



# MAURITIAN WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

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## NEWSLETTER

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## The Keel-scaled Round Island Boa is returned to native habitat for the first time in 150 years



MWF reptile team member with a female boa on Round Island  
Photo: N. Cole

In an historical step to protect Keel-scaled Round Island Boas from extinction, the Mauritius Reptile Recovery Programme has reintroduced the threatened species to one of its original habitats for the first time since the 1860s.

In October 2012, 60 boas were reintroduced to a nearby island nature reserve, Gunner's Quoin, where the team has been working for the past 6 years in preparation for the release. Establishing a second population of boas, which have been restricted to Round Island for 150 years, should give the species a much better long-term chance of survival.

Despite the work on Round Island, which has enabled the boa to recover to at least 1,000 individuals, having any species restricted to one small location is never ideal. With the potential risk of predator invasion and threat from natural calamities, establishing a second population is essential.

Rats, which caused the loss of the larger reptiles like the Günther's Gecko, Telfair's Skink and boas, were removed from Gunner's Quoin in the 1990s. This allowed the recovery of the smaller reptile fauna and opened up the island for reintroductions.

In 2007, the reptile team reintroduced the boa's key prey item, the Telfair's Skink, from Round Island. From 250 founding individuals, the Telfair's Skink population is now greater than 3,000 and is steadily growing. With the reintroduced skinks doing so well, the time had finally come to restore another missing link to Gunner's Quoin's ecosystem by re-introducing its top predator, the boa.

The Mauritius Reptile Recovery Programme is part of an ongoing collaborative conservation project by the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation, and the National Parks and Conservation Service, supported by the International Zoo Veterinary Group. The translocation was carried out by a team composed of 30 staff from the first three organizations, as well as staff from the Mauritius Forestry Service.

The reptile team was divided into two. One team was based on Round Island for the night searches, captures and health screening of the boas and the other was based on Gunner's Quoin for their release and subsequent monitoring. Transport to and from the islands was supplied by the Police Helicopter Squadron and the National Coast Guard. A total of 30 male and 30 female boas were released on the island. The team based on Gunner's Quoin searched for the released boas every night with the aid of night vision equipment

to minimize disturbance. The first boa roaming in the wild was found three days after the initial release and subsequently several more boas were found during the following night searches.

The manager of the Reptile Recovery Programme, Dr Nik Cole, who led the relocation explains: *'The boas' chance of survival should be high as the cause of their original demise, the rats, has been removed from the island and their prey source, primarily the Telfair's Skink is once again in abundance. Their reintroduction restores an apex predator in a natural system and having two populations of the species is certainly better than one and as such will greatly enhance the future survival of this unique animal'.*

The team visited Gunner's Quoin in March 2013 to check upon the status of the boas and ensure that the island is still free from invasive predators.



Round Island  
Photo: MWF



The team arrives on Gunner's Quoin  
Photo: N. Cole

## Ten-year study gives MWF rare insight into the effects of climate change on Mauritian ecosystems



Installation of weather monitoring equipment  
Photo: P. Tatayah



*Ochna mauritiana*  
Photo: P. Tatayah



*Erythrospermum monticolum* flowering

Photo: P. Tatayah

Plant phenology is the study of the timing of reoccurring biological events such as flowering, fruiting and leafing.

Phenology has evolved over millions of years, but increasingly ecosystem degradation and climatic changes are affecting native flora and fauna in Mauritius. In order for MWF to conserve native plant species, understand the year-round food sources for our endangered animal species and predict the need for supplementary feeding, it is vital that we understand these phenological patterns.

A decade ago, MWF initiated a phenology study, one of only a few similar studies worldwide, collecting data at 5 conservation sites in Mauritius on 48 native plants and 16 introduced plant species used by the endemic Pink Pigeon and Echo Parakeet as food sources.

