

MOL Mauritius International Fund for Natural Environment Recovery and Sustainability

Title of the Project

**A scientific approach for the conservation and restoration of Mauritius
Coral Reefs under the combined effects of climate change and marine
pollution**

Principal Investigator: Beatriz Estela CASARETO, Professor (GSST)

Introduction of the project

Primary executor of the Project:

Shizuoka University, Graduate School of Science and Technology (GSST), Dept. of Environment and Energy Systems. Laboratory of Biogeochemistry.

Principal Investigator: Beatriz Estela CASARETO, Professor (GSST); **Principal Co-Investigator:** Yoshimi SUZUKI, Appointed Professor (GSST).

Joint Organizations:

(1) University of Mauritius, Dept. of Biosciences & Ocean Studies, Fac. of Science & Pole of Research Excellence in Marine Biodiversity.

Principal Co-Investigators: Ranjeet BHAGOOLI, Associate Professor; Deepeeka KAULLYSING, Senior Lect. and Head of Dept.

(2) The Biodiversity and Environment Institute (BEI), **Principal Co-Investigator:** Dr. Arvind GOPEECHUND

Summary

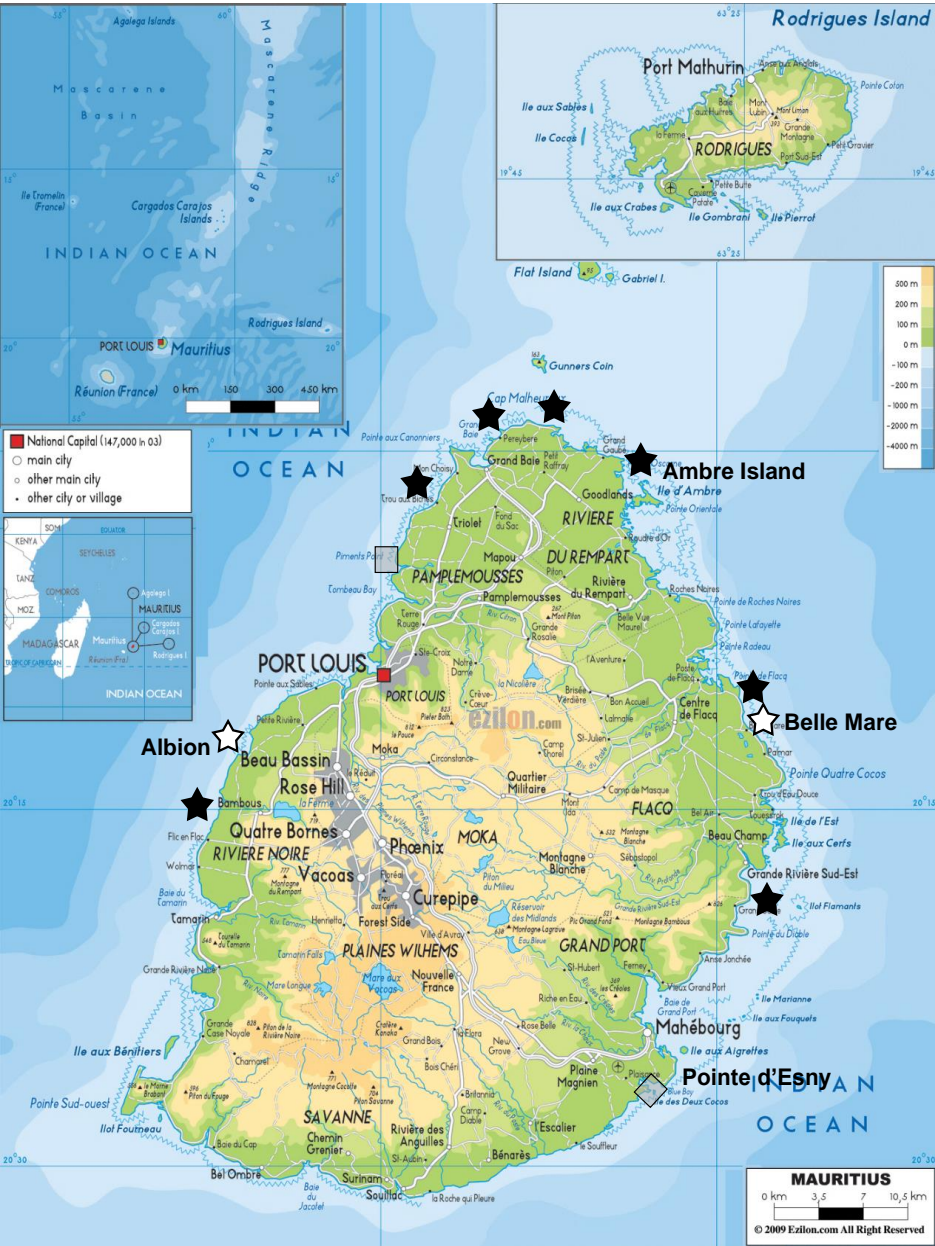
- Global climate changes are affecting coral reefs around the world, however, coral reefs in Mauritius showed tolerance with high recovery rates after massive coral bleaching events.
- Heat-tolerant corals, including some rare/endemic species, were already identified by Shizuoka University research team in Mauritius reefs.
- However, after the grounding of the MV Wakashio on the coast of Mauritius in July 2020, the spilled oil caused coral bleaching due to toxicity from oil chemicals and excessive sedimentation.
- The question is: Can the corals in Mauritius be resilient to this new disturbance in combination with the ongoing global warming scenario?
- Physiological responses of corals to these new stressors in combination with the ongoing warming scenario will be studied applying innovative techniques on molecular biology and field surveys in collaboration with the **University of Mauritius, BEI, and other NGOs**.
- We will strongly focus on the education and training of students, young researchers, and the participation of citizens.
- The final goal is to create consciousness among the Mauritius citizens to protect and help the recovery of their reefs for the future of their economy.

