

International Day for the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystems

Workshop Day - Thursday 20 July 2023

The above mentioned event was successfully commemorated as part of our module Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in our first year second semester of our program of study. We a group of students from the MSc Climate Change, Health and Disaster Management with the help our module convenor Mrs. T. Makoondlall-Chadee and the staff from the School of Sustainable Development and Tourism organised a half day workshop on the preservation and conservation of mangrove ecosystems in Mauritius on Thursday 20 July 2023 on the occasion of the International Day for the Conservation of Mangrove Ecosystems that is celebrated on 26 July every year. Three speakers, one from the Association pour le Développement Durable (ADD) which a non-governmental organisation aiming at promoting sustainable island living, a Technical Officer from the National Parks and Conservation Service and a Researcher were invited to deliver a talk on the importance of mangroves, their ecosystems and roles in reducing global warming. The Chairperson of the Beach Authority, an institution under the aegis of the Ministry of Environment was also invited as Chief Guest to contribute to the event. Many students from the SSdT were also invited to attend the seminar so as to enable them to gain some knowledge and learning from this seminar. At the end of the event, the people present were invited to attend a site visit on Saturday 22 July at Le Morne Village where ADD had established a mangrove nursery.

The Set Up



Speeches





Participants



Site Visit to the Mangrove Nursery at Le Morne Village

After the workshop, a site visit to the Mangrove Nursery at Le Morne Village was organised on Saturday 22 July 2023 by ADD and the masters students from both the masters in Climate Change, Health and Disaster Risk Management (MCCHDM/22B/FT) and the masters in Sustainability for Business, Society and Environment (MS/22A/PT). The purpose of the visit was to help the NGO achieve its target of planting 9000 mangroves in the areas of Le Morne and Coteau Raffin. But the main objective, as masters students on climate change, was to contribute to the enhancement of the environment and put in practice what was being taught in class.



On site, students were briefed on what the nursery is all about, how mangroves have been planted and transplanted to other areas. Equipped with boots, gloves and gardening tools, the team started their task of transplanting mangroves from the nursery to the plantation site. It is to be noted that we were not the only team present on the site but two other teams from other organisations were also present to help in the planting of mangroves.









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