

CEPF Final Completion and Impact Report

Organization's Legal Name:	Ter-Mer Rodriguez Association
Project Title:	Increase the Biodiversity of the Gombrani Islet in Rodrigues via Enhanced Conservation Practices
Grant Number:	66344
Hotspot:	Madagascar and Indian Ocean Islands
Strategic Direction:	1 Empower local communities to protect and manage biodiversity in priority key biodiversity areas.
Grant Amount:	\$128,627.94
Project Dates:	November 01, 2019 - December 31, 2021
Date of Report:	May 19, 2022

IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS

Leading/ implementing agency has been Ter Mer Rodriguez Association (TMRA); Collaborating partners have been Association des Pêcheurs de Mourouk (APM), the South East Marine Protected Area (SEMPA), the Forestry Services; Governmental Body for relevant approval has been the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA);

CONSERVATION IMPACTS

Planned Long-Term Impacts: 3+ years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
Increased population of Sarcanthemum coronopus and other endemic plant species on Gombrani Islet, due to increased capacity in ecological restoration among members of the local community and the Ter Mer Rodrigues Association	Endemic and indigenous plant seedlings planted over the restored area over Gombrani Islet with a satisfactory growth rate.
Increased income for at least 20 local people (including at least 10 women) through development of ecotourism and/or ecological restoration activities on Gombrani Islet	Members of Association des Pêcheurs de Mourouk fully engaged in development of restored areas which fully form part of the Ecotourism packages with remuneration made under the project. Relevant sea related ecotourism activities owners were approached to share with them about the new site being developed on Gombrani Islet for better inclusion in their existing sea going activities package.

Planned Short-Term Impacts: 1 to 3 years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
Signed MoU between the Ter Mer Rodrigues Association and the local authority, granting a clear role for Ter Mer Rodriguez in the future management of Gombrani Islet	MoU drafted and signed between the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA) and the Ter Mer Rodriguez Association (TMRA).

Unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

During planting of seedlings over the islet, plantlets were initially borrowed from nurseries from the center of the mainland which bare a fresher climate. Unfortunately several of the seedlings died because of the more arid condition prevailing over the islet. Decision was immediately taken to propagate seeds obtained from the islet on the coastal region of the mainland. The plantlets were then brought over islet an let to be acclimatized to the existing condition before earthing. An improved growth rate was thus observed.

PROJECT RESULTS/DELIVERABLES

Overall results of the project:

The project has been able to achieve its three main objectives as detailed below:

The first objective aimed at establishing a medium to long term Management strategy for the Gombrani Islet. Under this objective, a vision document (roadmap) including a status report about the existing fauna, flora, invasive plant species, tourism activities; an action plan; and an economic model for managing the Gombrani Islet has been developed. It was also planned to have an MoU being signed between Ter Mer Rodriguez Association (TMRA) and the Local Authority through the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (RRA). The MoU has already been signed between both parties which had enabled TMRA to intervene onto the Gombrani Islet.

The second objective consisted of Strengthening the capacities of staff/ stakeholders to be involved onto the project to ensure project sustainability. The members of the Ter Mer Rodriguez Association (TMRA) and members of the Association des Pêcheurs de Mourouk (APM) having as mandate the protection of the fauna and flora have been trained and relevant training reports annexed with training materials, training attendance sheets and relevant feedback have been produced. All relevant training activities have been completed. The Civil Society Tracking Tool (CSST) has reached a score of 68.5 at the end of the project. The Gender Tracking Tool (CSTT) scores has a total score of 6 at the end of the project.

