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A giant step towards saving the Mauritius Fody



*Male Mauritius Fody on Ile aux Aigrettes
Photo: Jacques de Speville*

The Mauritius Fody is a small endemic passerine which feeds on insects, fruits and nectar. It forms long term breeding pairs, lives and nests in trees. The male's head and neck turn bright red during the breeding season. It is different from the Madagascar Fody, which is commonly seen in our towns and villages and with a population running into tens of thousands. On the other hand, the Mauritius Fody can be found only in the Black River Gorges National Park and surrounding areas and on Ile aux Aigrettes.

First declared threatened by BirdLife International in 1988, the species was classed as 'Critically Endangered', the highest threat level, in 1994. Surveys in 2000 showed the Mauritius Fody to number about 100 pairs. In 2001, the Mauritian Wildlife

Foundation (MWF) started a recovery programme to prevent further decline and save the bird from extinction.

The MWF planned a daring project to create a sub-population on the predator free island of Ile aux Aigrettes while still monitoring the Black River Gorges population. In 2002, eggs and chicks were rescued from Pigeon Wood, an area close to Bassin Blanc. Eggs were hatched and young birds raised in captivity at the Gerald Durrell Endemic Wildlife Sanctuary in Black River and through several releases, a population of 51 Mauritius Fodies was established on Ile aux Aigrettes by March 2005. We now have a population of around 200 birds on this nature reserve. A major objective was achieved in 2009, when the species was downlisted from 'Critically Endangered' to 'Endangered', as a result of its successful conservation on Ile aux Aigrettes. However, attempts to create a safety population on Round Island has not been successful.



In 2014, following a survey carried out on the mainland, MWF concluded that the Mauritius Fody population had remained stable on the mainland since 1993.

These birds can be sighted in the region neighbouring Alexandra Falls, Pigeon Wood (Plaine Paul), Les Mares and Petrin. MWF's future plans are to create other Mauritius Fody subpopulations (e.g. on Flat Island), to undertake research on the genetic diversity of the species, manage the mainland Mauritius population, with the aim to further downlist the bird from 'Endangered' to 'Vulnerable'; which would be another milestone in its preservation. MWF is grateful to the HSBC, Chester Zoo (U.K.), the National Parks and Conservation Service and the Forestry Service, for believing in this rescue operation and for their active participation in saving this national treasure.

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In 2005, HSBC donated Rs 800,000 to support the Mauritius Fody, and their financial support has not stopped. By 2016, nearly Rs 10 m would have been donated by HSBC, towards protecting and saving this beautiful unique endemic bird from extinction.

Photo: Dr Vikash Tatayah and Mrs Deborah de Chazal, (MWF) at a press conference on Ile aux Aigrettes, signing the agreement with HSBC's CEO, Mr Alastair Bryce and Mrs Giovanna Viscione - Photo: HSBC

Mauritius Kestrels on view at Ferney Valley



Individuals in training; from top to bottom: Male named Pepito, female named Pepita and juvenile named Ronja

The Mauritius Kestrel nearly disappeared completely in the 70's and earned itself the title of not only the rarest bird of prey in the world but the rarest bird. But following 40 years of conservation work there are now around 400 Mauritius Kestrel's living in the Black River Gorges National Park and the Bambous Mountains. If you know where to go and what is the right time of day you might be fortunate to see one of these iconic birds glide over your head as you walk down a forest path, but it is not certain. So it is an exciting prospect to know that now, if you visit the Ferney Valley and arrive just before noon, you have a very good chance of seeing a close up view of Pepita and Pepito swooping down to collect food from one of the Ferney guides.

Kestrels had been reintroduced to the valley in 1987, in 2006 the valley was open to the public and in 2013 MWF signed an MOU with Ferney to re-introduce other species of birds which had disappeared from this forest. Later that year MWF agreed to collaborate on the enhancement of the educational resources of the valley. Feeding Kestrels to enable them to be seen at close quarters by visitors was part of this enhancement and the fulfillment of a MWF 'dream' conceived many years before.

