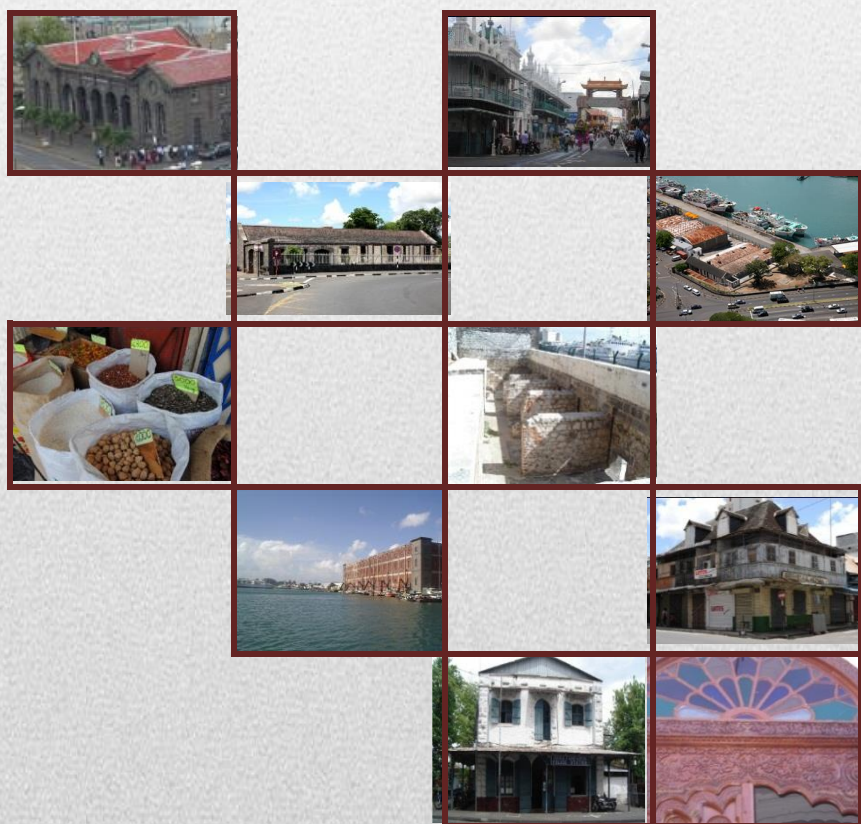


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ACRONYMS

AGTF	Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund
AG WHS	Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site
AG WHP	Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property
BRIC	Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre
BZ	Buffer Zone
CM	Conservation Manual
DP	Development Plan
STAC	Scientific Technical and Advisory Committee
VMP	Visitor Management Plan



VISION AND MISSION

The mandate and the actions of the Trust Fund are guided by the following framework:

In 2001, the Mauritian Government set up a dedicated institution, the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund (AGTF), to document, manage and promote the Aapravasi Ghat as a national and international site. The AGTF is a parastatal body that operates under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Culture.

The Trust Fund was mandated to:

- Establish, administer, manage, promote and maintain the Aapravasi Ghat as a national, regional and international heritage site;
- Preserve, restore and manage the Aapravasi Ghat and the sites specified in schedule 2 of the Act;
- Set up a museum at Aapravasi Ghat and create public awareness of the history of indentured labour;
- Promote social and cultural aspects of the sites specified in schedules 1 and 2 of the Act;
- Encourage and support projects and publications related to the Indentured Labour;
- Establish links with appropriate national, regional and international organizations in line with the objects of the Act;
- Identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures associated with indentured labour; and
- Encourage and support interdisciplinary scientific research related to indentured labour and to the sites specified in schedules 1 and 2.

The Trust's guiding principles include:

- Support of activities related to indentured Labour immigration;
- Support projects that benefit all Mauritians and in which Mauritians from all walks of life can participate. This includes the conceptualization, planning and execution of projects;
- To restore the links with past and our origins that have been broken as a result of rapid modernization and to restore pride into our indentured Heritage;
- To carry out projects in a democratic spirit, in a historically accurate way and in full respect of the multi-cultural society in which we live;
- To promote excellence rather than be satisfied with basic minimum or the cheapest alternative.

AAPRAVASI GHAT WORLD HERITAGE SITE



The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund AGTF is a body corporate under the aegis of the Ministry of Arts and Culture. It was created in 2001 by the Government of the Republic of Mauritius through Act of Parliament to manage and promote the Aapravasi Ghat Site.

The site was declared National Monument under the National Monuments Act in 1987(GN31/87) and subsequently proclaimed National Heritage in 2003 under the National Heritage Act 2003.

The Aapravasi Ghat Site was inscribed on the World Heritage List under criteria (VI) in 2006 (Decision 30 COM 8 B.33). The concept of World Heritage was developed by UNESCO to define cultural and natural heritage that are irreplaceable, unique and authentic, not only for the nation to which they belong, but also for humanity as a whole. It is considered that the loss of this heritage through deterioration or disappearance would generate an impoverishment of the heritage of all the peoples of the world. As such, their significance is of Outstanding Universal Value¹ (OUV).

The Aapravasi Ghat was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2006. The World Heritage Status is defined by the *Convention concerning the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage* (1972) of UNESCO and by the *operational Guidelines for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention* (2008).

The inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat recognizes the Outstanding Universal Value of the Site as a symbol of the Great Experiment initiated in 1834 by the British colonial Government to evaluate the viability of *indenture* as a system to recruit “free” labour after the abolition of slavery in the British Colonies in 1833.

“The first site chosen by the British Government in 1834 for the great experiment in the use of indentured rather than slave Labor, is strongly associated with memories of almost half a million indentured labourers moving from India to Mauritius to work on sugarcane plantations or to be transshipped to other parts of the World.”

¹ A definition is provided in the glossary.

A Buffer Zone² (BZ) was delimited for Aapravasi Ghat (AG) World Heritage Site (WHS) to allow the full expression of the outstanding significance of the World Heritage Site as per UNESCO *Convention concerning the protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage*. In its Convention, UNESCO explains that the Buffer Zone is important as it represents the context in which the World Heritage Site has evolved through time. As such, it is a fundamental element supporting its cultural significance at national and international level. This is the reason why appropriate measures are enforced in the Buffer Zone to protect, preserve, enhance and promote the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the World Heritage Site. The ultimate objective is to create a suitable environment supporting the retention of the heritage in the BZ, and also, its sustainable development.

When the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2006, the Buffer Zone had no legal protection. The Buffer Zone was proclaimed a legal entity in June 2011 with the legal protection provided by:

1. The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Act (amended 2006 and 2011) defining the boundaries of the Buffer Zones;
2. The Local Government Act 2003 (amended 2011) making provision for the creation of a system to monitor development in the Buffer Zones; and
3. The Planning Policy Guidance 6 - Urban heritage area: Buffer Zone of Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property (PPG 6) provides with a set of planning guidance in the Buffer Zone to orientate development towards the valorisation and revitalization of the area which holds attributes associated to the outstanding universal value of the property.

The actions of the Trust Fund are therefore guided by this legal framework and also by key documents required by UNESCO.

The framework for the management, preservation and promotion of the World Heritage Property is described in the Management Plan. The **Management Plan** is the overarching document presenting the overall strategy for the conservation, management and the promotion of the World Heritage Property and its surroundings.

To address further specific issues that may affect the World Heritage Property, the Management Plan is complemented by supporting documents addressing:

- visitor management;
- risk management;
- management mechanisms for the Buffer Zone;
- urban planning for the conservation of heritage and its revitalisation in the Buffer Zone;
- actions for the implementation of the vision for development; and
- measures for conservation management and enhancement.

² The concept of buffer zone is explained in the annex.



❖ CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is a statutory body set up under the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Act No 31 of 2001 operating under aegis of Ministry of Arts and Culture.

❖ DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Fund's Directors are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Accounting Standards issued by Financial Reporting Council in compliance with the requirements of prevailing statutes.

❖ RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The fundamental statutory responsibilities of the Board of Directors are to lay down the overall policies regulating the various business/ activities of the Fund; it oversees the Fund's strategic direction and its organizational structure. The Board discharges the above responsibilities either or through Board Committees for more in-depth analysis and review of various issues while retaining its responsibility for all policy matters.

The Chairman of each Committee periodically places reports of its proceedings before the Board for approval/information, as may be relevant. The Board promotes openness, integrity and accountability to improve corporate behavior, strengthens control systems over business and reviews management performance on a regular basis. In addition the Board is committed to ensure as far as reasonably possible, and in accordance with legislation in force, the safety and health of its staff. To fulfill their responsibilities, Board members have unhindered access to accurate, relevant and timely information.

❖ INTERNAL CONTROL

Directors' responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement; selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Such systems should ensure that all transactions are authorized and recorded and that any material irregularities are detected and rectified within a reasonable time frame.

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Chairman

.....
Board Member

❖ THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

The main objectives of the Fund is to establish and promote Aapravasi Ghat as a national, regional and international site, set up a museum at Aapravasi Ghat, create public awareness in the history of the site and depict the arrival, settlement and evolution of indenture in Mauritius. It also has to identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures linked with the history of the arrival of immigrants and promote the social and cultural aspects of Aapravasi Ghat.

❖ ADMINISTRATION

The Fund is administered by a Board comprising of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson and 16 members all appointed by the Minister of Arts and Culture under whose aegis the Fund operates.

❖ SOURCES OF INCOME

The main source of income of the Fund is derived from the Government. Hence the Fund has to depend entirely on government grant which are used for different projects and administrative purposes.