Why this study and what outputs

- In Mauritius there is a serious lack of in-depth scientific studies on the impacts on corals and their physiological responses
- we will investigate the eco-physiological impacts on corals of Mauritius reefs using field surveys and coral incubations in the laboratory applying innovative techniques on coral molecular biology, together with the study of biogeochemical indicators in the field.
- One of our main goals is to provide Mauritius' scientists and citizens with enough knowledge and training to develop eco-physiological studies that are at present very scarce in Mauritius.
- collaboration with BEI will guarantee the participation of Mauritius citizens
- the study will provide scientific data that can further be applied in future reef recovery programs.

Research Plan

- (1) **Field surveys** will be performed in four selected reef sites with different perturbation levels: **Belle Mare** and around **Ambre Island** on the East coast, and Albion on the West coast. Since **Pointe d'Esny** (site near Wakashio grounding) is now close to surveys, we propose to study the site if surveys are allowed in the future.
- (2) **Experimental approach** using coral incubations to evaluate physiological responses to stressors (high seawater temperature, high irradiance, turbidity, effect of hydrocarbons and pollutants) alone or in combination.
- (3) **Capacity building** throughout the education and training of students, young researchers, and citizens.
- (4) **Outputs from the studies** will be delivered to Mauritius citizens through open lectures, field trips, and common media (newspapers and TV news)



★ Rare / Endemic corals
 ☆ Heat resistant corals*
 □ Marine park
 *identified by SU research team