In November 2013 a MWF Kestrel trainer began working with

Pepita and Pepito. The pair of Kestrels had nested quite close to the arena identified for their feeding, a natural amphitheatre bordered by trees. Over the next weeks the birds got used to Anna and realized that she was a source of easy food which didn't try to escape when they flew after it. Little by little Anna trained them until the pair would take food from her hand and they learnt that the food would appear regularly at one time of the day, 12 noon. They were especially interested in this easy source of food as they had three chicks to feed, and as the chicks fledged, one of them, Ronja, joined in the feeding and became part of the show.

Anna's next task was to train the Ferney guides to take over the feeding and this was done over the course of many weeks where each day a guide would come to feed the Kestrels under Anna's supervision until they were confident that the Kestrels would come down to take food from their hand when they whistled and called for them. The guides were also trained to present the Kestrels to the visitors and explain how they had nearly disappeared forever from Mauritius, were reintroduced to the Valley, their habits and how they are followed carefully by the MWF scientists. Finally Anna departed having handed over the responsibility to the Ferney guides confident that they would continue to feed the Kestrels regularly, each day, at midday.



VISIT THE FERNEY VALLEY
To visit the Ferney Valley and view the Kestrel feeding, please telephone 6340440

Male Mauritius Kestrel taking food from the trainer's hand.



The amazing recovery of the Rodrigues Fody and Rodrigues Warbler



A Rodrigues Warbler - Photo: Jacques de Spéville

The Rodrigues Fody and Rodrigues Warbler are the only remaining endemic birds of Rodrigues. They have been downlisted to 'Near Threatened' as they occupy a tiny range and remain susceptible to unpredictable events and the impacts of introduced species, although their numbers are increasing.

Once abundant on the island, the Rodrigues Fody was nearly driven to extinction with only 5 or 6 pairs remaining by 1968. By April 1983, it had re-

covered to about 110 birds on the island's northern slopes. Populations have increased in line with the recovery and expansion of native and exotic woodland and its numbers rose to between 900 and 1200 individuals by 1999. By 2010 the total population had grown rapidly to between 4,000-8,000 birds.

Also initially very common on Rodrigues, the warbler declined dramatically until 1979, when only eight pairs and a singleton were recorded. Since 1982, however, numbers have been increasing progressively and in 1999, the warbler population was estimated at some 150 individuals. Surveys up to 2004, suggested no significant change. But in 2012, the warbler population had risen rapidly to over 4,000 individuals including some 2700 mature individuals. This population trend is still on the increase.

The main threat to these species was the destruction of the forest habitat as land is cleared for subsistence farming and livestock. Other threats are the black rat which is a predator of eggs and chicks and competition for food supply from introduced birds like the Madagascar Fody. The recent absence of catastrophic cyclones coupled with habitat protection and reforestation have been key to the recovery of these species. Much reforestation has involved exotic trees while native ecosystem rehabilitation is under way at Grande Montagne and Anse Quitor. There has also been an accompanying public awareness campaign.

Awareness campaign: Drawing competition and 2015 calendar



1st prize. Drawing of the Rodrigues Fody by Marie Lisa Kimberley Brasse

The *Rodrigues Environment Education Programme (REEP)* run by MWF organised a drawing competition with the theme of birds and bats of Rodrigues for standard 5 pupils on 30 July 2014 at the Senior Citizen Centre of Mount Lubin. The prize giving ceremony took place on the 1 August. 8 drawings were selected to feature in a 2015 calendar. This initiative will promote interest in our conservation efforts in Rodrigues and the natural environment. The competition has benefited from CSR support of Fondation GML Joseph Lagesse / GML Think Green. Prizes totalling MUR 15, 000 were offered to the 8 winners. Marie Lisa Kimberley Brasse from Araucaria Community Government School won the first prize.