❖ THE MAIN DIVISIONS

For the execution of the policy of the AGTF Board and for the control and management of its day to day business, the Fund has the following main divisions:

- (a). The Administrative Section; and
- (b). The Technical and Research Section.

❖ TOP MANAGEMENT

In accordance with section No 21 of the AGTF ACT 2001 and subsequently amended in 2011.

- the Director shall be responsible for the execution of the policy of the Board for the control and management of the day to day business of the Fund.
- every member of the staff shall be render the administrative control of the Director

❖ ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

The Administrative Secretary is directly responsible for the general administration including the Personnel Division and acts inter-alia as Secretary to the Board. The Administrative Section is staffed by incumbents in the grades of Administrative Secretary, Accounting Technician, Financial Operations Officer, Clerk/Word Processing Operator, Accounts Clerk, Confidential Secretary and Office Attendant/Driver.

❖ **TECHNICAL AND RESEARCH SECTION**

This unit is responsible for the implementation of projects and activities defined by the Management Plan of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property as well as the projects defined in the strategic plan to meet the objects of the Fund.

The Technical and Research Section is composed of 30 members in the posts of WHS Manager (1), Researcher (3), Research Assistant (5), Field Guide (1), Heritage Guide/Public Outreach Officer (3), Site Conservation Worker (7), Watchman (4), Gateman (1) and General Worker (3). The unit is managed by the Head Technical Unit (1).

❖ **RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY**

Risk Management Policy has been disclosed at note 12 of the Financial Statement.

❖ **HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

With the coming into force of the Occupational Health and safety Act 2005, this organization recognizes the fundamental importance of Health and safety of its staff members and other persons who may be directly affected by its activities. This organization complies with all relevant Health and Safety legislation. Protective clothing and equipment are supplied to staff working on different sites. Firefighting and equipment, first aid boxes are fixed in places to ensure rapid and easy use.

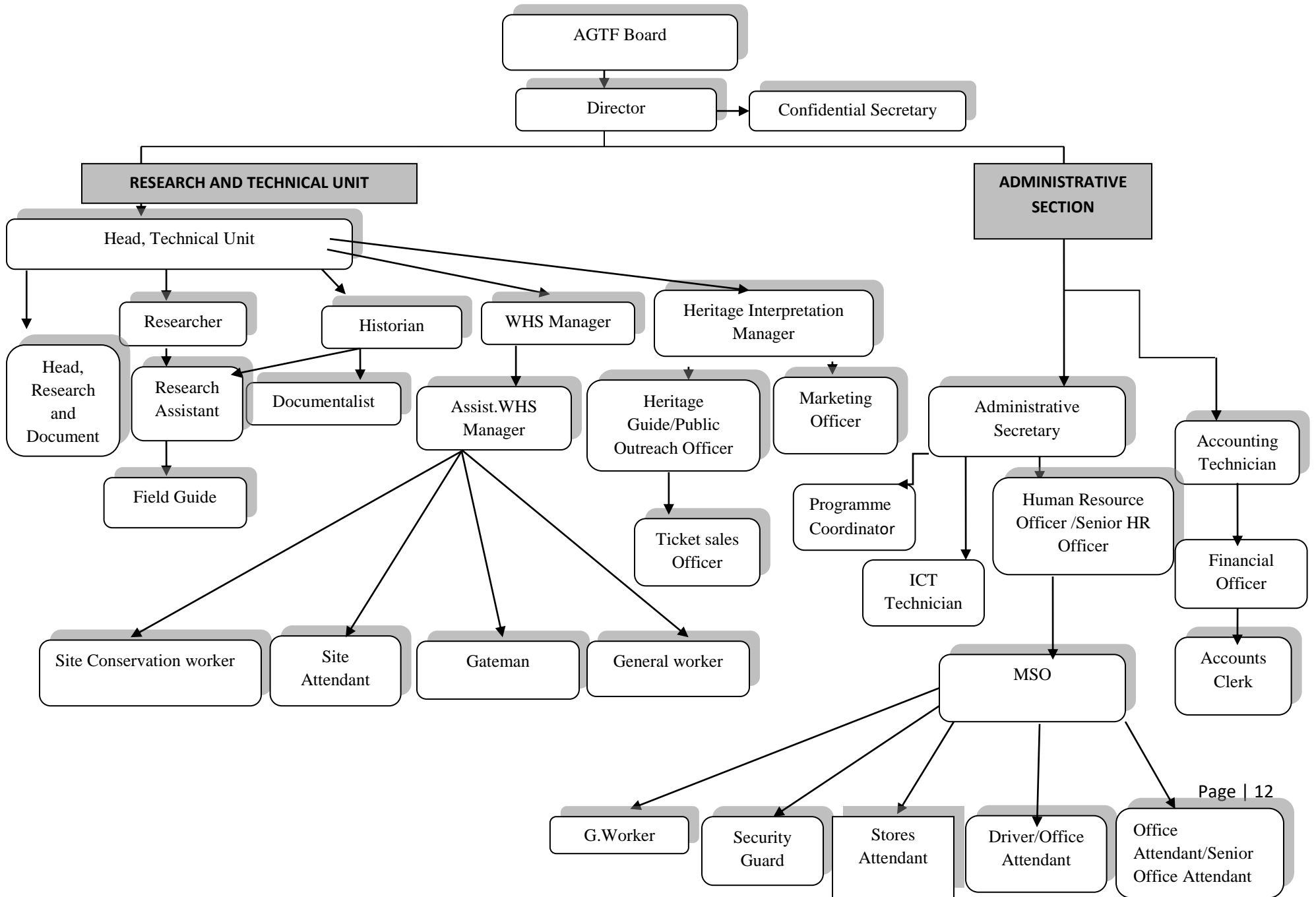
❖ **REGISTERED OFFICE**

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❖ **AUDITORS**

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National Audit Office
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❖ ORGANISATION CHART OF THE AGTF



1. COMPOSITION OF THE AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND BOARD

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is responsible for the day-to-day management of the World Heritage Property. The Board of the Trust Fund is composed of 16 members as follows including the Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson:

- One representative of the Prime Minister's Office;
- One representative of the Ministry of Finance;
- One representative of the Ministry of Arts and Culture;
- One representative of the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research
- One representative of the Ministry of Tourism and External Communication
- One representative of the High Commission of India;
- One representative of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute;
- One representative of the National Heritage Fund;
- 8 Members from the local community.

SN	Names	Details
1	Mr Dhuny Dharam Yash Deo	Chairman
2	Mrs Somatee Gokhool	Vice Chairperson
3	Ms Purvashee Banarsee	Representative from Ministry of Tourism & external Communications
4	Mrs Uma Devi Kowlessur	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
5	Mrs P Chiran Mrs Sahebally Mrs U Sohar	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Culture
6	Mrs L D Rupear	Representative from Ministry of Education and Human Resources
7	Mr Mukesh Jhummun	Member
8	Mrs Sadhna Ramlallah	Member
9	Mr Omduth Bundhoo	Member
10	Mrs Jayshree Bye Mahadoo	Member
11	Mrs Nutan Panday Mr Ankush Kapoor	Representative from Indian High Commission
12	Ms Divya Boodhooa	Member
13	Dr Anwar Janoo	Member
14	Mr Oodaye Prakash Seebaluck Mrs P Fulena	Representative from Prime Minister's Office
15	Mr S Dowlut Rao Mr Ramjuttan	Representative from National Heritage Fund
16	Mr N Mutty Mr D Mathoora	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

2. PROFILE OF BOARD MEMBERS

1. Mr Dharam Yash Deo Dhuny is Chairman of AGTF, Educator and Rector of Progressive College, Riv Du Rempart. Rector (Redundant) at MEDCO. Alex Bhujoharry Secondary School, Port-Louis.
2. Mrs Somatee Gokhool is Vice Chairperson of AGTF and Monitor of Driving School.
3. Representative from Ministry of Arts and Culture
 - a. Mrs P Chiran is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Arts and Culture and is the representative of the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
 - b. Mrs U Sohar is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Arts and Culture and is the representative of the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
 - c. Mrs Sahebally is the Principal Culture Officer at the Ministry of Arts and Culture and is the representative of the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
4. Ms Purvashee Banarsee is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Tourism & representative of the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
5. Representative from Prime Minister's Office
 - a. Mr. Oodaye Prakash Seebaluck works at the Prime Minister's Office and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
 - b. Mrs P Fulena works at the Prime Minister's Office and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
6. Representative from Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
 - a. Mr. N. Mutty is working as Senior Analyst at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and represents the said ministry on the Board
 - b. Mr D Mathoora is working as Senior Analyst at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and represents the said Ministry on the Board
7. Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
 - a. Mrs Kowlessur is the Registrar of Mahatma Gandhi Institute and representative of the said institution on AGTF Board.
 - b. Mr Dawosing is working as lecturer at the Mahatma Gnadhi Institute.
8. Mrs L Rupear is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research and is the representative of the said Ministry on AGTF Board.

9. Representative from National Heritage Fund
 - a. Mr. S. Dowlutrao is the Officer in Charge of the National Heritage Fund and represents the fund on AGTF Board.
 - b. Mr Ramjuttun is the Technical Officer of the National Heritage Fund and represents the fund on AGTF Board.
10. Representative from High Commission of India
 - a. Mrs. Nutan Panday is the Second Secretary and represents the High Commission of India of the AGTF Board.
 - b. Mr Ankush Kapoor is the First Secretary and represents the High Commission of India of the AGTF Board
11. Mr Mukesh Jhummun is a nominated member and presently he is working as an Education Officer in a Private Secondary School.
12. Mrs Sadhna Ramlallah is a nominated member.
13. Mr. Omduth Bundhoo is a nominated member and is working as priest.
14. Ms Divya Boodhooa is a nominated member
15. Dr. Anwar Janoo is a nominated member and works as Senior Lecturer at the University of Mauritius.