Summary of Activities during the 2022 fiscal year

Month	Activities for the reporting period(Please list all the activities carried out or will carry out during this Year) -Describe any differences from the original plan-		
April	discussions for detailed schedule and research plan		
May		Post doctor student from UoM stay at SU (CASARETO lab.)	
June	Preliminary survey by UoM	for studies on primary productivity and piconanoplankton	
July		under the UNESCO-Obuchi fund, including field trip to Okinawa	
August			Capacity building: On line lectures, guidance for
September	discussions on results of preliminary survey		paper writing, corrections of students manuscripts,
October	Preparation of two manuscript for publication		review of collected data,
November	(UoM team out of laboratory for surveys on board "Price Albert of Monaco"around Mascarene Islands). Joint survey was moved to December		discussion with studners after workshop
December	Monitoring by SU, UoM and BEI at Albion reef.	lecture of pico-nanoplankton studies (excercise on methods and protocols)	
January	Workshop "Coral Reef in Warming Ocean" (CRWO) at UoM on December 8, 2022		
February	Survey by SU, UoM and BEI at Belle Mare and Ille D'ambre. In-door Coral incubation experiments. Workshop "Coral Reefs Eco-Physiology" (CREP2023) at UoM		preparation of Report
March-April	Measurements and data analysis		

Workshop: Coral Reef in a Warming Ocean (Dec 8, 2022)



Welcome address by the Dean of Faculty of Science, Prof. M. BHOWON (UoM)



Opening address by the Guest of Honor Mrs. M. S. KOONJUL, Director of Fisheries, Ministry of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping



Presentation by Prof. Beatriz E. CASARETO (SU) : New aspects of coral physiology under the climate change scenario



Donation of JUNIOR PULSE AMPLITUDE-MODULATED (J-PAM) fluorometer to UoM by Prof. BE Casareto & Prof. Suzuki, (SU) to The Dean of Faculty if Science (UoM) in the presence of the Counsellor at Japan Embassy Mr. Daisuke NAKAJIMA



Workshop: Coral Reefs eco-physiology (April 28, 2023)

University of Mauritius
 (Pole of Research Excellence-Sustainable Marine Biodiversity
 and
 Dept Biosciences & Ocean Studies, FoS)
 &
 Shizuoka University, Japan
 (in collaboration with The Biodiversity and Environment Institute)

Workshop on "Coral Reefs Eco-Physiology 2023" (CREP2023)
 (through the support of the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research -KAKENHI- (B) of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), and the MOL Mauritius International Fund for Natural Environment Recovery and Sustainability)

28th April 2023 from 08:00 to 15:30

Venue: Lecture Theatre II, UoM Réduit Campus



Welcome address by Dean of Faculty of Science, Ass. Prof Dr. Yannick D. Tangman



Opening address by His Excellency Mr. KAWAGUCHI Shuichiro, the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to Mauritius (TBC)



Presentation by Prof. Dr. Beatriz E. CASARETO: Role of Endolithic Community in the Coral Physiology

Joint Survey

Belle Mare



Joint SU and UoM field trip at Belle Mare



Plankton sampling



Coral sampling



Pavona decussata



Pocillopora verrucosa



Fungia sp.

Sampling point	Belle-Mare Stn.BM1	Belle-Mare Stn.BM2
Sampling time	11:46-12:16	13:19-13:38
Sensor Measurement	11:54-12:16	13:23-13:38
NO ₃ ($\mu\text{M-N}$)	0.970 \pm 0.024	5.074 \pm 0.098
NO ₂ ($\mu\text{M-N}$)	0.131 \pm 0.009	0.213 \pm 0.002
NH ₄ ($\mu\text{M-N}$)	0.820 \pm 0.153	0.932 \pm 0.056
PO ₄ ($\mu\text{M-P}$)	0.108 \pm 0.008	0.074 \pm 0.015
SiO ₂ ($\mu\text{M-S}$)	5.385 \pm 0.145	15.730 \pm 0.322
POC ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	38.1 \pm 0.3	40.3 \pm 0.6
PON ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	7.6 \pm 0.1	8.1 \pm 0.1

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Sampling time	11:46-12:16	13:19-13:38
Sensor Measurement	11:54-12:16	13:23-13:38
Light intensity ($\mu\text{mol/m}^2/\text{s}$)	1231 \pm 659	486 \pm 259
Water temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$)	29.46 \pm 0.03	30.06 \pm 0.15

Joint Survey

Ille D'ambre-Grand Goube



Joint SU and UoM field trip at Ille D'ambre-Grand Goube

MINISTRY OF AGRO INDUSTRY & FOOD SECURITY
National Parks & Conservation Service (NPCS)
Réduit

In reply please quote NP 40/CITES section 27th April 2023

To: Dr Deepeeka Kaulysing,
Faculty of Science,
University of Mauritius, Reduit
MAURITIUS

Dear Madam,

CITES PERMIT 2023

Further to your request, please find enclosed original and duplicate of the CITES permits from MU 230276 to MU 230282.

