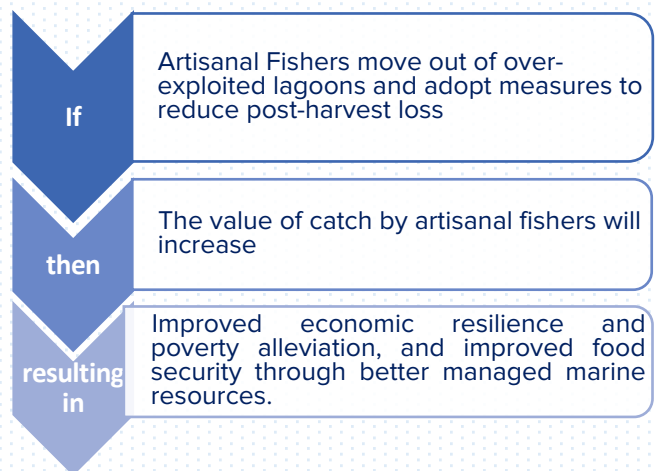
The European Union through a EUR 1 million grant will enable the artisanal fishers of the islands of Mauritius and Rodrigues to be more economically resilient.

The project aims to:

- Enable artisanal fishers to use best fishing practices for sustainable management of marine resources;
- Train artisanal fishers to operate environmentally friendly post-harvest fish processing plant;
- 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



Budget	2023	EUR 363,651
	Total	EUR 1,250,00 (inc. 250k from Government of Mauritius)
Period	2020 - 2024	

QUICK FACTS



Artisanal fishers on average earn **USD 140 per month** (2011, EU study) as compared to the **national average of USD 650/month**



14.5% of artisanal fishers in Mauritius are 60+ years of age, **8.5%** in Rodrigues



88.9% of artisanal fishers in Mauritius and **96.6%** in Rodrigues completed **only primary education**



Artisanal fish produce decreased from **892 tons in 2011** to **569 tons in 2017**

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OBJECTIVE

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



IMPLEMENTATION

This project is directly implemented by UNDP in partnership with the Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping in Mauritius and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly



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 containerised solar powered ice-making machine (4 in Mauritius and 1 in Rodrigues) installed to allow the artisanal fishers to secure efficient and sustainable cold chain of fish.
- 200 women and youth 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
- Rodrigues Regional Assembly
- Fisher Community

UNDP IN MAURITIUS

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