Gabriel d'Argent, MWF's botanist turns 90



*Gabriel d'Argent leading a visit of Mondrain
Photo: Caroline Victoire*

Mr Gabriel d'Argent was born on 17 July 1924 in Union Vale. His father worked at the electricity company at Tamarind Falls, and his mother was a house-wife. He had 3 brothers and 3 sisters. He went to primary school at Glen Park up to 'la Petite Bourse'. Gabriel grew up amidst nature and learnt about plants and animals from Mr Brunette, a local forester, who he followed everywhere. Hearing the call of nature at a very early age, a career in forestry appealed to him and joined the Forestry Service at the age of 17. His duty brought him to several places eg Camp Thorel, Plaine Sophie, Gouly, Mare Longue. Regrettably, he witnessed the logging of

native forest during his career, which was conducted at an accelerated pace.

He was married to Rita Cadet, of Reunionese origin, and they raised 3 children. Gabriel climbed the ranks of the Forestry Service from Forest Guard to Forest Inspector. He met the eminent Dr Reginald Vaughan in the early 1970s, and became an assiduous student of the latter. Gabriel cycled between Plaine Sophie and Phoenix, where Dr Vaughan lived, to study botany. Dr Vaughan taught Gabriel plant identification and ecology and they became very close colleagues. Gabriel became a well versed forest ecologist and was a reference to endless researchers and visitors, which he is to this day.

Gabriel retired from the Forestry Service in 1984 at the age of 60. That same year, he received the Queen Elizabeth II Certificate and Badge of Honour and joined the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation. In 1982, he had met Wendy Strahm (one of the founders of the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation in 1984) who was a Plant Conservationist of the World Wildlife Fund seconded to the Forestry Service. He was instrumental in supporting Wendy's work in Mauritius to relocate rare plants, create Conservation Management Areas (CMA's - native patches of forest fenced against deer and pigs and weeded of invasive alien species) eg Brise Fer, Mare Longue, Petrin, Florin, and improve the management of Nature Reserves (Ile aux Aigrettes, Perrier, Vaughan's Plot) and private forests (Emile Serries, Mondrain). Gabriel has been intensively in-

involved with the restoration of the Mondrain reserve, an area owned by the Medine Sugar Estate, and previously leased to the Royal Society of Arts and Science. Gabriel has, on behalf of MWF, worked tirelessly, most often on his own to restore this reserve, which is a gem in our floral landscapes and inseparable from himself.

Gabriel enjoys good health, cycling several kms to Mondrain four times a week, and has a very sharp memory for dates, plants and their locations. He is often referred to as a 'living encyclopaedia'. He has been a trainer for several local and international botanists who are now in key positions in Mauritius and abroad. He continues to train the future generation of botanists to this day. He is a great narrator and shares his knowledge freely to researchers, and is highly respected for his wisdom and work ethics. He has co-authored or supported several key publications, in particular what is now a reference for conservationists – the Page and d'Argent report (1997).

As Gabriel celebrated his 90th birthday and a 30 year career with MWF this year, he has also been appointed by the President of the Missouri Botanical Garden, Dr Peter Wyse-Jackson, to the prestigious position of 'Research Associate', in recognition of his valuable collaboration and outstanding contribution to botany and conservation in Mauritius during all those years.

To the rescue of the Mauritius Cuckoo-shrike



A Mauritius Cuckoo-shrike—Photo: Jacques de Spéville



The Dodo Trail 2014 made a Rs 100,000 donation to this project. Photo: Ricky Lightfoot, (3rd from left) winner of the 50km with the organisers. Photo from www.maurice-info.mu

The Mauritian Wildlife Foundation (MWF) has been working on a population census of endemic passerines since September 2011. The species concerned were the Mauritius Fody, the Mauritius Olive White-eye, the Mauritius Paradise Flycatcher, the Mauritius Black Bulbul and the Mauritius Cuckoo-shrike. This study, which has just been completed, aimed to assess the population size and distribution of these birds so that actions could be taken if numbers of birds were declining.