It would be appreciated if the duplicate copies with "Exp./Imp. Endorsement" section duly completed and endorsed by a Customs Officer could be returned to this office **within 15 days of exportation of the consignment.**

You may wish to contact the undersigned for any further information.

Yours faithfully,

V. Ragoobeer (Mr)
For Director
National Parks and Conservation Service
For SCE

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Email: npc@govmu.org

REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

CITES CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

Permit under Section 25 of Native Terrestrial Biodiversity and National Parks Act 2015

Permit No. MU 230276
 DUPLICATE
 Permit/Certificate Type EXPORT PERMIT
 Valid to 26.10.2023

Comsignee: Professor Boazis Ezzola Casarini, Graduate School of Science and Technology (Environment Energy and System Division), Shizuoka University, Japan

Permittee: Dr Deepeeka Kaulysing, Faculty of Science, University of Mauritius, Reduit MAURITIUS

Country of Destination: JAPAN

MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY: National Parks and Conservation Service, Ministry of Agro-Industry & Food Security, Réduit, Mauritius. Tel: +230 464 2993, 464 4053

Special Conditions: None

NOTE: For live animals, this permit or certificate is only valid if the transport conditions conform to the Guidelines for transport of live animals or, in the case of air transport, to the IATA Live Animals regulations.

Purpose of the Transaction	Code	5
Scientific Name (Genus and Species)	Description of part or derivative (Age/sex if live)	Dead corals transported on dry ice
Common Name	App. No.	Source
Quantity (No. of specimens or net weight - kg)	Total exported/Quota	N/A
Country of Origin	Original Permit No.	Valid to date
Country of last Re-export	Re-export Cert. No.	Valid to date
Operation No.**	N/A	Date of acquisition***

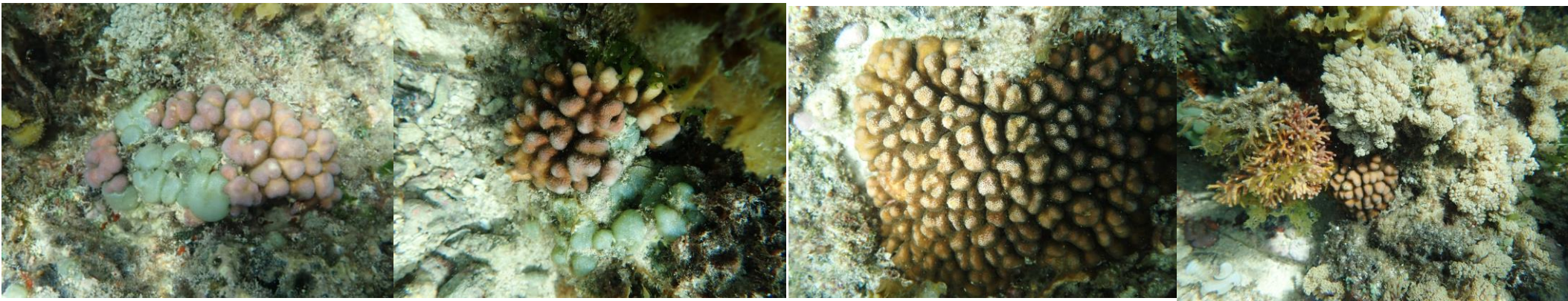
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Actual quantity exported	Place	Date	Officer's Signature
Perisance Airport, Mauritius	24/04/23		

Add. Samples are sent for research purposes and collected at Belle Mare.