3. SENIOR MANAGEMENT PROFILE

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| 1. Mr V. Ramoutar | Officer in Charge
Post Graduate in Public Sector Management |
| 2. Dr.(Mrs) C. Forest | Head Technical Unit
Post-Graduate in Museology and Anthropology
PhD in Social Anthropology |
| 3. Mrs D.Chuckowree | Accounting Technician
Graduate in Public Sector Financial Management |
| 4. Mr L.Andiapen | World Heritage Site Manager-
Post Graduate in Heritage Management |

4. CONSTITUTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES IN 1 JULY 2018 TO 30 JUNE 2019

A	Finance Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mr N Mutty Mr D Mathoora	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
2	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from the Ministry of Tourism External Communication
3	Mrs P S Chiran Mrs U. Sohar Mrs A. Sahebally	Representatives from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
4	Mr O P Seebaluck Mrs Fulena	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
5	Mrs S Gokhool	Member
6	Mr M Jhummun	Member
7	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member

(B)	Staff Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mrs Sahebally Mrs U Sohar	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
2	Mrs S Nuckchady Mrs K Ramasamy	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
3	Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from the Ministry Prime Ministers' Office
4	Mr N Mutty Mr D Mathoora	Representatives from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
5	Mr S. Dowlutao	Representative from the National Heritage Fund
6	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member
7	Mrs S Gokhool	Member

(c)	Editing Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mrs P S Chiran	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
3	Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
4	Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
5	Mr M Jhummun	Member
6	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member

(D)	Technical Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Dr A Janoo	Chairperson
2	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from the Ministry of Tourism External Communication
3	Mrs Sahebally Mrs Rojee	Representatives from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
4	Mr S Dowlutao	Representative from the National Heritage Fund
5	Mrs U.D Kowlessur	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi institute
6	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member

(E)	2nd November Sub Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mrs S Gokhool	Chairperson
2	Mrs P S Chiran	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
3	Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
4	Mrs Kowlessur	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi institute
5	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from the Ministry of Tourism External Communication
6	Mrs Nutan Panday	Representative from High Commissioner of India
7	Mr M Jhummun	Member

(F)	Consultative Committee Management Plan	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mrs Soborun	Representative from Land and Housing
2	Mrs A Rojee	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Culture
3	Mr J. Dawosing	Representative from the Mahatma Gandhi Institute
4	Mr Peeroo	Representative from Ministry of Public Infrastructure , Land and Transport
5	Mr Ramjuttun	Representative from National Heritage Fund
6	Mrs Lafleur	Representative from Le Morne Heritage Fund
7	A Ghoora	Representative from Mauritius ports Authority

(G)	BRIC Shop Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mr N Mutty Mr D.Mathoor	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
2	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from the Ministry of Tourism External Communication
3	Mrs Nutan Panday	Representative from High Commissioner of India
4	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member
5	Mrs S Gokhool	Member
6	Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
7	Mr M Jhummun	Member

(H)	Sales of Book Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mr N Mutty D Mathoor	Representative from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
2	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from the Ministry of Tourism External Communication
3	Mr O P Seebaluck Mrs Fulena	Representative from the Prime Ministers' Office
4	Mrs S Gokhool	Member
5	Mrs J Mahadoo	Member
6	Mr M Jhummun	Member

(I)	Buffer Zone STAC Committee	
SN	Names	Details
1	Mrs Rojee	Representative from the Ministry of Arts and Culture
2	Mr N Mutty Mr D Mathoor	Representatives from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development
3	Ms P Banarsee	Representative from Ministry of Tourism and External Communication
4	Mr S Dowlutao	Representative from National Heritage Fund
5	Mrs Kowlessur Mr Dawosing	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi institute
6	Mr B Jhummun	Member
7	Dr A Janoo	Member

4	Mr S Dowlutrao	Representative from National Heritage Fund
5	Mrs Kowlessur Mr Dawosing	Representatives from Mahatma Gandhi institute
6	Mr B Jhummun	Member
7	Dr A Janoo	Member

5. TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

12 July 2018	Civil Service college	Advanced Secretarial course for CS	Mrs Drishtee Conhyea	Expenses met by AGTF
30 April 2019	State Informatics Ltd (SIL)	Enabling Strategic HR Capabilities	Mrs Chuckowree & Mrs Rughoo	Free
12 Feb- 07 May 2019	Mauritian Management Association	Strategic skills for procurement Practitioners	Mrs Rughoo	Expenses met by AGTF
20 June 2019	The Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC)	Half Day Workshop to Commemorate Public Sector	Mr V. Ramoutar	Free

6. MISSION OVERSEAS

20-27 Jan 19	India	Connecting the roots and tangible/intangible heritage	Mr D.Y.D Dhuny	All expenses met by AGTF
20-27 Jan 19	India	Connecting the roots and tangible/ intangible	Mr V. Ramoutar	All cost borne by participant

7. INJURY LEAVE

Mrs Jugun	4 Days	11 Sep 2018- 14 Sep 2018
Mrs Conhyea	2 days	13 March 2019

8. RESIGNATION

Mrs Vedita Jha	Heritage Guide	09 September 2018
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9. ATTENDANCE RECORDS & REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERS

In total, 17 Board Meetings, 1 Special Board Meeting, 4 Staff Committee meetings and 4 Finance Committee meetings were held during the year June 2018- July 19.

Name	Board	Special Board	Staff	Finance
	17	1	4	4
Mr D.Dhuny	17	1		
Mr S.Soborun	1			
Mr B.Jhummun	13	1		4
Mrs S.Gokool	17	1	4	3
Mr N.Mutty	2		1	
Mr O.P Seebaluck	6		1	
Mr A.Janoo	12		2	
Mr V.N Boodhun	1			
Mrs J. Mahadoo	13		2	2
Ms P.Banarsee	11	1		3
Mrs P.Chiran	2		1	
Mrs S.Nuckchady	1		2	
Mr Dawosingh	8			
Mr S.Dowlutrao	15	1	3	
Mrs S.Ramlallah	8	1		
Mr D.Mathoora	14	1	1	4
Mrs U.Kowlessur	5	1		
Mrs L.D Rupeear	3			
Mrs N.Pandey	2			
Mrs A S Jauhangeer	3	1	1	1

Name	Board	Special Board	Staff	Finance
Mrs K.F.Boodoo	3		1	1
Ms A.Rojee	2			
Mr C.Kripa				1
Mr A.Kapoor	3			
Ms U.Sohar	2		2	1
Mrs K.Ramasamy			1	

10. NUMBER OF MEETINGS

- **HOLDINGS OF MEETINGS**

For the period under review, the main Board meeting of AGTF held 17 meetings and the holding of sub-committees meetings were as follows:

Staff Sub Committee	4 times
Finance Committee	4 times
Technical Committee	1 time
STAC Buffer Zone Committee	5 times
Editing Committee	3 times
Bric Shop Committee	2 times

REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS OF BOARD

The Chairperson is entitled to a monthly allowance of Rs 28,500.

All other Board members receive an allowance of Rs 890 as per Board meeting and an allowance of Rs 575 per sub-committee.

The Chairperson of the following sub-committees receives an allowance of Rs 1,195 per sitting:

- Staff Committee;
- Finance Committee;
- Sub-Committee ICW Procedural Agreement;
- Editorial Committee for the newsletter.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2018-2019

For financial year 2018-2019 government has allocated

❖ RECURRENT GRANT

The government grant for recurrent expenditure was MUR 29.2 Million for the financial year 2018/19 and AGTF has received only 24.3million

❖ CAPITAL GRANT

In total, the AGTF received MUR 400,000 as capital Grant for the acquisition of office and IT Equipment for this period.

THE RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL UNIT

A Research Unit was created in 2003 to conduct research on the Aapravasi Ghat when it was a former immigration depot and on indenture in Mauritius.

Since 2008, the unit has expanded to cater for the expertise required at World Heritage Site.

