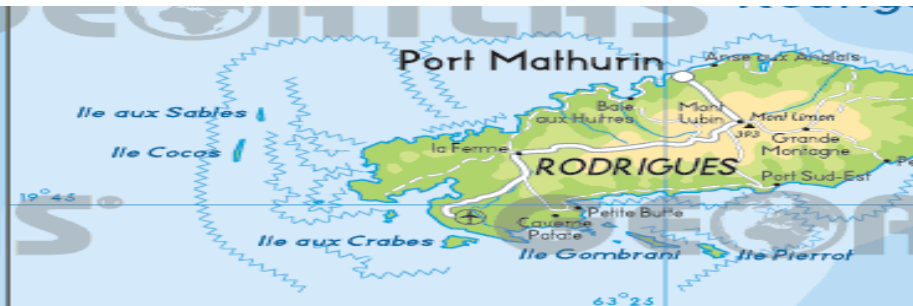
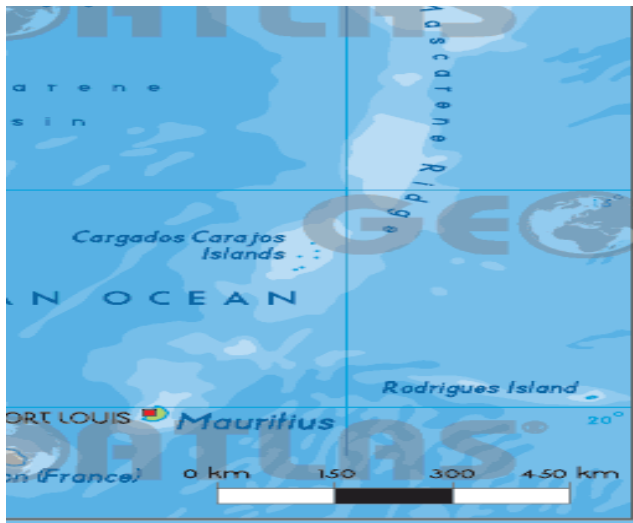


**PROMOTION OF CLEAN DEVELOPMENT
THROUGH
USE OF RETS IN RURAL AREAS
IN
MAURITIUS**

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147,000 (In 03)



ANALYSIS-Supply Sources

- ❖ Imported
 - Oil products – 1million tons (includes trans)
 - Coal - 600,000 tons
 - enegrgy /total bill- Rs 25.5 /Rs 132billion
- ❖ Local Sources
 - *bagasse: 1.6 million tons*
 - *hydro: 100 GWh/annum*
 - *solar: 6 kWh/m²*
 - *wind: 6.5-7.5 m/s*
 - *ocean: delta 20 oC/sea water cooling*
 - *geothermal potential*

Analysis-Electricity demand

❖ Electricity Demand 2009 (mainland)

- *generated* *2300 Gwh*
- *peak demand* *389 MW*
- *night load* *200 MW*

❖ Electricity Demand 2025 (mainland)

- *generated* *4500 GWh*
- *peak demand* *700 MW*
- *night load* *350 M*

❖ Rodrigues: peak 5 MW

❖ Agalega: peak 60 kW

Long term energy strategy 2009-2025

Fuel Source		Percentage of Total Electricity Generation			
		2010	2015	2020	2025
Renewable	Bagasse	16%	13%	14%	17%
	Hydro	4%	3%	3%	2%
	Waste to energy	0	5%	4%	4%
	Wind	0	2%	6%	8%
	Solar PV	0	1%	1%	2%
	Geothermal	0	0	0	2%
	Sub-total	20%	24%	28%	35%
Non-Renewable	Fuel Oil	37%	31%	28%	25%
	Coal	43%	45%	44%	40%
	Sub-total	80%	76%	72%	65%
	Total	100%	100%	100%	100%

Useful experience in RETs 1

❖ Agalega

exorbitant

- PV for lighting failure
- no local capacity to maintain system
- no spare parts, high costs
- all pv abandoned
- use of coconut oil in tractors, diesel
- production of coconut oil up 2.5 times
- coconut husks and shells :
gasification/combustion
- pv re-examined
- no wind potential
- technology to be reliable
- local community to be trained

Useful experience in RETs 2

❖ Rodrigues

failure

- previous generation of wind turbines a

system

- lack of local capacity to maintain system

- sophisticated electronic wind tracking

- not cyclone resistant

- new generation of wind a success

- technology cyclone resistant

- 20-25 local technicians trained

Barriers to additional RE 1

- ❖ Lack of comprehensive mapping
 - No wind atlas
 - No solar map
 - No assessment of mini-hydro potential
 - No data on geothermal

- ❖ Lack of institutional and legal framework
 - only strategy document
 - no renewable law eg as in china
 - new Ministry of RE, capacity constraint

Barriers 2

- ❖ Lack of public awareness
 - fossil technologies shape thinking
 - environmental benefits of RETS not appreciated
- ❖ Lack of capacity in implementing and maintaining RETs eg Agalega
- ❖ no market chain for technology support
 - chain for commercial fuels well established eg lpg use
- ❖ no appetite of banks/RETs risks perceived high

Barriers 3

- ❖ lack of norms, standards, code of practice
 - bad experience with SWH subsidy programme
 - absence of standards, market flooded with poor quality equipment
 - installation poorly done
 - public confidence dented
- ❖ standards would be introduced for new subsidy scheme
- ❖ technical reliability and non-continuous service

Actions to remove barriers

- ❖ GEF assistance
 - concept note for \$ 2 million approved
 - 4 year project starting in 2011
- ❖ EU (EuropeAid) assistance of EUR 1.5 million specifically to address barriers in rural and poor areas
 - concept note approved
 - empowerment of rural communities
 - technicians trained
 - demonstration projects set up
- ❖ bilateral aid from JICA
 - complement above
 - demonstration projects
 - scaling up

One size fits all Green Energy Solution ?

- ❖ Energy Solutions different within one country
- ❖ No universal solution
- ❖ Specific to country, with internal specificities
 - level of development
 - type of economic activity
 - cultural eg biogas feedstock
 - market facilities
 - weather/climate
 - type of renewable resource

Conclusions

- ❖ **Yes, Green Energy Solutions available**
- ❖ **Right choice**
- ❖ **Empowerment of Communities**
- ❖ **State has to remove barriers**
- ❖ **No 'one size fits all' solution**
- ❖ **multilateral/bilateral support vital**
- ❖ **start small and scale up**

A wide-angle photograph of a calm, deep blue ocean stretching to the horizon. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue with some light, wispy clouds. On the left side, a faint rainbow is visible, its colors blending into the blue of the sky and water. The overall mood is serene and expansive.

Thank you