Four different morphotypes of the coral *Stylophora* sp.

Capacity building: research and education of young scientists

Post Doctor short-term training under UNESCO / KEIZO OBUCHI RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME
Japan Young Researchers' fellowships programme (2019 Cycle)

Awardee: **Dr. Soondur Mouneshwar**
Country of Residence: Republic of Mauritius
Study period: 1st May 2022 – 1st August 2022
Field of Research: Environment (with particular emphasis on Disaster risk education)
Title of Research: Functioning of Coral Reefs Ecosystem in Mauritius Island with a Particular Focus on the Primary Production, Nitrogen Fixation, and the Availability of Pico/Nano Plankton as the Main Food Source for the Scleractinian Corals
Host Institute: Graduate School of Science and Technology Shizuoka University, Japan.
Supervisor: Professor: Casareto Beatriz Estela



Fieldwork at Sesoko Island Okinawa

Lecture at Mauritius University

- practical lecture on the protocols for pico-nanoplankton sample treatment and microscopic observation (Dec. 5, 2022 from 13:00 – 19:00)

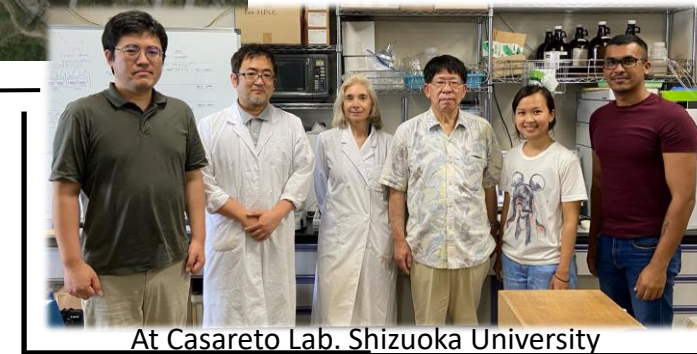


Donation of PAM, and provision of a fluorescence microscope

- Donation of JUNIOR PULSE AMPLITUDE-MODULATED (J-PAM) fluorometer to UoM by Prof. BE Casareto & Prof. Suzuki, (SU) to The Dean of Faculty of Science (UoM) during the workshop CRWO (December 8, 2022)

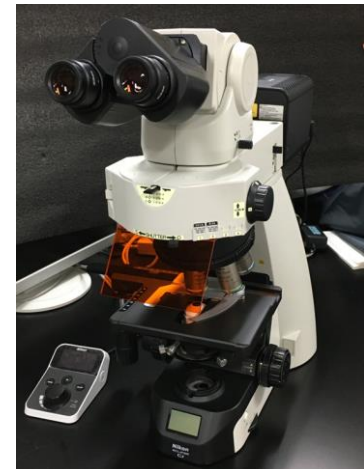


J-PAM



At Casareto Lab. Shizuoka University

- Purchased Fluorescence Microscope (NIKON Eclipse Ci-L plus) to be settled at the laboratory of the Faculty of Science (UoM) during the 2023 fiscal year for studies on picoplankton and coral cellular physiology. Lectures on microscopic observation and sample preparation will be delivered during 2023 fiscal year.



NIKON Eclipse Ci-L plus

Capacity Building: scientific and Social Impact

Joint publications and International Symposium (ICRS) presentations

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Photo-physiology of healthy-looking and diseased/health-compromised hard corals from Mauritius Island, Western Indian Ocean