A third objective linked to the project implementation has been to initiate conservation and rehabilitation work over the Gombrani Islet in order to pave the way for a long-term restoration strategy so as to ensure that the existing biodiversity is being preserved and reinforced. At least 10 Hectares of the Gombrani surface area has known initial weeding over the islet whereby this surface has been cleared from Invasive plant Alien Species (IAS). The APM members have also been able to propagate existing endemic and indigenous plants on the Gombrani for further planting onto the cleared 10 Hectares from IAS. An Eco-friendly track has been designed and mapped over Gombrani Islet to foster Ecotourism activities and at least 500m of the Eco-friendly track over the islet has been completed during the project implementation. The project has also enable the design of at least 4 give-away being served for awareness raising and at least 200 of each of at least 4 give-away have been produced.

Results for each deliverable:

Component		Deliverable		
#	Description	#	Description	Results for Deliverable
3.0	Conservation and rehabilitation work initiated over the Islet.	3.1	At least 5 Hectares of the Gombrani Islet surface is cleared from Invasive alien plant species.	The clearing of the Gombrani Islet from Invasive Alien Plant Species have completed over an area of 10 Hectares over Gombrani Islet. Relevant reports under " Other Information" tab.
1.0	Establishing a medium to long term Management strategy for the Gombrani Islet.	1.3	MoU between Ter Mer Rodriguez Association and the Local Authority signed.	The MoU has already been signed and herewith attached under "Other Information" tab..
2.0	Strengthening the capacities of Ter Mer Rodriguez staff and its stakeholders leading to an increase from 0 trained person at the start of the project to at least 25 at the end of the project, to ensure project sustainability.	2.2	Copy of final curriculum – training content.	Copy of final curriculum – training content has been completed and herewith attached under "Other Information" tab.
2.0	Strengthening the capacities of Ter Mer Rodriguez staff and its stakeholders leading to an increase from 0 trained person at the start of the project to at least 25 at the end of the project, to ensure project sustainability.	2.3	Training attendance sheets available for at least 10 participants (including members of Ter Mer Rodriguez and its stakeholders).	Training attendance sheets are available.

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2.0	Strengthening the capacities of Ter Mer Rodriguez staff and its stakeholders leading to an increase from 0 trained person at the start of the project to at least 25 at the end of the project, to ensure project sustainability.	2.4	Training report produced to include training materials, feedback and highlighting the increase in capacity from 0 at the start to at least 10 participants from Ter Mer Rodriguez and its stakeholders at the end of the project.	Training report is available and herewith attached under "Other Information" tab.
2.0	Strengthening the capacities of Ter Mer Rodriguez staff and its stakeholders leading to an increase from 0 trained person at the start of the project to at least 25 at the end of the project, to ensure project sustainability.	2.6	Signed Agreement. CANCELLED	Deliverable cancelled!
2.0	Strengthening the capacities of Ter Mer Rodriguez staff and its stakeholders leading to an increase from 0 trained person at the start of the project to at least 25 at the end of the project, to ensure project sustainability.	2.7	Copies of attendance/participation in the technical training/exchange available. CANCELLED	Deliverable cancelled!

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2.0	Strengthening the capacities of Ter Mer Rodriguez staff and its stakeholders leading to an increase from 0 trained person at the start of the project to at least 25 at the end of the project, to ensure project sustainability.	2.8	Meeting reports and/or written reports.	All relevant reports have been submitted.
3.0	Conservation and rehabilitation work initiated over the Islet.	3.2	Number of plants planted within the 5-ha perimeter.	More than one thousand endemic/ native plants have been placed on the islet.
2.0	Strengthening the capacities of Ter Mer Rodriguez staff and its stakeholders leading to an increase from 0 trained person at the start of the project to at least 25 at the end of the project, to ensure project sustainability.	2.9	An increase from 0 at the start of the project to at least 25 Trained staff of the Ter Mer Rodriguez Association and its stakeholders awarded with a Training completion Certificate at the end of the project.	All relevant training activities have been completed.
1.0	Establishing a medium to long term Management strategy for the Gombrani Islet.	1.1	A vision document (roadmap) including a status report about the existing fauna, flora, invasive plant species, tourism activities; an action plan; and an economic model for	The vision document has been completed including all the relevant parts and herewith attached under "Other Information" tab.!