The survey established that the population of Mauritius Fody of around 300 birds has remained stable but the Mauritius Olive White-eye numbering around 200 on the

mainland is declining. The conservation programmes for the Mauritian passerines are still ongoing, both on mainland and on Ile aux Aigrettes. The census also shows that our forests are home to about 600 Mauritius Paradise Flycatchers and around 650 Mauritius Bulebuls, both stable populations although not numerous.

However, the population of the Mauritius Cuckoo-shrike had declined dramatically from a previous population estimate of 500–1000 birds to only 100-250 individuals. Urgent action was thus necessary to reverse the decline of this species. MWF has set-up a captive breeding programme, the first phase being the harvesting of eggs

and chicks from nests found in the Black River Gorges National Park, where the bird is presently distributed. The birds will then be raised at the Gerald Durrell Endemic Wildlife Sanctuary located in Black River village, and will then be reintroduced to the forest. Rats are predators of chicks and eggs, and captive breeding increases the chances of survival of the species by reducing the risk of predation. This ambitious project will once again be a collaboration between the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation, the Government of Mauritius, the private sector and international conservation institutions.

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IUCN Red List Assessor Training and Assessment Workshop



Participants to the course

The red-list assessment of Mauritian plants has been recognized as a priority. It is one of the main objectives of the Mascarene Islands Plant Specialist Group for the quadrennium 2013-2016. Plant red-listing allows assessments of rarity and threats to species, and hence, the urgency and scope of conservation interventions. It is therefore an important management and policy tool.

The red-listing of endemic plants of Reunion has been completed, and this was part of an assessment of plants of the Republic of France. The plants of Rodrigues have also been red-listed (Strahm 1989), but there is a need to review this assessment in light of the significant conservation work conducted on Rodrigues since this publication and some new discoveries of plant individuals and populations.

Mauritius has some 671 native and endemic plants. In 1997, 750 endemic plants of Mauritius and Rodrigues were assessed. In 2005 and 2006, 52% of the endemic flora of Mauritius (excluding strict Rodrigues endemic plants) and the rarer Mascarene endemic plants were again assessed through the National Threatened Plants Committee. A comprehensive and up-to-date assessment has yet to be conducted. It is a priority to officially complete the assessment of native and endemic plants of Mauritius and update that for Rodrigues. To achieve this, an International Union for the Conservation of Nature Red-List Assessor Training course was organized on 16 and 17 October 2014, with trainers from the Missouri Botanical Garden, USA, Drs George Schatz and James Miller. The course regrouped mainly members of the Mascarene Islands Plant Specialist Group from Mauritius and Rodrigues, and aimed to bring about a common understanding of the latest

principles and processes of red-listing of plants, clarify any misunderstandings, and foster a collaborative spirit amongst all stakeholders. Botanists from governmental, non-governmental and private institutions actively collaborated in this initiative.

Following the red-list training, families of Mauritian endemic plants were (re)-assessed systematically by relevant field botanists during a four day 'Assessment Workshop' led by Dr George Schatz. The assessments are continuing, led by the Mauritius co-chair of the MIPSIG, Dr Vikash Tatayah, with the aim of producing an updated red-list of plants of Mauritius in 2015.

The Rodriguan plants will be re-assessed separately in 2015 using the work of Strahm (1989) as the base, and involving the Rodriguan field botanists trained during the red-listing workshop. The Rodriguan participants to the 'Red-List Assessor Training Workshop' were invited to attend part of the 'Mauritius Plant Red-List Assessment Workshop' to understand the mechanism for assessing plant status.

The Mascarene Islands Plant Specialist Group is one of the Specialist Groups of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). It currently groups c. 30 members from Mauritius, Rodrigues and Reunion. It is managed by a co-chair for Mauritius and Rodrigues (Dr Vikash Tatayah, Mauritian Wildlife Foundation) and a co-chair for Reunion (Dr Stephane Baret, Reunion National Park).