As a result of this work we now have user-friendly 'phenology calendars' for 43 native and 16 introduced species. The well-illustrated calendars will enable both field biologists and interested members of the public, locally and beyond, to know the timing of flowering and fruiting of the plant species. This information will also be useful for seed collection and propagation in the nurseries.

Phenology is also perhaps the simplest method of tracking changes in the species in response to climate change.

During the course of this century, many ecosystems are likely to be endangered by an unprecedented combination of change in climate, associated effects such as flooding, drought, wildfire, insect attacks, ocean acidification, and other influences especially land-use change, pollution and over-exploitation of resources. The climate change aspect of the phenology project required the setting up of meteorological equipment for recording rainfall and temperature. This was done with the help of the Mauritius Meteorological Services. Although the full effects of climate change are still unknown, significant links between flower budding, flowering, fruiting and leafing to month, site and individual trees have been found.

All MWF field staff are now trained in plant identification and how to differentiate between flower buds and fruits, young and mature leaves, so that they are able to identify the species and parts used as food sources by native birds. The calendars will be continuously updated as more data is received.

## New translocated population of Pink Pigeons creates 'stepping stone' at Pétrin



The Pétrin population will continue to receive supplementary food  
Photo: V. Tatayah

The Mauritian Wildlife Foundation is in the process of establishing a new sub-population at Pétrin to potentially become the seventh population of Pink Pigeons in Mauritius. The first bird was released in July 2012, and there are now 13 translocated Pink Pigeons forming this new group, with plans to introduce a total of 30 birds from some of the other sub-populations such as Plaine Lièvre, Plaine Paul and Combo. The aim of establishing this site is to provide a stepping stone for dispersing Pink Pigeons between populations in the other Black River Gorges National Park sites. Already seven pigeons have been spotted from these populations coming in to feed with the pigeons at Pétrin. Our pigeon team is now regularly recording up to 20 birds at this new site, which is an excellent sign of the programme's success.

Today's population of 400 Pink Pigeons in Mauritius was started from just 9 birds in the 1990s, which means that there is a small amount of genetic variation amongst them. The danger of inbreeding, and the resulting susceptibility to disease makes genetic mixing all the more vital for this species. The aim is have a total of 8-10 similar sub-populations in the future, to increase the Pink Pigeon population to 600 birds.

The Pink Pigeon team has been trialling and perfecting their translocation methods for several years. The translocated young pigeons are kept in the aviary for three weeks to acclimatize to their new surroundings and are carefully managed by trained staff who

ring the birds, carry out health checks and make continual assessments to ensure that they are thriving. By the fourth week they can be released. MWF staff will continue to provide maize seeds for the released pigeons at the site, to supplement natural food sources in the surrounding forest. The project carries out ongoing monitoring of birds, with the additional support of the Passerine Survey team and the Echo Parakeet team.

To reach the long-term goal of a self-sustaining population of over 600 Pink Pigeons, MWF's intensive work (supplementary feeding, breeding, hand rearing and translocations) must continue to manage population fluctuations in all sub-populations due to disease and invasive predators, which can destroy a whole nesting season in a short time.

The creation of the new sub-population at Pétrin forms part of our important ongoing collaboration with National Parks and Conservation Service (NPCS) who built the new aviaries and are carrying out habitat restoration work in Conservation Management Areas nearby to improve the habitat of the birds and provide more of their natural food sources.

Remarkably, it is now possible for members of the public to picnic whilst watching wild Pink Pigeons feeding just inside the National Park. It is hoped that these pigeons will become ambassadors to further increase awareness of the plight of the species and engage community support for its long-term survival.



A Pink Pigeon chick  
Photo: J. Mittermeier

## MWF supports a win-win situation for octopus fishers and wildlife in Rodrigues



Monitoring and research activities on the octopus fishery have stressed the need to periodically close the octopus fishing to protect the females during the winter period, while they migrate out of the lagoon to lay and brood their eggs, and to allow the young recruits into the lagoon to grow. In 2012, the octopus fishery in Rodrigues was closed for a two-month period between 13 August and 12 October.