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			managing the Gombrani Islet developed.	
2.0	Strengthening the capacities of Ter Mer Rodriguez staff and its stakeholders leading to an increase from 0 trained person at the start of the project to at least 25 at the end of the project, to ensure project sustainability.	2.1	Copies of signed Trainers contracts.	The contracts have been signed and herewith attached under "Other Information" tab.
1.0	Establishing a medium to long term Management strategy for the Gombrani Islet.	1.2	Draft MoU between Ter Mer Rodriguez Association and the Local Authority.	The MoU has been signed between the Ter Mer Rodriguez Association and the Rodrigues Regional Assembly (Local Authority).
2.0	Strengthening the capacities of Ter Mer Rodriguez staff and its stakeholders leading to an increase from 0 trained person at the start of the project to at least 25 at the end of the project, to ensure project sustainability.	2.5	Technical capacities in restoration management for at least 5 participants from Ter Mer Rodriguez Association and its stakeholders reinforced (Training for trainers through exchange programme). CANCELLED	Deliverable cancelled!
2.0	Strengthening the capacities of Ter Mer Rodriguez staff and its stakeholders leading to an increase from 0 trained	2.10	Increased capacity of Ter Mer Rodriguez association, as demonstrated by comparison of Civil Society Tracking Tool/Gender	The CSTT tracking tool has been finalized at the end of the project and submitted under corresponding tab.

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	person at the start of the project to at least 25 at the end of the project, to ensure project sustainability.		Tracking Tool (CSTT) scores at start and end of the project.	
3.0	Conservation and rehabilitation work initiated over the Islet.	3.3	5 Ha of already restored surface area other Gombrani Islet maintained through weeding exercises with the support of the Association des Pecheurs de Mourouk	Maintenance weeding done in the initially restored 5 Ha surface area. Relevant report is under "Other Information" tab.
3.0	Conservation and rehabilitation work initiated over the Islet.	3.4	Additional 5 Ha of surface area of Gombrani Islet restored from Invasive Alien Plant Species with the support of the Association des Pecheurs de Mourouk	Restoration work done in the additional 5 Ha surface area. Relevant report is under "Other Information" tab.
3.0	Conservation and rehabilitation work initiated over the Islet.	3.5	Eco-friendly track over Gombrani Islet designed and mapped to foster Eco-tourism activities	Eco-friendly track over Gombrani Islet designed and mapped to foster Eco-tourism activities. Relevant report is under "Other Information" tab.
3.0	Conservation and rehabilitation work initiated over the Islet.	3.6	At least 500m of Eco-friendly track over Gombrani Islet initiated by 12/31/2021	At least 500m of Eco-friendly track over Gombrani Islet completed with relevant report under "Other Information" tab.
3.0	Conservation and rehabilitation work initiated over the Islet.	3.7	Design of at least 4 give-away to be served for awareness raising available by 12/31/2021	At least 4 give-away to be served for awareness raising designed. Relevant designs under "Other Information" tab.

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3.0	Conservation and rehabilitation work initiated over the Islet.	3.8	At least 200 of each of at least 4 give-away produced by 12/31/2021	Production of at least 200 of each of at least 4 give-away completed.

Tools, products or methodologies that resulted from the project or contributed to the results:

Relevant electronic documents are attached in the "Other Information Tab"

PORTFOLIO INDICATORS

Portfolio Indicator Number	Portfolio Indicator Description	Expected Numerical Contribution	Expected Contribution Description	Actual Numerical Contribution	Actual Contribution Description
1.3	Effective participation of local communities in the management of at least 10 new protected areas at priority sites.			0	No newly formulated protected area has been made in the project site.
1.5	Economic tools and models improving livelihoods while preserving natural capital and biodiversity (ecotourism, payments for ecosystem services, conservation agreements, etc). piloted and implemented in at			1	During the project implementation, the members of the Association des Pecheurs de Mourouk were mobilized to do restoration works against payment which represented an alternative livelihood for them rather than putting more pressure on the marine ecosystem.