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Abstract. Jogee SY, Jeetun S, Ricot M, Taleb-Hossekhnan N, Mattan-Moorgawa S, Kaulysing D, Riemann P, Blanc L, Casareto BE, Suzuki Y, Bhagooli R. 2023. Photo-physiology of healthy-looking and diseased/health-compromised hard corals from Mauritius Island, Western Indian Ocean. *Indo Pac J Ocean Life* 7: 27-37. The spatial photo-physiological responses of in hospite zooxanthellae in hard corals, including coenosarc and polyps, healthy-looking and affected parts in four coral diseases, namely Brown Band, Black Band, Skeletal Eroding Band and White Band on the coral *Acropora muricata*, and two health-compromised conditions such as the Pink Pigmentation Response and its differentiated morphology, the Pink Line Syndrome, on the coral *Porites* were investigated using the Imaging-PAM fluorometry. A significantly lower F_v/F_m was observed in case of Black Band, White Band, Brown Band and Pink Pigmentation Response affected parts compared to the healthy-looking parts. The F_v/F_m had the highest decline in Brown Band disease. Both the polyps and coenosarc had significantly lower F_v/F_m in White Band and Brown Band diseased parts compared to their healthy-looking parts. The F_{TR} was not changed significantly between diseased/health-compromised parts and healthy-looking parts. NP_{max} declined significantly in White Band, Black Band and Pink Pigmentation Response cases, α and β generally did not tend to be affected in diseased/health-compromised conditions. The photo-physiology of in hospite zooxanthellae was least affected in Pink Line Syndrome. These findings suggest that diseased/health-compromised parts of corals behave differently in terms of their photo-physiology in different diseased and health-compromised coral conditions in important reef-building corals species such as *A. muricata* and *Porites* species, with important implications for the productivity and thus adaptive management of coral reefs in a globally warming ocean.

Keywords: Black Band, Brown Band, Imaging-PAM fluorometry, polyps, Skeletal Eroding Band, White Band disease

Media coverage



MBC TV interviewed Prof. Beatriz E. CASARETO. (Dec. 8, 2022). Important sections of the workshop (CRWO2022) on December 8, 2022, were released to TV audience on the evening News of December 8

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Rainfall-driven nutrient loading affects coastal phytoplankton in the southwestern Indian Ocean: a lagoon at Mauritius Island

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This study aimed to test the effects of rainfall-driven nutrient loading on the microphytoplankton dynamics in the shallow water at Trou aux Biches lagoon on the northwest coast of Mauritius. Changes in density, diversity and estimated productivity of microphytoplankton were monitored in three zones—coast, lagoon and reef—during two rainfall periods of 4 and 3 days' duration, respectively, in March–April 2017. The average nutrient loading from terrestrial runoff was 15.5%, and the salinity decreased by 2.5%. Following the two rainfall events, a 3-fold increase in total microphytoplankton density (TMD), with a dominance of diatoms, was noted within a week at the coast and

4 lundi 12 décembre 2022

Point et interrogation

Transcendant et renversant !

Keywords: transport

Quitar 2022 avait démarré sous des signes peu envieux. Le sort des travailleurs étrangers, en particulier ceux venus du Bangladesh, pour construire des infrastructures en plein décollage pour accueillir des matches de la Coupe du Monde continue à hanter l'État.

Et ce n'est pas fini. Avec la nouvelle tournée dans ce dossier au sein du Parlement européen...

Ce développement à Bruxelles, bien loin du Qatar, intervient à la veille de la phase critique de la Coupe du Monde entamée sa semaine cruciale, soit la route vers la finale. Les reporters ont à craindre d'autant plus que les autorités locales...

Comme symbole de la détermination de la lutte contre la fraude et la corruption, il ne pouvait y avoir mieux.

En une fraction de seconde, la Russie a illustré de manière irrémédiable la Planète Folle. À la 45e minute du match Portugal/Mexique pour une place dans le dernier carré du globe mondial...

Cette 42e minute du troisième quart de finale de Qatar 2022 a été marquée par un événement qui a marqué l'histoire de la football mondial.

Le voyageur de l'histoire du geste de la gouvernance de mouvement et de la volonté de réussir se trouvent dans ce but de la victoire.

Après l'histoire, cette dernière et ce coup de tête, notant le ballon dans le filet de la forêt de tout un chacun qui se dit «Dit ça».

