Port Development and Biodiversity Conservation: Port Reunion's Ambition

Strengthening environmental knowledge, protecting natural heritage and advancing sustainable port development

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Better Knowledge for Better Protection

- **Restoration of natural habitats:** implementation of measures to preserve and restore natural areas within and around port premises.
- **Control of invasive alien species:** deployment of management measures to reduce pressures on local ecosystems.
- **Reduction of environmental impacts:** initiatives to reduce light pollution, improve waste management and enhance the environmental performance of port operations.
- **Application of the "Avoid, Reduce, Offset" mitigation hierarchy:** systematic integration of avoidance, reduction and offsetting measures into port development projects.

Turning Knowledge into Concrete Action

- **Natural Heritage Master Plan (SDPN):** a voluntary and innovative approach that places biodiversity at the heart of Port Reunion's development strategy.
- **Scientific inventories and ecological monitoring:** regular surveys of terrestrial and marine environments have identified fish species, corals and marine invertebrates, plant taxa, and terrestrial animal species, including several threatened species.
- **Decision support for development projects:** Environmentaldata collected allow the integration of biodiversity issues from the earliest design stages and guide development choices towards sustainable outcomes.



Bringing Stakeholders Together Around a Shared Ambition

- **A collaborative approach:** scientists, experts, institutional partners, port users and local stakeholders working together to protect the port's natural heritage.
- **Balancing port growth with environmental responsibility:** the SDPN aims to ensure sustainable economic development while maintaining ecological balance.
- **A model of sustainable public action:** demonstrating that a strategic port can support the ecological transition while fulfilling its essential missions for the island.





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