

INCREASE CAPACITY BUILDING OF THE FISHER'S COMMUNITY OF RODRIGUES THROUGH TRAINING FOR THE BIO CULTIVATION OF THE GOMBAVA LIME PLANTS AND ITS CHILLI PASTE

BACKGROUND

The Rodrigues fishers' community is largely focused on massive fishing activities at the expense of the marine ecosystem. To remediate the situation the Commission of Environment and Fisheries introduced the Octopus Closing Period to shift the fishers during this period to alternative livelihoods like cleaning and embellishment of their local/village community. Following almost the same approach, this action will support the fishers' community mainly women by increasing their capacity and successfully shift them to a more sustainable and green alternative livelihoods. The action aims to create and promote a sustainable employing enterprise for this targeted group in a concept of agro tourism. The cultivation and production of Gombava is an opportunity for the fisher folk to shift into a more long term lucrative sector and at the same time, inculcate them with bio- cultivation and production techniques. The action will switch the inclinations of this community to greener and sustainable source of livelihoods that will enhance the overall island sustainability.

OBJECTIVES

The project aims to provide an alternative source of income for the fisher folks, which is more sustainable and green alternative livelihood. The action is proposing the concept of agro-biotourism: where an open Gombava lime garden eco- garden to demonstrate bio-cultivation and production to tourist and population. The project will reduce the plague of overfishing, thus promoting marine resources sustainability. This project plans to setup demonstration area for Gombava and chili paste, employing at least 10 women who will be trained for the cultivation and production of the product.

ACTIONS

- » Develop eco-entrepreneurship opportunities through on-the job training of the women
- » Diversify Rodrigues typical local product range through setting up of gombava nurseries and plantation
- » Awareness raising on bio-products and marine development protection among community and tourists
- » Develop a sustainable lucrative product and provision of marketing support
- » Provide an accessible production place to tourists and the local people

THE COMMISSION OF FISHERIES, RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

LOCATION:

Mauritius - Rodrigues Island

Budget



\$230,500.00

Timeline



24 Months