Whilst clearly a positive step for octopus populations, the closure of the fishery has obvious implications for the livelihoods of approximately 1,400 Rodriguans involved in the industry. The past policy of compensating redundant fishers was replaced in 2012 with a new policy of providing alternative paid work. This was in the form of positive environmental activities ranging from forestry, conservation and clean-ups to rehabilitation of rivers and reservoirs, thereby providing a winning situation for the octopus, the fishers and the environment of Rodrigues.



Stacking, cutting, and removal of invasive plant species at Grande Montagne Nature Reserve by fishers  
Photo: A. Waterstone

Rodrigues has a low cover of native vegetation. Furthermore, exotic species have invaded and dominated upland and lowland areas across the island. Much habitat restoration work has been carried out by the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation in Rodrigues, including the removal of invasive species and planting of endemic species in both Grande Montagne and Anse Quitar nature reserves. Reforesting these areas is only viable if the exotic plants are removed prior to planting. In addition, sites that have already been replanted also require maintenance to prevent invasive species from competing against the planted native and endemic seedlings.

During the closure of the octopus fisheries in 2012, 57 octopus fishers joined us to participate in forestry works at sites in Solitude, Grande Montagne and Anse Quitar.

During their placement, the fishers attended a two-day training course on Basic Agro-forestry and Plant Propagation Techniques and subsequently divided into teams to participate in different aspects of plant propagation, manual weeding and removal of exotic and invasive species. The fishers provided a total of 390 man-days of help in the nursery and 1,710 man-days in the nature reserves.

As funding for conservation work is limited, the additional workforce was very beneficial, helping to accelerate the plant propagation process and increase the number of endemic seedlings available for reforestation. The fishers also prepared the land for planting during the rainy season. During their time in their respective sites all 57 fishers also participated in the Clean up the World Campaign on 14 September

2012, organized by the Australian High Commission in collaboration with MWF.



Cuttings being taken for propagation in the nursery  
Photo: A. Waterstone

### Increasing community partnerships

A series of training workshops and educational talks in seven villages were given during the closure. These sessions aimed to:

- empower the local community through conservation of endemic biodiversity and training
- increase awareness of Rodriguan endemic plant and animal species
- teach different techniques of plant propagation; develop skills on invasive species removal and endemic plant identification.

## Our ranger team works with Chester Zoo to deliver effective conservation tours on Ile aux Aigrettes



Sarah Bazley (Chester Zoo's Presenter Team Leader), far left, with the staff members who attended the training course  
Photo: V. Tatayah

endemism, food chains, endangered and extinct species and conservation. Children also learn about the history, geography and geology of the island.

In order to ensure that the tours remain interesting, informative and enjoyable for both children and adult visitors, Sarah Bazley, Presenter Team Manager at Chester Zoo, conducted a training programme for our ranger team on Ile aux Aigrettes in July 2012.

Eleven members of staff attended the training, including rangers and biologists. Topics covered how to lead tours effectively, presentation skills and a review of the content and activities included in the tours. Working collaboratively, the team discussed some of the challenges they face, such as working with different age groups, working in the heat, how to manage the attention spans of children throughout the tour, and agreed upon measures to improve the programme. Some stops along the trail were refocused to make a stronger connection to the learning theme, while others were removed entirely or replaced.

The trail was also made more interactive, with current activities improved and new activities developed. Children on the tour are now delighted by the opportunity to get close to some real giant tortoise poo (!), as they look at the role of the tortoise in ebony seed dispersal. They are also now given the chance to experience the work of MWF scientists first hand by collecting field data on the phenology of plants (see page 3).

As a result of the training, the team has been able to further increase the impact of our conservation message to schoolchildren, as well as to Mauritians and tourists. Our thanks go to Maggie Esson, Sarah Bazley and the team at Chester Zoo for their continued support for Learning with Nature.