The 'National Threatened Plants Committee' is an inter-institutional committee under the aegis of the National Parks and Conservation Service (NPCS), Ministry of Agro-Industry. It groups flora experts and botanists from the NPCS, Forestry Service, Mauritius Herbarium, University of Mauritius, the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation and amateur botanists.

MWF embarks on a major study of the Mauritius Fruit Bat



The fact that Mauritius hasn't experienced a severe cyclone for many years has resulted in an increase of the population of Mauritius Fruit Bat (*Pteropus niger*). This has led to a conflict as the public and fruit growers believe that the bats are the major predators of commercial fruits such as lychees and mangoes. There has been lobbies to authorise the culling of this endemic species although it is classified as Endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). However, the perception that fruitbats are causing major damage to fruit production is not based on extensive scientific data, and previous studies have also shown that fruit losses are also due to the wind and predation from other animals including rodents and introduced birds (eg Ring-necked Parakeets, Red-whiskered Bulbul and Common Mynah).



A Mauritius Fruit Bat in flight - Photo: Jacques de Spéville

To address the large gap in knowledge, and to the issue of fruit predation, the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation (MWF) is undertaking a major study of the Mauritius Fruit Bat to collect sufficient information about their feeding preferences and the impact they have on commercial fruit crops.

Throughout this project, MWF will monitor fruit orchards and backyard fruit trees, recording the impact of bats and also identifying other fruit pests. Through GPS tracking, bats flying from their roosts will be followed to understand their behaviour. The study will provide valuable information about bats' habitat preferences, distance travelled, seasonal movements and important feeding and roosting sites. MWF will also carry out experiments with bats in captivity to establish their food preferences by offering them the choice between different native and commercial fruits.

This study will also enable MWF to refine estimates of the actual number of Fruit Bats in Mauritius, model the population growth and distribution and clarify its role as a seed disperser and plant pollinator. It will highlight the contribution of the Mauritius Fruit Bat to the ecosystem and improve the image of the animal.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Since a major part of the study will consist of the monitoring of orchards and backyard trees to record the frequency of visiting bats as well as other animals and to assess the damage caused to the fruits, MWF is looking for local volunteers to help us undertake this crucial part of the project. The volunteers will be mainly involved in the observation of the bats in different localities throughout Mauritius in the early evening hours. Any person interested to participate in this study is invited to contact MWF by phone 6976117 or e-mail executive@mauritian-wildlife.org

Monitoring the common birds of Mauritius and Rodrigues

The University of Reunion and the Société d'Etudes Ornithologiques de la Réunion (SEOR) have set up a project to survey the common birds of the Indian Ocean. The implementation of this project called STOC (Suivi Temporel des Oiseaux Communs) is funded by the European Union.



A Common Mynah, introduced in Mauritius in the 1750s

STOC will be implemented in Mauritius and Rodrigues by the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation (MWF). Currently voluntary observers throughout Mauritius and Rodrigues are being

recruited. They will receive training to be able to properly monitor the birds.

The role of volunteer observers will be to count the number of individuals of species of common, introduced and native birds (based on song identification or sightings) at specific times of the day and predefined places. The information collected will be entered into a database and subsequently analyzed.

Bird enthusiasts who are keen to get involved in this project, are invited to contact the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation by email - executive@mauritian-wildlife.org or phone - 6976117.

'MWF Files': A weekly feature on local fauna and flora in L'Express now on MWF's website

Since early 2013, MWF staff members have submitted articles about a Mauritian or Rodriguan animal or plant species which have been published weekly in the Osmose column of *L'Express* newspaper, under the title 'MWF Files'. These articles are highly appreciated by members of the public. For anyone who has missed any of these articles, you can now find

MWF FILES

Chevalier aboyeur



Tringa nebularia, Common Greenshank (En.), chevalier aboyeur (Fr.)
Indigène
Classification : préoccupation mineure

LE chevalier aboyeur (*Tringa nebularia*) est un oiseau limicole (oiseau à longues pattes fréquentant les zones humides et marécageuses) de taille moyenne, qui niche du nord de l'Ecosse vers l'est à travers le nord de l'Europe et de l'Asie. C'est une espèce migratrice qui hivernent en Afrique, dans le sous-continent indien, en Australasie et dans les îles de l'océan Indien.