Depuis cette 42e minute, jusqu'à ce jour, l'histoire est en marche. Les joueurs de la Planète Folle ont continué à pousser la Planète Folle à l'extrême.

Cette victoire de Marac, qui ne souffre d'aucune contestation, est le résultat d'un jeu qui a été joué avec une intensité et une précision qui ont permis de gagner la Coupe du Monde.

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Obeegado sacrifié sur l'autel de

Le tirage au sort des PQ de mercredi dernier en vue de la 33e séance annoncée de ce mardi avait favorisé Obeegado, qui a été sacrifié sur l'autel de la Commission anti-corruption.

Les autres interpellations sur les 65 dépositaires portant sur la politique des prix des carburants et le scandale des permis d'entraîneur de chevaux de la GFA.

L'ajournement des travaux de l'Assemblée nationale au 28 mars prochain, après 16 semaines de vacances en début d'année, a été critiqué dans le cadre de l'opposition.

Le premier à être confondu par l'appareil au 28 mars prochain est celui de la banque de l'opposition, Naveen Bockary.

Quand le ministre Naveen Bockary a été confondu par l'appareil au 28 mars prochain, il a été accusé de fraude.

Quand il est passé entre les mains de la justice, il a été accusé de fraude.

Le ministre Naveen Bockary a été accusé de fraude.

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Investigating the impacts of Skeletal Eroding Band and Growth Anomalies on the photophysiology and skeletal morphology of *Acropora muricata*

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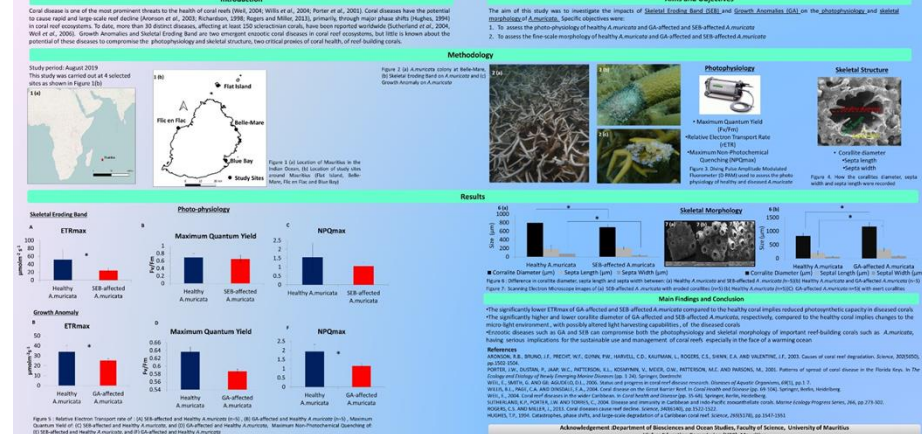


Figure 1. Marine Ecosystem Health of *Acropora muricata* (n=30) in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* (n=30) in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (a) Map of Mauritius showing the location of the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (b) Map of the Trou aux Biches lagoon showing the location of the sampling sites. (c) Map of the Trou aux Biches lagoon showing the location of the sampling sites. (d) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (e) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (f) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (g) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (h) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (i) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (j) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (k) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (l) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (m) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (n) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (o) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (p) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (q) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (r) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (s) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (t) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (u) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (v) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (w) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (x) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (y) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon. (z) Bar chart showing the maximum quantum yield (MQY) of *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon and healthy *Acropora muricata* in the Trou aux Biches lagoon.