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	least eight priority sites.				
1.7	Capacities of local community organizations in charge of conservation and local development improved in at least 20 sites, allowing for increased sustainability and efficiency of these organizations			1	The Members of the Association des Pecheurs de Mourouk and that of the Ter Mer Rodriguez Association were empowered through various capacity buildings to ensure good compliance for proper management of the project activities and to undertake relevant works.

GLOBAL INDICATORS

Protected Areas

Protected areas that have been created and/or expanded as a result of the project. Protected areas may include private or community reserves, municipal or provincial parks, or other designations where biodiversity conservation is an official management goal.

Name of Protected Area	WDPA ID*	Latitude	Longitude	Country	Original Total Size (Hectares) **	New Protected Hectares ***	Year of Legal Declaration or Expansion
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*World Database of Protected Areas

**If this is a new protected area, 0 should appear in this column

*** This column excludes the original total size of the protected area.

Key Biodiversity Area Management

Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) under improved management—where tangible results have been achieved to support conservation—as a result of the project.

KBA Name	KBA Code	Size of KBA	Number of Hectares with Improved Management
Rodrigues' Islets	MUS6		10

Production Landscapes

Production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity as a result of the project.

A production landscape is defined as a site outside a protected area where commercial agriculture, forestry or natural product exploitation occurs.

Name of Production Landscape	Latitude	Longitude	Hectares Strengthened	Intervention
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Benefits to Individuals

- Structured Training:**

Number of Men Trained	Number of Women Trained	Topics of Training
8	12	Good governance in NGOs; General Management in NGOs; Financial Management in NGOs; and Rights and Responsibilities of NGOs

- Cash Benefits:**

Number of Men – Cash Benefits	Number of Women – Cash Benefits	Description of Benefits
7	10	Stipend for works undertaken in connection with restoration done over Gombrani Islet.

Benefits to Communities

View the characteristics column below with the following corresponding codes:	View the benefits column below with the following corresponding codes:
1- Small Landowners	a. Increased Access to Clean Water
2- Subsistence Economy	b. Increased Food Security
3- Indigenous/ Ethnic Peoples	c. Increased Access to Energy
4- Pastoralists / Nomadic Peoples	d. Increased Access to Public Services
5- Recent Migrants	e. Increased Resilience to Climate Change
6- Urban Communities	f. Improved Land Tenure
7- Other	g. Improved Use of Traditional Knowledge
	h. Improved Decision-Making
	i. Improved Access to Ecosystem Services

Community Name	Community Characteristics							Type of Benefit									Country	Number of Males Benefitting	Number of Females Benefitting
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i			
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Characteristics of "Other" Communities:

- Ter Mer Rodriguez Association: NGO

Policies, Laws and Regulations

View the topics column below with the following corresponding codes:			
A- Agriculture	E- Energy	I- Planning/Zoning	M- Tourism
B- Climate	F- Fisheries	J- Pollution	N- Transportation
C- Ecosystem Management	G- Forestry	K- Protected Areas	O- Wildlife Trade
D- Education	H- Mining and Quarrying	L- Species Protection	P- Other

No.	Name of Law	Scope	Topics															
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P

“Other” Topics Addressed by the Policy, Law or Regulation:

No.	Country/ Countries	Date Enacted/ Amended	Expected impact	Action Performed to Achieve the Enactment/ Amendment

Companies Adopting Biodiversity-friendly Practices

A company is defined as a for-profit business entity. A biodiversity-friendly practice is one that conserves or uses natural resources in a sustainable manner.

Name of Company	Description of Biodiversity-Friendly Practice	Country/Countries where Practice was Adopted

Networks and Partnerships

Networks/partnerships should have some lasting benefit beyond immediate project implementation. Informal networks/partnerships are acceptable.