An extract of 'MWF Files on l'express

them in the News and Events section of MWF's website (www.mauritian-wildlife.org) in a downloadable format.

Promoting education and awareness on Ile aux Aigrettes



One of the missions of the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation (MWF) is 'to share the joys and benefits of native wilderness and wildlife with the Mauritian people'. MWF recognises that Education and Awareness play an important role in supporting the conservation work carried out in Mauritius and Rodrigues. Most of the conservation sites where the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation is active are not open to the public; yet Ile aux Aigrettes is an 'Open Nature Reserve' where a range of endemic fauna and flora restoration work is undertaken. In 1998, MWF developed a visitor programme to show the visitor a wide cross-section of the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation's conservation projects.



*Dr Maggie Esson (5th from right) on a LWN Visit on Ile aux Aigrettes
Photo: Dilshaad Balbolia*

Since the start of this programme Mauritians and tourists of all ages have visited the island. Over the years, the tour has developed in line with the growth of conservation projects on the island. In 2009 an educational visit, branded 'Learning with Nature', was piloted. Developed with the support of Dr Maggie Esson from Chester Zoo, this visit was specifically targeted to introduce Form 2 student to conservation work being carried out locally while supporting the national curriculum. In 2010 'Learning with Nature' was launched as an immersive educational programme

supporting the school curriculum. Soon, the programme was extended to children from classes other than Form 2 as well as associations and NGOs working in parallel with mainstream schools such as those operating in the specialised educational sector. Today, MWF welcomes around 4,000 students and 500 accompanying teachers on Ile aux Aigrettes every year. This project strives to promote greater environmental awareness and support for conservation nationwide by sensitizing the next genera-

tion of environmentally conscious citizens. Students have the opportunity to discover the island and its biodiversity, the actions undertaken to save numerous species and their natural habitat from further decline, acquire practical support of their school curriculum, and leave the island with educational materials designed to reinforce learning.

Dr Maggie Esson came back to Mauritius again in 2014 to evaluate the educational work being conducted on Ile aux Aigrettes and investigate how a similar activity could be developed at La Vallee de Ferney. This resulted in the creation of an educational programme branded 'In Touch with the Forest' targeted at students of Form 4 and

above which will be launched in 2015. A shorter simpler version of this programme will also be available for younger students. Guides have been trained by MWF to deliver a tour linked to the national curriculum.

If your school / Association wants to participate in the Learning With Nature (LWN) programme please phone 6976117

The Mauritian Wildlife Foundation participative support programme



Our participative programme offers an opportunity for corporate bodies to be associated with MWF for a CSR or Staff Welfare environmental activity.

Since 2013, a number of companies have supported these participative programmes on Ile de la Passe, Ile aux Aigrettes and Mondrain Reserve. Each activity involves a group of 20 to 50 participants who weed, plant or clean-up. Weeding is an activity that needs to be done constantly in order to control the very aggressive and fast growing alien invasive species which outcompete the slower growing endemic vegetation.



*Cleaning activity on Ile de la Passe with Investec Bank
Photo: Melanie Moutou*

On 8 March 2014 MWF welcomed 18 participants from Investec Bank on Ile de la Passe for a cleaning and planting activity. Ile de la Passe is an islet off the south-east coast of Mauritius. Its history straddles the Dutch, French and British colonisation of Mauritius. The islet, situated at the entrance to the

bay of Mahebourg, controlled all movements of ships into the Mauritian lagoon. French and British soldiers built and maintained coastal fortifications on Ile de la Passe. Ruins of these structures dating back to the 18th century can still be seen there today. After a 20 minute speedboat trip from Pointe d'Esny, a few hours are spent on the islet with MWF conservation staff and clearing the island of rubbish, discovering ruins, plants, reptiles, and seabirds. 3 other groups, namely ENL Green Spirit Club, Price Waterhouse Coopers and Constance Belle Mare Plage also visited and cleaned Ile de la Passe in 2014.