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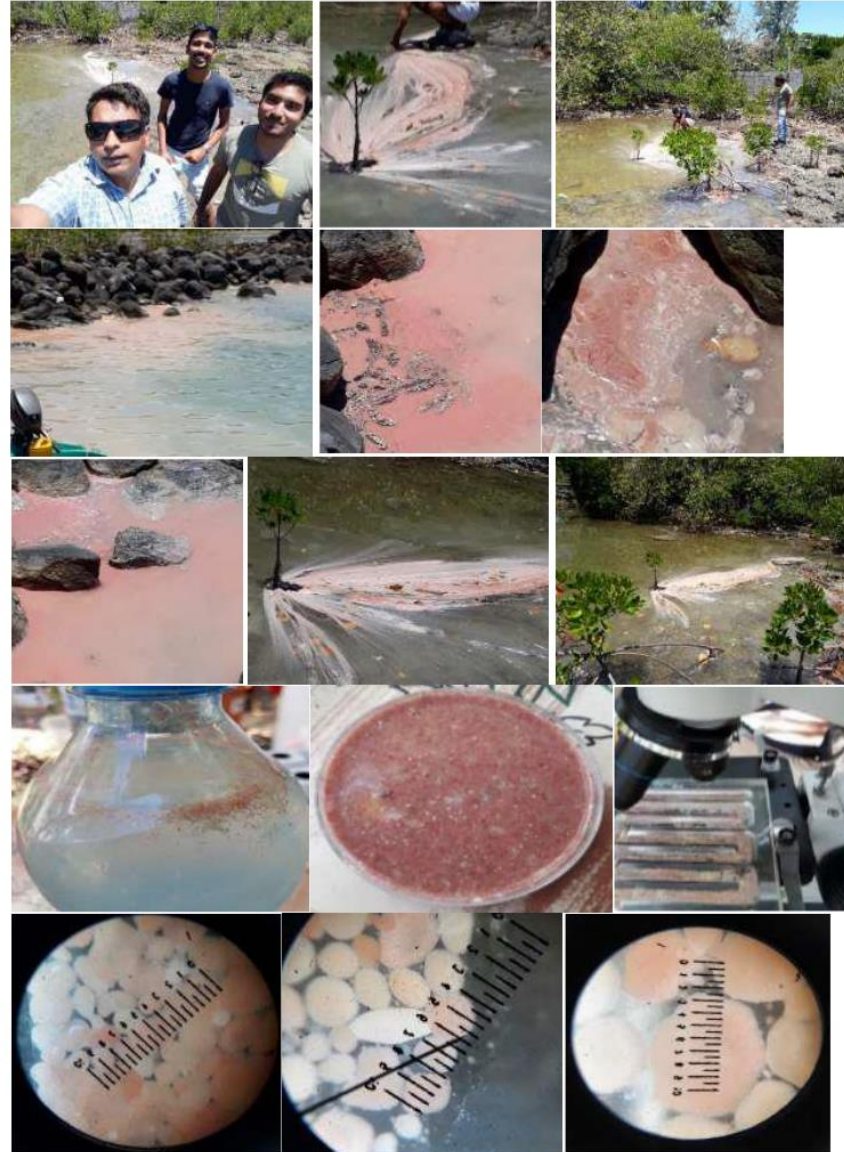
• The Newspaper **Le Mauricien** interviewed Dr. R. Bhagooli on Dec 12, 2022. Important sections of the workshop (CRWO2022) on December 8, 2022, were released to TV audience on the evening News of December 8

BEI and UoM Field trip activities with citizens

1. Training of youth/volunteers on coral observations and sample pictures for educational materials (Belle Mare June 8th 2022)



2. Coral Spawning Observation at Pointe D'Esny on 25th November 2022



3. BEI participants at the Poste La Fayette public beach observing some mangrove-like trees and seagrasses (18th December 2022)



Plan for the 2023 fiscal year

Month	Activities for the reporting period(Please list all the activities carried out or will carry out during this Year) -Describe any differences from the original plan-	
April	Discussion for detailed schedule and research plan	
May	On line lectures	
June	Field monitoring by UoM and BEI	Attendance of 5th APCRS Singapore
July	Training UoM scientists at SU	
August		
September	Data analysis	On line lectures
October	Joint Field survey Su, UoM and BEI	Workshop
November	Data analysis for report	
December		
January (Plan)*	Preparation of Interim report	
February (Plan)*	Joint Field survey Su, UoM and BEI	Workshop
March (Plan)*	Data analysis and manuscript writing	