Name of Network/Partnership	Year Established	Country/ Countries	Established by Project?	Purpose
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TER-MER	2020	Mauritius	Yes	To provide a framework for corporation and coordination between TER-MER RODRIGUEZ ASSOCIATION and the ASSOCIATION DES

Name of Network/Partnership	Year Established	Country/ Countries	Established by Project?	Purpose
RODRIGUEZ ASSOCIATION AND THE ASSOCIATION DES PÊCHEURS DE MOUROUK				PÊCHEURS DE MOUROUK in achievement of mutual goals. Cooperation and coordination may involve a wide range of activities, including but not limited to, the following: removing of Invasive Alien Species (IAS), reproduction of endemic plants under nursery facilities, hardening of endemic plants prior to planting, planting of endemic plants and rehabilitation works pertaining to identified sites by Ter-Mer Rodriguez Association, weeding and control IAS conservation and restoration activities, and reporting on pressures to biodiversity on and around Gombrani Islet in Rodrigues.
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TER-MER RODRIGUEZ ASSOCIATION AND THE RODRIGUES REGIONAL ASSMBLY REPRESENTED BY THE COMMISSION RES	2020	Mauritius	Yes	The purpose of the MOU is to provide a framework for corporation and coordination between Ter-Mer Rodriguez Association and the RRA in achievement of mutual goals. Cooperation and coordination may involve a wide range of activities, including but not limited to, the following: conservation and restoration activities (conducting assessments, inventory, monitoring, data acquisition, data management, data exchange, disseminating data, conservation planning services, and other scientific and management activities necessary to increase the biodiversity), and ecotourism activities on and around the Gombrani Islet in Rodrigues.

Sustainable Financing

Sustainable financing mechanisms generate funding for the long-term (generally five or more years). These include, but are not limited to, conservation trust funds, debt-for-nature swaps, payment for ecosystem services (PES) schemes, and other revenue, fee or tax schemes that generate long-term funding for conservation.

Name of Mechanism	Purpose	Date Established	Description	Country/Countries	Project Intervention	Delivery of Funds?
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Globally Threatened Species

Globally threatened species (CR, EN, VU) on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, benefitting from the project.

Genus	Species	Common Name (English)	Status	Intervention	Population Trend at Site
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LESSONS LEARNED

A first lesson learnt has been about the choice of seedling from nursery to be replanted into the project site. It is vital to choose a nursery location which reflects approximately the same climatic condition as the project site. If this is not the case, it is then required to set-up a 'temporary' nursery that bears almost the same climatic condition as the project site. This will avoid major seedlings losses during the hardening and planting phases of the project.

A second lesson learnt is about catering for fund for maintenance weeding. Although the project has been able to initiate maintenance weeding on the project site, it is vital to consider long term maintenance to ensure proper IAS eradication and ensuring the grown plants to overtake the weeds and IAS.

SUSTAINABILITY/REPLICATION

The development of the Vision document (Roadmap) shall help the Association to pave the way for further resources mobilization to ensure the sustainability of the various actions under the project.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS/STANDARDS

During the restoration of the existing biodiversity on the Gombrani Islet, the Ter Mer Rodriguez Association (TMRA) through the members of the Association des Pêcheurs de Mourouk (APM) have been eliminating existing invasive plant species in order to allow maximum growth of the native plant species. As such, existing invasive weeds have been uprooted manually as far as possible. For further deep-rooted weeds, light handheld uprooting equipment have been used. Furthermore, ring-barking methodology have been done on tall invasive alien plant species. No chemicals and/ or herbicides were used. The tree trunk have been ring-barked and leave to dry-up standing. The trees have ultimately been cut-off and left for decay.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Total Amount of Additional Funding Actually Secured (USD)	\$0.00
Breakdown of Additional Funding	

INFORMATION SHARING AND CEPF POLICY

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned and results. For more information about this project, you may contact the organization and/or individual listed below.

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