At MWF we are committed to education and awareness as vital components of the conservation of biodiversity, and participate in a wide range of education initiatives. In Mauritius, our restored native coastal forest on the nature reserve of Ile aux Aigrettes gives us a unique opportunity to deliver the conservation message to visitors and school groups.

In 2009, the Learning with Nature programme on Ile aux Aigrettes was launched, which introduces students visiting the island to some of the critically endangered flora and fauna of Mauritius and the conservation measures in place, at the same time supporting curriculum subjects.

*Le Sentier du Dodo* is our guided nature trail on Ile aux Aigrettes. The trail is about 1.5 km long and at various points of interest students engage in interactive hands-on activities, exploring themes such as biotic and abiotic factors, habitat, herbivores and carnivores,



Learning about native seeds in the nursery  
Photo: V. Tatayah



A tour begins on Ile Aux Aigrettes  
Photo: V. Tatayah

### MWF joins the BirdLife International Partnership as the BirdLife Affiliate for Mauritius

The Mauritian Wildlife Foundation is delighted to have received the news that its application to become a member of BirdLife International has been successful. This followed a visit to Mauritius by BirdLife assessors Dr Ademola Ajagbe and Dr Mark Anderson in July 2012.

We are proud to note that BirdLife has commented in our appointment letter on the *'considerable conservation achievements of MWF especially in saving several critically Endangered Species from extinction'* and BirdLife thanks MWF for *'your contribution to global bird conservation'*.

In a review published in 2006, Mauritius was found to hold the record for the country with the largest number of endemic birds saved from extinction, namely the Mauritius Kestrel, the Pink Pigeon, the Echo Parakeet, the Rodrigues Fody and the Rodrigues Warbler. This conservation achievement was due to the efforts of the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation and its partners (see: Butchart S et al. (2006). How many bird extinctions have we prevented? *Oryx* 40 (3)).

MWF joins a partnership of over 116 national non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with a special focus on conservation and birds. Each NGO Partner represents a unique geographic territory and working together as part of BirdLife International these organizations cover:

- more than 4,000 staff working for conservation
- over 2,500,000 members worldwide
- 10,000,000 worldwide supporters
- over 2 million children involved annually
- over 1,000,000 hectares owned or managed.

BirdLife's aims are to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity and work with people towards sustainability in the use of natural resources.



The assessors flank MWF and NPCS staff in July 2012  
Photo: V. Tatayah



### Rodrigues Fruit Bat is voted Number 1 AZE 'Wonder'

A global poll puts the Rodrigues Fruit Bat top of the list of the Alliance for Zero Extinction '7 Wonders' out of a shortlist of 20 species, from an initial list of 920 species.

The Mauritian Wildlife Foundation is delighted that the Rodrigues Fruit Bat received the most votes for the poll. The award is testament to the charismatic qualities of the bat and the level of public concern for its survival. It is also a tribute to all those involved in saving the Rodrigues Fruit Bat, which used to be found in Mauritius but is now limited to Rodrigues. Its numbers diminished to between 70 and 100 individuals in the 1970s to make it the rarest fruit bat in the world.

Thanks to forest restoration to increase habitat, and education to reduce or remove human threats, the number of Rodrigues Fruit Bats is now estimated at 10,000 living in over 17 roosts across the island.

Regular monitoring is carried out by MWF with the support of volunteers from the local communities. The most recent of our three annual island-wide bat surveys was conducted in March 2013 to determine current numbers of bats. Our education programme, started in

1998, has been a key element in addressing the human conflict with the bats and in changing attitudes, although there is still tension when the bats feed on backyard fruit trees. Their major threat is now cyclones which can severely affect the population by destroying food supplies.

A twenty-minute and a five-minute film on the Rodrigues Fruit Bat are being developed along with a bat poster, and these will be launched at our Annual Rodrigues Fruit Bat Festival in April 2013, along with educational talks and screening of the bat films in schools and villages.



The Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE), a joint initiative of biodiversity conservation organizations from around the world, launched a global poll entitled Alliance for Zero Extinction (AZE) 7 Wonders in 2012 at the World Conservation Congress in Jeju, South Korea. The aim of the 7 Wonders campaign was not only to raise the profile of critically endangered species, but to remind people of the places that need to be protected if we are to stop extinctions. In total, the campaign received more than 100,000 votes via social media from the public to select 7 sites from an original short list of 20. The AZE had a choice of nearly 1,000 species in 588 sites.

### MWF receives Rodrigues Honorary Freeman Award

On 12 October 2012, the Mauritian Wildlife Foundation received the award of Honorary Freeman. This award was given by the Rodrigues local government to recognize the contribution of MWF to the environmental sector on the island over the years and was presented by the Chief Commissioner, Mr Serge Clair, GOSK. The medal and certificate were received on behalf of MWF by Rodrigues Administrator, Mrs Andrea Waterstone, during the official ceremony of Rodrigues Day, which also celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the autonomy of the island and the creation of the Rodrigues Regional Assembly.

The main work of MWF in Rodrigues includes the restoration of Grande Montagne and Anse Quitor nature reserves; conservation of rare Rodriguan plants; seabird work on Ile Cocos and Ile aux Sables; the Rodrigues Environmental Education Programme working in schools and villages; and surveys on the Rodrigues Fruit Bat.

### IUCN World Conservation Congress 2012

You may recall from the previous newsletter our announcement that, as of November 2011, MWF had been admitted as a Member of the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature). Through this membership, MWF is now participating in strategic national, regional and global conservation dialogues. In September 2012 Dr Vikash Tatayah, Conservation Manager, represented MWF at the IUCN World Conservation Congress in Jeju, Republic of Korea.



The congress was a very rich experience, with an estimated 8,000 attendees from all over the world, including a long list of past and current MWF collaborators. There were some extremely useful contacts made and a plethora of scientists with whom to share and exchange ideas on conservation matters. Several lectures, seminars and workshops were attended, which should be of great benefit to MWF, along with the identification of a number of potential funding opportunities.

Dr Tatayah voted on a very long list of motions and resolutions whilst in Jeju, including the important Motion 177 'Conserving the Marine Environment of the Chagos Archipelago' which was tabled for vote in plenary. The motion did not receive the required support and was removed by the proponent.

More information about the congress can be obtained from <http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org>



Delegates at the congress  
Photo: V. Tatayah

### Invasive Species Workshop for Ile Cocos, Rodrigues

In 2012, MWF worked with the stakeholders of Ile Cocos on ways to protect the island from introduced species which could have a destructive impact on the biodiversity of the islet.

During the second and final workshop on 12 November, the issues discussed included identification of invasive species, a look at the effects their presence could cause, and establishing what could be done to minimize the risk of invasive species reaching the island. An educational brochure and sticker were distributed at the workshop and more widely amongst the tourism operators.

The workshop was opened by the Commissioner for Environment, Mr Richard Payendee. The stakeholders present included the local government, environment partners, skippers, tour operators, hotels and guesthouses. Discovery Rodrigues, Forestry Services, and Shoals Rodrigues each presented their work relating to Ile Cocos. There was good participation by all the stakeholders present and satisfaction by all attendees to the workshop.



Workshop conducted by MWF Rodrigues staff  
Photo: MWF

## Corporate Social Responsibility and Fundraising

### Volunteering and participative support



The Holcim team returns after a hard day's work Photo: MWF



PWC staff at work in the nursery Photo: MWF



Invasive plants removed and stacked - well done, Mauritius Telecom team! Photo: MWF



Standard Chartered staff head home from Ile aux Aigrettes Photo: MWF

Several funding and non-funding companies dedicated their valuable time and skills to voluntary action for MWF as part of their CSR/staff welfare programmes. Between April and November 2012, eight companies sent staff to Ile aux Aigrettes to carry out weeding/potting activities. Holcim, Standard Chartered Bank, Investec Bank, Pricewaterhouse Coopers, Infomil, Barclays Bank, Emtel and Mauritius Telecom were among those who participated.