The unit is divided in four sections as follows:



Research

- History
- Intangible Cultural Heritage
- Anthropology
- Archaeology

- Historian
- Researchers
- Research Assistants

Promotion and Outreach

- Heritage Interpretation
- Public Programme
- Events & activities

- Heritage Interpretation Manager
- Heritage Guides / Public Outreach Officers

Conservation

- Conservation and maintenance of WHP & other sites related to indenture
- Heritage Documentation

- WHP Manager
- Research Assistant
- Site Conservation Workers
- General Workers

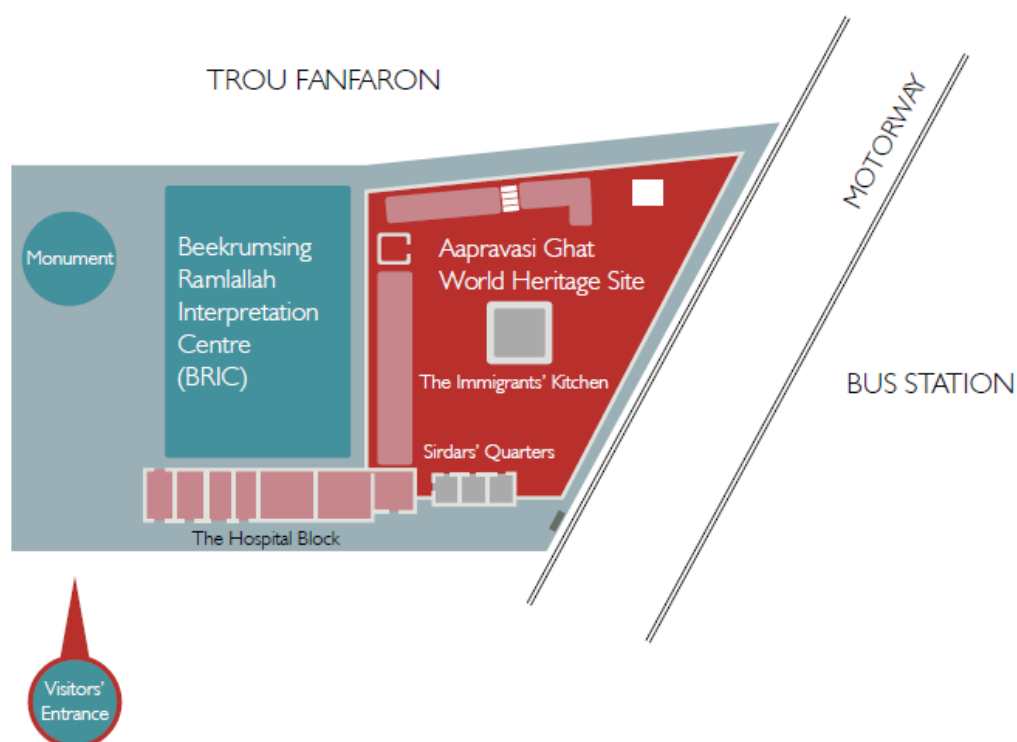
Heritage monitoring in the Buffer Zones

- Documentation
- Regular inspection
- Reporting on state of conservation

- WHS Manager
- Research Assistant

VISITS AT WORLD HERITAGE SITE

The visit at the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site includes a visit of the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre (45 mins) and a visit of the World Heritage Site (20 mins).



The Interpretation Centre is a permanent exhibition area that retraces the experience of indentured labourers and the key role of Mauritius in the history of indenture.

The Centre opened on 3 November 2014. It was inaugurated on 2nd November 2014 in the context of the 180th Anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius.

The Centre was named after Beekrumsing Ramlallah (1915-2000), Journalist and Member of Parliament, in homage to his commitment to recognize the Aapravasi Ghat as a landmark in the history of the nation.

Activities:

- Guided visits of the World Heritage Site (20 mins);
- Guided cultural trails (45 mins – on booking on 217 7770);
- Educational activities for children aged between 3 to 14 years old (45 mins – on booking on 217 7770)

Educational documentation can be downloaded from our website from the Page “Resources”:
<http://www.aapravasighat.org/English/Education/Pages/default.aspx>

An Educational kit for teachers is available on demand and can be downloaded from our website: it includes information on the history of the World Heritage Site and proposes educational documentation for teachers in order to conduct activities with students in class.

A Quiz on the World Heritage Site and on the history of the Aapravasi Ghat Immigration Depot is also available. The students can fill in this quiz during their visit at the Interpretation Centre. Other quizzes for children are also available for download on our website (“Resources”) for further activities in class with primary and secondary students.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday: 9.00 – 16.00

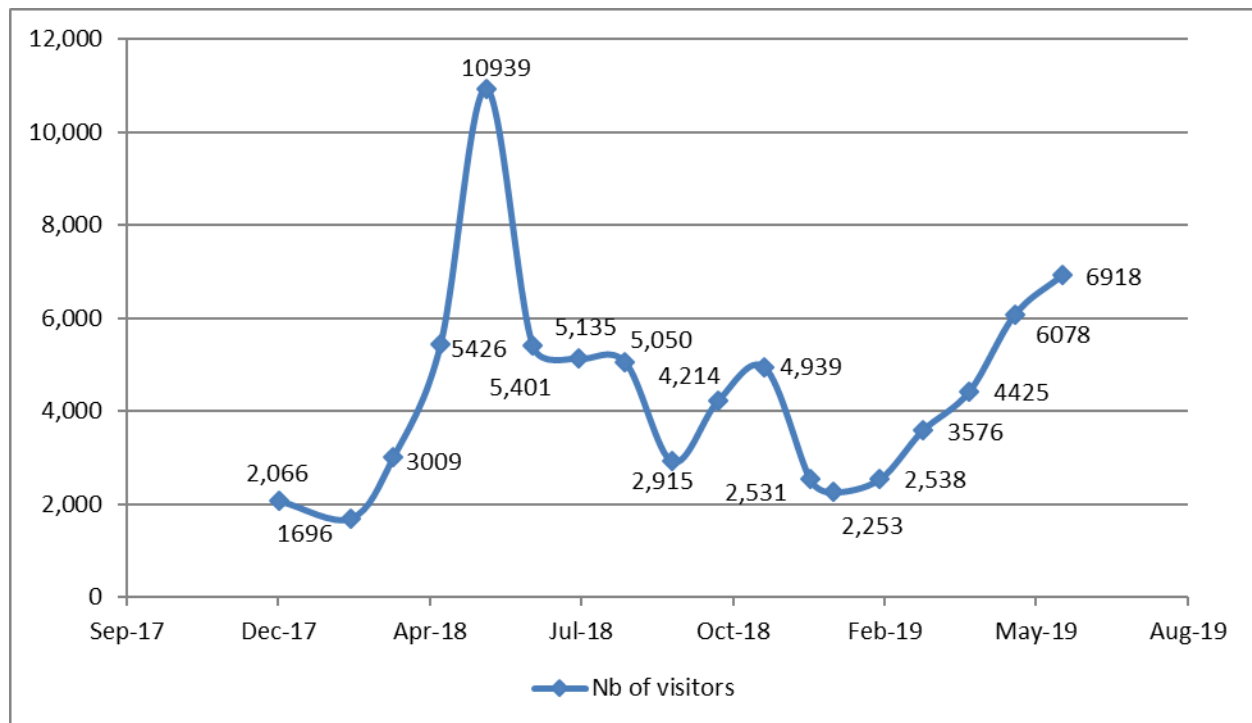
Saturday: 9.00 – 12.00

Closed on Sundays and Public Holidays

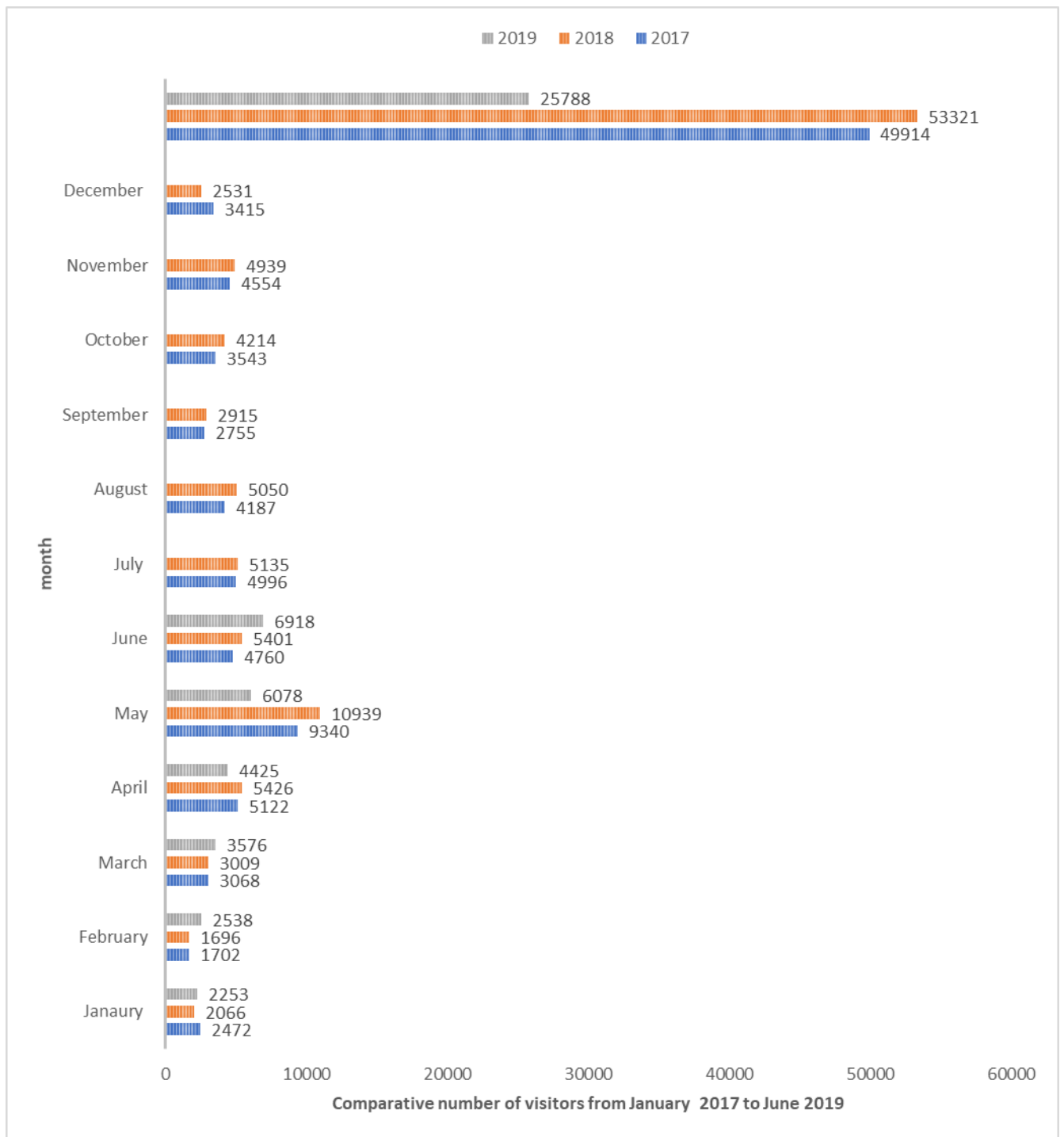
STATISTICS

Since its opening on 3rd November 2014, a total number of 289,963 visitors visited the Centre as at 30 June 2019; this figure includes the number of visitors as part of Porlwi by Nature. The overall proportion for the period November 2014 to June 2019 is 57% are Mauritians and 32% tourists.

