

## **Beneath the Waves, Life Depends – A Marine Awareness Campaign**

**Organised by** BSc Tourism, Hospitality and Events Management Students (Year 2)

**Date:** 25 March 2026

**Venue:** POWA, University of Mauritius

**Expected Attendance:** 100-150 Participants

### **Background**

Mauritius' coral reef ecosystems are increasingly threatened by plastic pollution, coastal development, climate change, and land-based runoff. This event aims to raise awareness about coral reef conservation and the importance of protecting marine ecosystems while encouraging student engagement with marine science and environmental responsibility.

### **Collaborating Bodies**

The event is organised in collaboration with Eco-Sud Mauritius and the Odysseo Foundation (Eclasia Group), with the support of the Marine Science Department, University of Mauritius.

### **Aim**

To increase awareness and understanding of coral reef ecosystems, marine pollution, and conservation initiatives in Mauritius.

### **Key Activities**

- Short expert talks on coral reefs and marine conservation
- Demonstrations and educational activities by the Marine Science Department
- Awareness booths from environmental organisations
- Educational videos and interactive learning activities

### **Budget**

The estimated budget for the event is Rs 10,000, which will mainly cover refreshments for speakers and participants, along with basic event materials.

### **Sustainability Measures**

- No single-use plastics
- Digital communication materials
- Waste segregation and recycling practices during the event.