

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACADEMY - INDIAN OCEAN

OUR MARINE ENVIRONMENT IS SUFFERING

The western Indian Ocean hosts some of the world's most **precious habitats and species**. Coral reefs, mangrove forests and seagrass beds, teeming with life, provide **vital natural resources** for the human inhabitants of the region. Yet, with coastal populations rapidly growing unchecked, human activities such as over-fishing and coastal development are **damaging these previously pristine resources** and may ultimately lead to their destruction. In addition, the impacts of climate change have the potential to cause devastating effects on **fragile marine ecosystems**, having already destroyed 80% of coral reefs in parts of the region.



THE SOLUTION

We need to address the **lack of local expertise** in marine resource monitoring and management activities. Only by **training local people** can we halt the loss of these habitats on which future generations depend.



THE ACADEMY

A **training academy in Mauritius** will be created to service the region, providing the **knowledge and skills** that are so urgently required. The academy, **due to open in 2008**, shall offer a range of **internationally-accredited courses**. These will enable the future managers of fisheries, marine parks and tourism to **protect the marine environment** from the impacts of human activity and understand the implications of climate change. Participants from the region will also benefit from **subsidized course fees and scholarships**.



The academy will play a key role in the conservation of the marine environment in the western Indian Ocean, helping to protect our vital resources for both present and future generations to use, experience and enjoy.

PROJECT PARTNERS

The creation of the academy will involve the efforts of **numerous partners**, businesses, governments, NGOs and universities from Mauritius and **around the globe**. We already have commitment from the **academic and corporate sectors**.

YOUR INVOLVEMENT

The academy needs your support for its development. This may be in the form of **monetary or equipment donations**. Boats, vehicles, lab and field equipment are required so that the academy can start to train participants in research techniques. We are open to any other **sponsorship ideas**. A full list of equipment and associated costs is available on request.

Please help us to obtain crucial training resources by June 2008!

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS TO YOUR COMPANY?

- **Fulfil Corporate Social Responsibility** — gain a competitive edge over other companies, showcasing your company's social responsibility.
- **Gain international recognition** — donors will feature on our website and bimonthly newsletter which will be distributed internationally to a wide audience including international development agencies, private sector companies, government officials, scientists and students. In addition the logo of your company will be clearly visible at the academy or on donated equipment.
- **Offer your staff transferable skills** — opportunities to participate in courses such as marine-life surveys, socio-economic assessments and impacts of climate change.
- **Gain appreciation and understanding** of our dependence on our marine environment.

This is an exciting opportunity for you to be actively involved in and recognized for conservation of the marine environment in the western Indian Ocean!

Thank you for your time, we look forward to working with you on this exciting project!
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