From 3rd January to 31 December 2018, a total of 53,321 visitors came to AG WHS including 50.2% Mauritians and 49.7% tourists.



Graph no. 1: Number of visitors per month from December 2017 to June 2019



Graph no. 2: Comparative number of visitors per month in 2017, 2018 to June 2019

Students and Associations

The peak season for Mauritian visitors was the period between **April and July** when students perform outings with schools. During this period, the percentage of Mauritian visitors represents respectively 80% in May 2018 and 64.7% in June 2018 while they account for 62.5% in May 2019 and 75% in June 2019.

January to December 2018

In 2018, in total 216 schools visited the Interpretation Centre between March and June as follows:

- Total of pre-primary: 9 schools;
- Total number of Primary: 153 schools;
- Total number of Secondary: 39 schools;
- Total number of Tertiary: 15 institutions.

Schools represent **29% of the total number of visitors** for the year 2018.

Regarding Associations, the World Heritage Site received a total of 34 associations including mainly:

- Total number of 28 Senior Citizens Associations (SCA);
- A total of 6 Women Associations.

January to June 2019

The **students represent 34%** of the total number of visitors for the period from January to June 2019.

In 2019, in total 142 schools visited the Interpretation Centre between March and June as follows:

- Total of pre-primary: 7 schools representing 498 children;
- Total number of Primary: 107 schools representing 7,590 students;
- Total number of Secondary: 20 schools representing 591 students;
- Total number of Tertiary: 7 institutions representing 74 students;
- Total number of special needs institutions: 1 representing a total of 28 students.

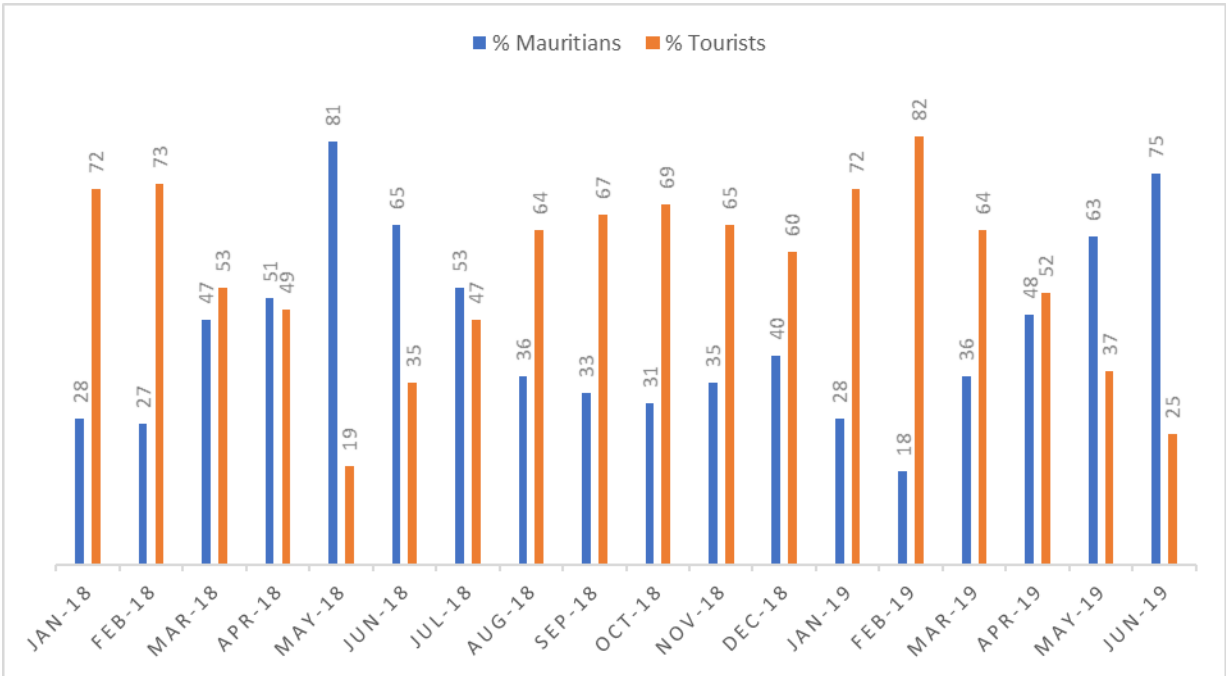
Regarding Associations, the World Heritage Site received a total of 13 associations including mainly:

- Total number of 10 Senior Citizens Associations (SCA) representing a total of 700 visitors;
- A total of 3 Women Associations representing 145 visitors.

Associations represent 3.2% of the total number of visitors from January to June 2019.

Foreign Visitors

The peak season for **foreign visitors** was the period of **January and February** 2018 and 2019; and the period from **August 2018 to March 2019** when more than **60%** of the total number of visitors.



Graph no. 5: Percentage of Mauritian visitors and tourists per month for the period January 2017 to June 2019

