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Book: “Bras d’Eau: The History of a Sugar Estate in Mauritius”

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Beneath the foliage and canopies of trees, lie the vestiges of an old sugar estate namely Bras d’Eau situated in the North-East of Mauritius. This site was proclaimed in 2011 the second terrestrial National Park in Mauritius after the Black River Gorges. The Nature reserve also comprises of historic structures pertaining to its former use as a sugar estate including the dwellings of the slaves that were later expanded into a larger zone to house more than 2 thousand indentured labourers between 1836 and 1864. These vestiges provide a window on the conditions of the labour force working on estates during the 18th and 19th centuries.

This publication on the history of Bras d’Eau sugar estate presents a 5-year in-depth research conducted on the former sugar estate of Bras d’Eau which places emphasis on the history of sugar estates in Mauritius and in particular, on the transition from slavery to indenture period.

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