Mrs Claire Nemorin, General Manager, Infomil explains *'Recognizing the importance of nature and the eco-system, the whole team of Infomil devoted a day of work to help the preservation of endemic species on Ile aux Aigrettes'.*

Mrs Vidya Baidur from Emtel said *'Our staff were very happy and they learnt a lot from the event'.*



MWF organized a presentation of the Mauritius Kestrel project at La Vallée de Ferney for Standard Bank, whilst a group of HSBC staff had an activity in the Black River Gorges National Park.

In December 2012, MWF carried out a clean-up programme on Ile de la Passe with employees of the Swan Group.

Staff from Standard Bank learning about the kestrel project at Ferney Valley Photo: MWF



Swan Group on Ile de la Passe Photos: Swan Group Foundation



This year MWF would like to increase the participation of the staff of funding and non-funding companies and we are currently planning other activities, such as treasure hunts on Ile aux Aigrettes and nature walks in the Black River Gorges National Park.

## New for 2013! Postgraduate internship in Endangered Species Recovery: Mauritius

Starting in 2013 is a new course for conservationists run through a partnership between MWF and the Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust. Tutors on the course will also come from the Durrell Institute of Conservation and Ecology (DICE) at the University of Kent.

**Course aim:** to produce a new generation of conservation professionals well-versed in the practice as well as the theory of wildlife conservation. The internship will combine theoretical training in the principles of conservation biology, endangered species recovery and programme management with practical experience within 'live' field conservation teams working to save some of the world's most threatened species.

**Content:** this 4-month course includes 4 week-long taught modules, involving an international group of conservation experts and scientists, plus 12 weeks' work within conservation field teams. Topics covered during the taught modules include:

- biology and ecology of small populations
- endangered species recovery techniques
- managing and leading conservation projects
- conservation education, communication and stakeholder management.

Time in the field will be spent developing specific field skills within the conservation teams run by MWF and Durrell, on Mauritius and the offshore islands. **Candidates can attend particular modules of the course or components of the field work if preferred.**

**Dates:** the 2013 internship programme begins on 6 May and runs for four months. For those wishing to attend particular components of the course please contact Mr Jamie Copsey, Durrell Wildlife Conservation Trust, Head of Learning and Development at [Jamie.copsey@durrell.org](mailto:Jamie.copsey@durrell.org) for further information.



Photos: J. Copsey



## Stay in touch

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Also see our new weekly MWF Files on the Osmose page of *L'Express*.

## Volunteer

### • Volunteer

If you are over 18 and are interested in volunteering for MWF please visit our website or email us on: [volunteer@mauritian-wildlife.org](mailto:volunteer@mauritian-wildlife.org). Be sure to give details of your availability and which area of volunteering you are interested in.

### • Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR)

If you are part of a private company, various activities linked to Corporate Social Responsibility can be arranged with MWF, please contact us for more information by email on: [fundraising@mauritian-wildlife.org](mailto:fundraising@mauritian-wildlife.org)

## Visit

### • Ile aux Aigrettes

You can book your ticket to visit the island by phone on: (230) 631 2396, or by email: [reservation@mauritian-wildlife.org](mailto:reservation@mauritian-wildlife.org)

## Donations

**MWF is an accredited NGO (reg. charity number: 2143) for CSR activities (NEF reg. N/1070) ([www.nef.mu/csr](http://www.nef.mu/csr)) and is seeking funds for its 18 different projects in 2013.**

### • To make a donation you can either:

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## Adopt

The Mauritian Wildlife Foundation has introduced a new concept to raise funds for its conservation projects; you now have the possibility to adopt an animal species for only Rs 1,000 (this is a symbolic adoption that gives no right to the species).

Five animal species are available for adoption:

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

The animal adoption is valid for one year, commencing 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:

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