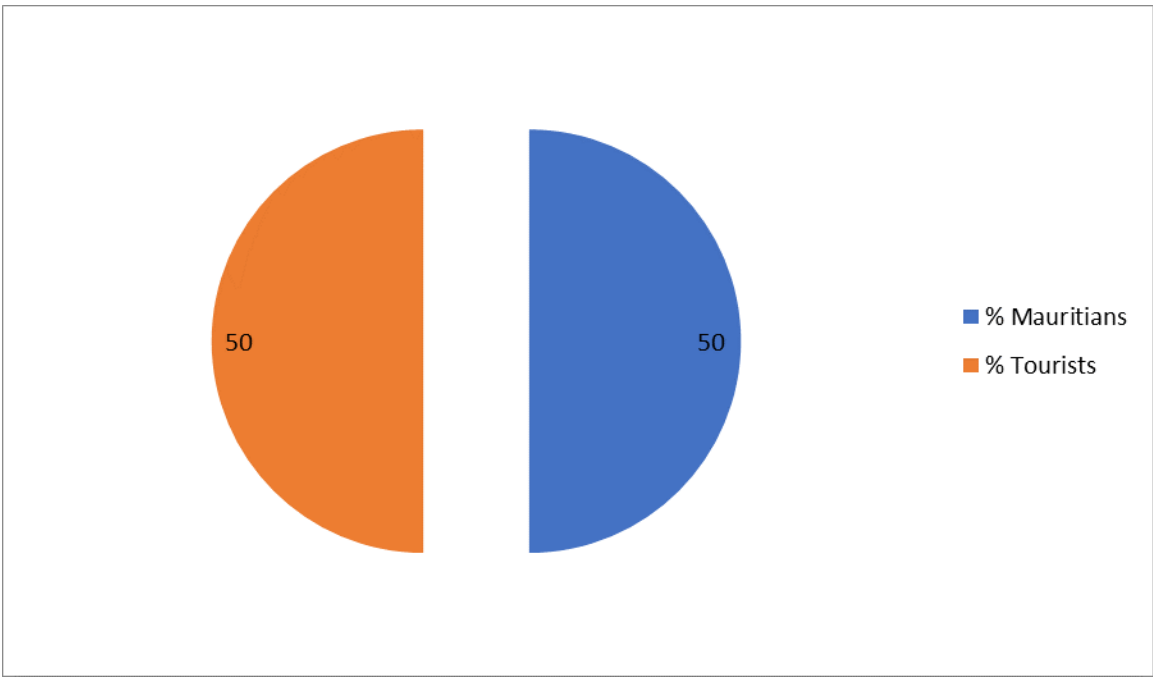
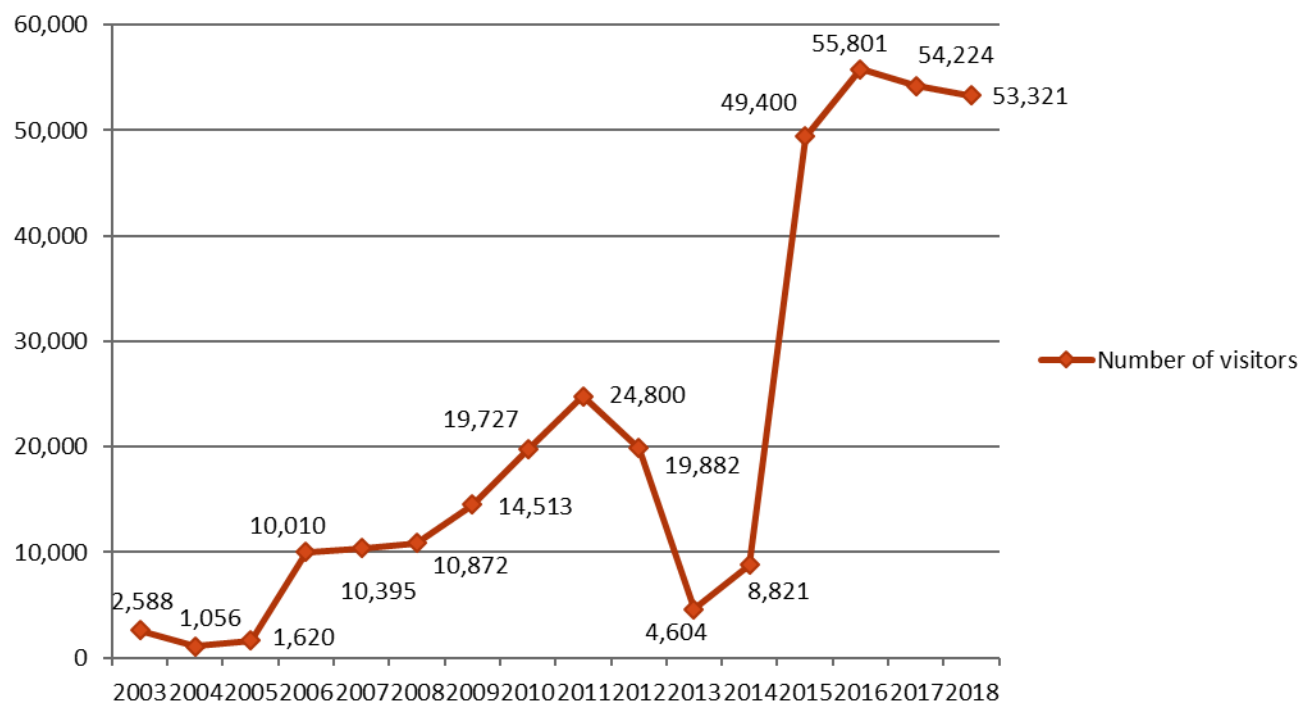
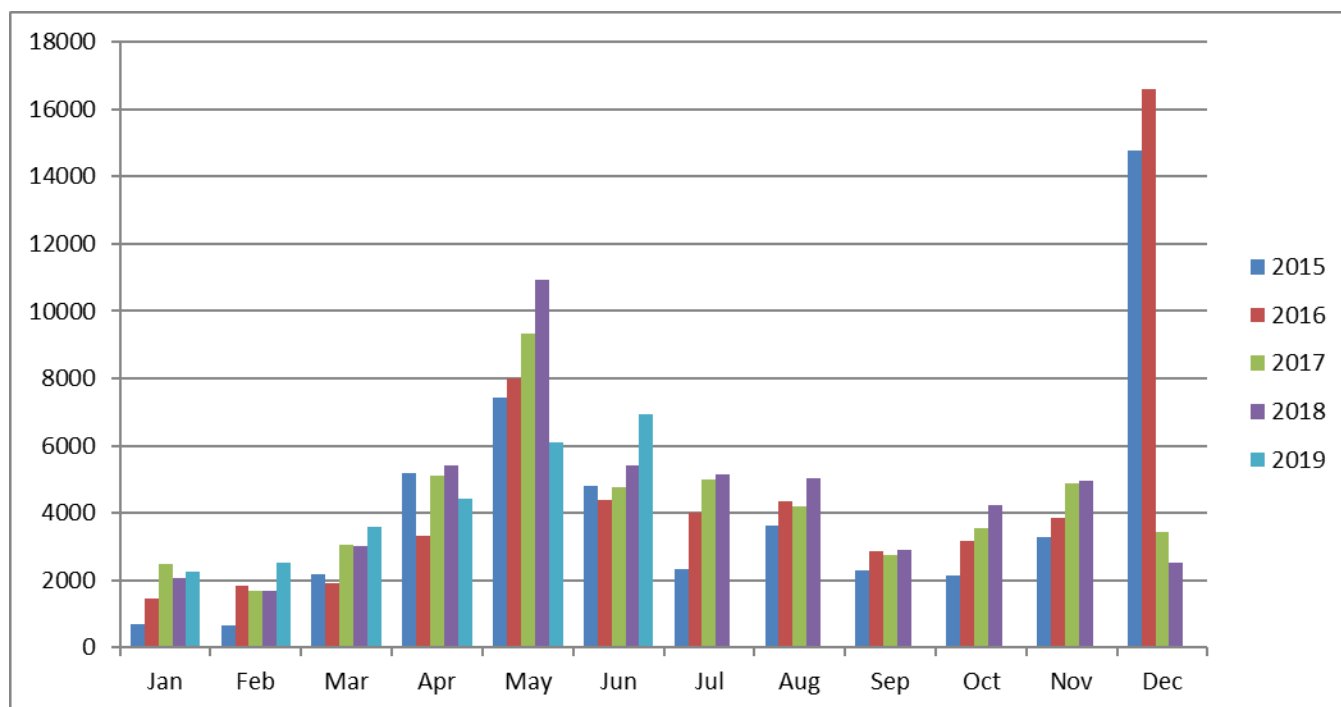


Fig.1: Percentage of the total number of visitors for the period January to December 2018



Graph no. 6: Total Number of visitors per year from 2003 to 2018



Graph no. 7: Number of visitors per month from 2015 to 2019

11. THE NUMBER OF VISITORS AT THE DOCUMENTATION CENTRE FROM JULY 2018 TO JUNE 2019:

Category	July 2016- June 2017	July 2017- June 2018	July 2018- June 2019
Scholars-Researchers	25	31	52
Students	44	64	84
Mauritian Public	245	314	354
Foreigners-Tourists	37	47	67
Total	351	456	557

Table 1: Number of visitors by category at the documentation unit of AGTF 2017 – 2018 – 2019

In 2018 and 2019, around 201 Mauritians and overseas Mauritians and foreigners with Mauritian ancestors sought information on their genealogies, OCI etc and were sent to the MGI Archives, Central Civil Status Office, and the Mauritius National Archives.

Ever since 2016, each year, the number of visitors in all categories are increasing.

Between July 2018 and June 2019, 5 University of Mauritius graduate trainees underwent 6 weeks of internship where they recorded and properly catalogued 315 DVDs and CDs, 150 maps, and 400 plus books, reports, booklets and other publications of the DC.

The following research scholars also visited the Documentation Centre on several occasions during their research assignments in Mauritius namely:

1. Dr.Diego Calaon, Italian Archaeologist, from the University of Ca'Foscari in Venice.
2. Dr. Natasha Eaton, British art and photography historian, from the University College of London.
3. Dr. Dwight Carrey, American architecture historian, from University of Dartmouth in the USA.
4. Dr. Aaron Graham, British financial and social historian, from the University College of London.
5. Suzanne Palmer, Australian Ph.D student in anthropology and history from the University of Western Australia
6. Jamie Banks, British Ph.D student in social history at the University of Leicester (UK).
7. Oomar Qumran, B.A Hons history student in social history from SOAS, University of London
8. Mr. Raj Boodhoo, Senior Mauritian historian, retired lecturer from the MIE & MGI.



THE CONSERVATION OF THE OLD LABOURERS' BARRACKS AT TRIANON HERITAGE SITE

The Conservation of the Heritage Site started in May 2011 and was completed in May 2019.

The purpose was to restore one of the rare examples of dwellings built for indentured labourers on sugar estates. The ultimate goal is to propose a development project for Trianon Heritage Site including exhibition spaces for the public.

The Old Labourers' Quarters also known as *Camp Doc* is located at Trianon, St Jean in Quatre Bornes. It was a former accommodation for indentured labourers working on the Trianon sugar estate which was established in 1803. The barracks are one of the rare remaining structures constructed in stone

where indentured immigrants were housed. For this reason, it was listed as a National Monument in 1974.

Since 2003, the Old Labourers Quarters was vested in AGTF who undertook historical research and conditional survey of the building. The site was in a state of dereliction and urgent cleaning was required. The AGTF team undertook urgent cleaning and preventive conservation measures in 2010 to maintain the site before initiating the conservation project.

The restoration and conservation of Trianon Heritage Site started in August 2011 with the preparation of a Conservation Plan for the Barracks. The objective of the Plan was to state all activities required to restore the indentured labourers' barracks and consolidate its structure to preserve it for future generations. Concurrently, a comprehensive architectural documentation of the barracks was prepared before the start of the conservation works.

Funds amounting to MUR 526,000 from the Mauritius Telecom Foundation were received in 2015 under the CSR for the completion of the project. The conservation project was completed in May 2019.

AIM AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CONSERVATION OF THE TRIANON BARRACKS

The main objectives of the AGTF with regards to the Old Labourers' quarters are to:

- fulfil the objectives of the AGTF Act in preserving and promoting the research on indenture sites in Mauritius;
- conserve the existing structures and restore the roof of the barracks so as to prolong its lifespan and to create a sense of identity that should be sustained for the benefits of the present and future generations;
- ensure the integrity and authenticity of the Trianon Barracks site;
- control access to the site;
- ensure the preservation of the heritage site; and
- develop cultural tourism and develop an indentured labour trail in Mauritius.

STATE OF CONSERVATION PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSERVATION PROJECT

The Trianon barracks was in a state of abandonment since the 1970s. Time, nature and human intervention, not always considerate of the conservation of the building, have further added to the degeneration of the structures. The growth of plants and the proliferation of roots above the vaults, walls and floor of the barracks have contributed in the major deterioration of the structures.



Trianon Barracks prior to emergency interventions in 2010
(Source: AGTF)

The spread of roots has led to the fractional crumbling of the structures in certain areas of the building. Structural cracks were highly visible in few chambers. Moreover, the accumulation of rain water in the closed apertures of the barracks is another cause of rapid structural weakening. It not only contributes to the fast growth of flora but also enfeebles the structure and the basement of the building. The water retention in the walls has accelerated surface algal and fungal development thus leading to the corrosion of the lime mortars and lime layers.