Weeding activities are also organized at Ile aux Aigrettes and Mondrain Reserve to remove invasive plant species. ABC Group was the first company to participate in a weeding and planting activity at



*Weeding Activity with ABC Group of Companies
Photo: Caroline Victoire*

Mondrain Reserve on the 24 March 2014. Mondrain is a private forest owned by the Medine Sugar Estate. Since 1985, reserve management has been directed by MWF in consultation with the Royal Society of Arts and Science. In 2013, MWF took over the conservation management for the site under an agreement with Medine Sugar Estate. Mondrain faces an ongoing battle against introduced weeds and effort and resources are needed for maintenance of the reserve. The 40 participants were motivated and happy to help MWF preserve this endemic sanctuary.

On Ile aux Aigrettes, four companies came to support the conservation work being done on the islet. A small but dynamic group of 9 staff from Air Mauritius helped to plant vetyver on 28 September 2014 to support the seabird project, whilst about 40 staff from ENL came under their project '100 engagements' and carried out weeding on 10 October. Bank One sent 17 staff to weed on Ile aux Aigrettes on the 18 October and another 24 on the 15 November 2014. Finally, 25 staff from Orange Business Services came on 5 December 2014.

MWF welcomes any company wishing to support conservation through the participative programme.

TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAMME
Please contact
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Get involved!



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Follow MWF news on a regular basis via our website www.mauritian-wildlife.org under News and Events, or find us on Facebook at the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation. Also see our new weekly 'MWF Files' on the Osmose page of *L'Express*, regularly on Tuesdays.

Volunteer

If you are over 18 and interested in volunteering for MWF, please visit our website or email us on: volunteer@mauritian-wildlife.org. Expatriate volunteers must be over 21 years of age. Be sure to give details of your availability and which area of volunteering you are interested in.

CSR activities

If you are part of a private company, various activities linked to corporate social responsibility (CSR) can be arranged with MWF, please contact us for more information by email on: fundraising@mauritian-wildlife.org

Visit Ile aux Aigrettes

You can book a visit to the island by *phone*: (230) 631 2396
email: reservation@mauritian-wildlife.org
Special tours adapted to your interests can also be arranged.

Donations

The Mauritian Wildlife Foundation is an accredited NGO (reg. charity number: 2143) for CSR (NEF reg. N/1070) (www.nef.mu/csr) and is seeking funds for its 20 different projects in 2014.

You can make a donation by cheque or postal order to:

The Mauritian Wildlife Foundation,
Grannum Road,
Vacoas,
Mauritius

Or make a bank transfer to:

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Please include your full name and contact details, including email address, with all donations and address your correspondence or queries to:

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Vacoas,
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Or email: fundraising@mauritian-wildlife.org

To make a donation, UK residents can email: fundraising@mauritian-wildlife.org
Attn: Robert Wesley

Adopt

The Mauritian Wildlife Foundation has reviewed the adoption packs and introduced a Rs 250 pack for the local market. But you still have the possibility to adopt an animal species for Rs 1,000 (premium pack with nice give aways). This is a symbolic adoption that gives no right to the species.

Six animal species are available for adoption:

- Pink Pigeon (*Nesoenas mayeri*)
- Mauritius Fody (*Foudia rubra*)
- Echo Parakeet (*Psittacula eques*)
- Olive White-eye (*Zosterops chloronothos*)
- Ornate Day Gecko (*Phelsuma ornata*)
- Aldabra Giant Tortoise (*Aldabrachelys gigantea*)

The animal adoption is valid for one year, starting from the date the adoption is processed. By supporting our animal adoption scheme you are also contributing to our conservation projects.

To adopt an animal please contact us by
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or *online* at www.mauritian-wildlife.org

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