THE CONSERVATION PROJECT OF THE OLD LABOURERS' QUARTERS

The Trianon Conservation project was initiated by the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund in 2010. The main aim behind the implementation of the Conservation project was to restore and conserve the barracks thus prolonging the life span of this National Monument for the benefit of the present and upcoming generation. Between June and September 2010, the AGTF Technical Unit undertook emergency preventive measure to stop further degradation of the barracks. The thick vegetation in and around the barracks were removed. Thereafter, a stone to stone architectural survey was carried out to document the pre-conservation state of the structure. Based on the architectural documentation, a conservation plan was devised by the Conservation Architect and consultant to the AGTF, Mr. Pandit.



Trianon Barracks after emergency Interventions

The conservation plan identifies the main elements affecting the site and makes provision for intervention measures, necessary to the restoration of the building to its original state. As such, while restoring and conserving historic buildings, it is essential to preserve the authenticity and integrity of the structure. The main principle in conservation is to respect the use of traditional techniques and materials. The guidelines adopted for the conservation of this site are principally derived from worldwide acknowledged ICOMOS charters like the Venice Charter, the Burra Charter and the Nara document.

One of the major conservation works for the Old Labourers' Quarters entailed the restoration of the semi-vaulted roofs of the 15 chambers which constitute the barracks. This major task was completed in December 2018. Operations carried out till March 2019 included works of reinforcement, patching and plastering of the exterior side of the roofs with hydraulic lime. Maintenance works are presently being carried out inside the barracks.

INTERVENTIONS COMPLETED AS PER CONSERVATION PLAN

- The conservation of all outer walls is completed representing 400 sq meters;
- Documentation inside the 15 chambers is completed. This was required before any interventions was carried out;
- The conservation of the roofs and cement raking and lime pointing were completed inside chambers 1 to 8 and 10 to 15;
- Documentation of the exterior facades of the building is completed;
- Chambers 9 and 10: paintings and other designs were found on the walls. Decision was therefore taken to integrate their restoration within the programme of development of

the heritage site as the preservation of these drawings and paintings requires the expertise of a trained and specialized restorer;

- Original plasters were consolidated wherever necessary;
- Maintenance of the 2 acres of land surrounding the barracks is being carried out on a regular;
- Archaeological investigation was also performed by external consultants prior to the conservation works.

DOCUMENTATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT AT FLAT ISLAND



FLAT ISLAND

Following the grant received from the American Embassy, the AGTF is implementing a project entitled “the documentation and restoration of Flat Island” in collaboration with the Forestry Service and the National Parks and Conservation Services.

The islet located 12 km away from the Mauritian north coast was a former quarantine station for indentured labourers.

The stone buildings and structures on Flat Island are intimately linked with the former Immigration Depot called Aapravasi Ghat listed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO in 2006. Flat Island former quarantine station is a key site to document further the global phenomenon of indenture in the 19th century and the cultural significance of the World Heritage Site.

This project supports the recommendation of UNESCO to the State Party to “undertake research on indentured labour to consider the extent, scope and impact of the indentured labour Diaspora around the world” (WHC- 06/30 COM/19, p.145).

The project included two phases:

- Phase 1: the documentation of the islet by the team of Archaeologists from Stanford University (USA) and the Conservation team led by EcoAfrica Ltd; South Africa;
- Phase 2: the preparation and submission of a Conservation plan for the Cultural Heritage Resources at Flat Island prepared by EcoAfrica Ltd in collaboration with AGTF team.

OVERALL OBJECTIVES OF THE FLAT ISLAND PROJECT

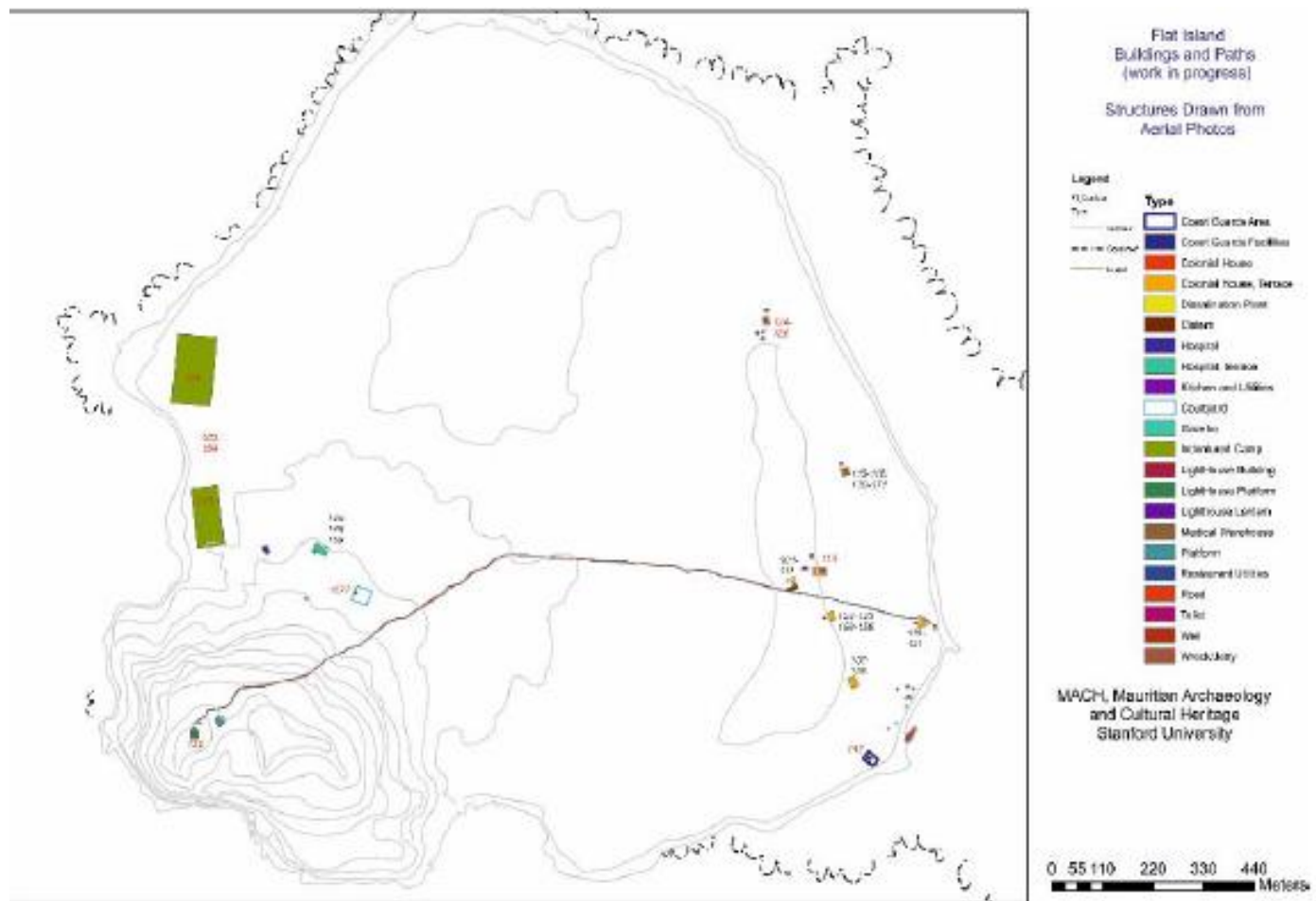
- Conduct a detailed documentation of the islet's structures and areas devoted to its use as a quarantine station during the indenture period (1834 – 1920s);
- Document the islet's cultural heritage resources as a basis for the conservation plan;
- Prepare a conservation plan to integrate cultural heritage resources in the Management Plan (2012) seeking to convert Flat Island into an Eco-Tourism destination.

The project consisted in the comprehensive documentation of the structures located at Flat Island with the view to undertake the conservation of the cultural site.

The deliverables included a complete conservation plan for the islet's structures submitted to the Forestry Services under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security. It is understood that this conservation plan would take into consideration the Management Plan for the Conservation & Management of Offshore Islets for the Republic of Mauritius: Phase II prepared under the aegis of the Ministry of Agro – Industry and Food Security in 2012 and serve its purpose to rehabilitate and restore cultural heritage.

The project of documentation and conservation of the cultural site is also in line with the proposal of the Ministry of Agriculture to create a permanent station on the island to monitor the nature reserve.

The long term vision for the former quarantine station is to allow the development of eco-tourism on the island. The documentation and conservation of the structures are essential to achieve this vision mentioned in the Management Plan for the islet.



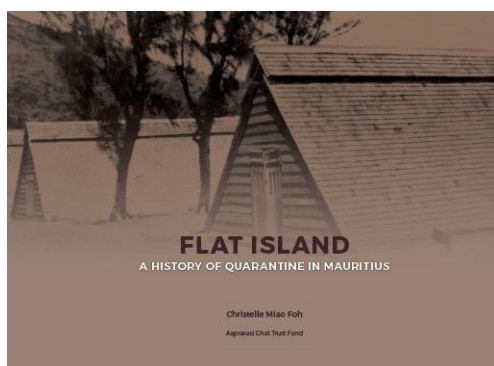
Map showing the location of the cultural heritage resources identified by the team of Archaeologists in collaboration with the AGTF from 2015 to 2017.

The preparation of the Conservation Plan constitutes the second and final phase of the project. The conservation plan was prepared to:

- To address the objectives of the Management Plan for islets prepared in 2012;
- To document and preserve the heritage associated with the former quarantine station for indentured labourers at Flat Island as per the mandate of the AGTF;
- To allow the rehabilitation of the heritage resources on the islet which are a key asset for Mauritius.

The conservation plan was prepared by EcoAfrica Ltd from South Africa including Andrew Hall, Heritage expert, John Winter, Architect with the support of a graphic designer who generated the photographic documentation into scaled plans.

EcoAfrica submitted the final conservation plan in September 2017.



RESEARCH ON FLAT ISLAND

The AGTF has conducted extensive research initiated in 2007 and from 2015 until 2019. The historical research enabled to retrace the evolution of Flat Island from the time of indenture to nowadays.

The research led to a publication entitled “Flat Island: a history of quarantine in Mauritius” written by Christelle Miao Foh, Research Assistant at the AGTF, launched on 2 November 2018 by the Hon. Pravind Jugnauth, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius.

INDENTURED LABOUR ROUTE PROJECT

The concept of the Indentured Labour Route was discussed ever since 2001 in Mauritius and in countries that have



experienced indenture. This idea was expounded for the first time in Mauritius in May 2001, at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute seminar entitled ‘Coolie Route’ where the project proposal entitled ‘Coolie Route-Crossing the Seven Seas’.

Based on the model of the slave route project set up in 2001, the Indentured Labour Route project was thoroughly discussed during an international conference entitled “New Perspectives On Indentured Labour (1825 – 1925)” held at the University of Mauritius 5-8 December 2011.

This event marked the elaboration of the first detailed project proposal for the setting up of the Route. A second international conference entitled “Towards the establishment of the International Indenture Labour Route” was held at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute in Moka from 3 to 5 November 2014 in order to proceed further with the project. On 20 October 2014, the proposal of Mauritius for the setting up of the Indentured Labour Route was presented to UNESCO’s Executive Board at its 195th session whereby Mauritius received the full support of the international organization.

From 30th to 31st October 2017, Mauritius organized the first ever International Scientific Committee (ISC) including 9 countries (Mauritius, India, France, Reunion, Australia, Malaysia, Suriname, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago) as well as a representative from UNESCO at InterContinental Hotel in Balaclava, Mauritius. The ISC is composed of the following members:

Country	Names
Mauritius (President)	Vijayalakshmi Teelock, G.O.S.K., Associate Professor (History), Faculty of Humanities and Social Studies, University of Mauritius Member of UNESCO Slave Route Project , founder and coordinator of the Centre for Research on Slavery and Indenture at the University of Mauritius
France	Marc Nouschi Directeur des Affaires culturelles Ocean Indien, Representative of Ministère de la Culture, France
Reunion	Catherine CHANE-KUNE Directrice de la Culture et du Sport, Departement de La Reunion, France
India	Manish Gupta Joint Secretary Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
	Sathyabhama Badhreenath Archaeological Survey of India – Regional Director (South)
UNESCO Expert	Karalyn Monteil Culture Programme Specialist UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa, Kenya
Australia	Brij LAL, Emeritus Professor Australian National University

Malaysia	Muhamad Mansur Bin Ahmad Kusosi, Curator, Archeology Division, Department of National Heritage, Ministry of Tourism and Culture, Malaysia
Suriname (Vice-President)	Maurits Hassankhan Historian /senior lecturer from the Anton de Kom University of Suriname.
South Africa	Nalini Moodley Assistant Dean and Senior Lecturer of the Faculty of the Arts, Tshwane University of Technology of Pretoria, South Africa
Trinidad & Tobago	Radica Mahase Senior Lecturer, History College of Science, Technology and Applied Arts of Trinidad and Tobago

THE SECRETARIAT

The Secretariat is located at the AGTF and composed of the following members:

- Dr. Corinne Forest, Head Technical Unit (Secretary);
- Satyendra Peerthum, Historian;
- Maurina Runghen, Researcher;
- Christelle Miao Foh, Research Assistant;
- Babita Bahadoor, Research Assistant;
- Devianee Chuckworee, Accounting Technician;
- A representative from Ministry of Arts and Culture;
- A representative of NATCOM as co-opted member.

PROGRESS OF WORK 2018-2019

As part of the indentured labour route project, the AGTF is undertaking the following projects:

1. Development of an **inventory of sites** related to indenture in Mauritius. So far, more than 40 sites were listed in the inventory.
2. Preparation of a database of scholars on indenture;
3. Development of a photographic database on indenture;
4. Compilation of information to develop a website.

The Secretariat is also developing statutes for the ISC that would be ratified in the next meeting of the ISC.

The secretariat has held regular meetings as follows:

Meeting	Date
1 st meeting	18 January 2019
2 nd meeting	22 February 2019
3 rd meeting	25 March 2019
4 th meeting	4 June 2019
5 th meeting	6 August 2019



DEVELOPMENT AND MONITORING IN THE BUFFER ZONE

The City Council of Port Louis is in charge of implementing the Planning Policy Guidance for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property Buffer Zone. In addition, the Local Government Act 2011 was amended to set up a Technical Committee under the City Council of Port Louis. The Technical Committee is chaired by the City Council of Port Louis and also comprises representatives from:


- Ministry of Arts and Culture;
- Ministry of Public Infrastructure;
- Ministry of Tourism and Leisure;
- Ministry of Housing and Lands;
- Ministry of Environment;
- Mauritius Ports Authority;
- National Heritage Fund; and
- Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund.


The role of the Technical Committee is to ensure the implementation of the Planning Policy Guidance for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property Buffer Zone.(PPG 6) This task is achieved through the assessment of all applications for Building and Lands Use Permits in the Buffer Zone.


Since the issue of the PPG6 in 2011, the role of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is to monitor the heritage component in the buffer zone in collaboration with the National Heritage Fund. The institution carries out regular monitoring of heritage in the buffer zone and reports to the Technical Committee chaired by the City Council of Port Louis in case of non-compliance with the PPG 6.


Regular monitoring in the buffer zone took place to assess and monitor the changes affecting the heritage component. Regular reports were submitted. The following table gives an overview of changes and alterations that affected the heritage component in the buffer zone during the year 2017.


List of Building and Land Use Permit (BLUP) assessed by the Technical Committee at the City Council of Port Louis YEAR 2018


	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
1.	<p>Late Bai Rehmatbai WAQF rep. by Mr Carrim Currimjee Abdulla</p> <p>4/6, Sir William Newton St</p> 	<p>19/N1</p> <p>Grading not applicable as development will take place on the empty plot in the inner courtyard.</p>	<p>Extension and addition</p>	<p>23 February 2018</p>	<p>Application was recommended positively with conditions.</p>



	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
2.	<p>Haji Ibrahim Ismael Toorawa WAQF, rep. by Mr Firoz Hassan Toorawa Cnr Farquhar & Corderie Streets</p> 	21/SW	Outline Planning Permission (OPP) for renovation and addition	23 February 2018	Application was recommended positively with conditions.
3.	<p>Societe V. K Court rep. by Mr Karuppan Moonnoosamy 4, Sun Yat Sen Street</p>	<p>25/N1</p> <p>No grade</p>	Addition to height	23 February 2018	<p>Application was not recommended as a Court Case was on-going for unauthorized addition of 8th floors.</p> <p><i>As per the Court ruling the owner was fined for the unauthorized addition with no pulling down order in May 2018.</i></p>



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4.	<p>SW Newton Investments Ltd</p> <p>(Ex-Barclays Bank)</p> <p>Cnr Sir William Newton & Queen Streets</p> 	<p>19/NE</p> <p>Grade 2</p>	Renovation and addition	27 July 2018	Application was recommended positively with conditions.


	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
5.	<p>ABC Banking Corporation Ltd rep. by Umanee Yashodaren</p> <p>(Ex- Plantation House)</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh Street</p> 	<p>27/SE</p> <p>Grade 3</p>	Renovation	27 July 2018	Application was recommended positively with conditions.



	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
6.	<p>Mr & Mrs Abdool Rashid Jhurry</p> <p>11A, Louis Pasteur Street</p> 	<p>31/S1</p> <p>No grade</p>	Partly demolition, renovation and addition	27 July 2018	Application was recommended positively with conditions.



	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
7.	<p>Au coin des Saveurs Ltd No.10 Sir William Newton Street</p> 	<p>27/N1</p> <p>No grade</p>	change in use and interior repairs	28 September 2018	Application was recommended positively with conditions.
8.	<p>Francis Wong Associates Ltd No. 19/21 Queen Street, Port Louis</p> 	<p>21/E1 - No grade</p> <p>21/E2 B - Grade 1</p>	Extensive alteration to an existing building	28 September 2018	Application was recommended positively with conditions.

	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
9.	<p>Pinewood Villa Co. Ltd 5, Louis Pasteur Street</p> 	<p>22/S1</p> <p>No grade</p>		26 October 2018	<p>Application was recommended positively with conditions.</p>
10.	<p>SMS Pariaz Ltd 1, Emmanuel Anquetil Street</p> 	<p>25/SW</p> <p>Grade 2</p>	Conversion	14 December 2018	<p>Application was not recommended as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the advertisement panels installed on the facades were not as per the prescribed guidelines of the Planning Policy Guidance 6; and (ii) the applicant was operating without a Building and Land Use Permit.


List of Building and Land Use Permit (BLUP) assessed by the Technical Committee at the City Council of Port Louis – January to June 2019


	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
1.	<p>Pinewood Villa Co. Ltd rep. by Mr Ahmud Azad Parouty 5, Louis Pasteur St</p> 	<p>22/S1 No Grade</p>	<p>Extension</p>	<p>29 March 2019</p>	<p>Application was recommended positively with conditions.</p>


	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
2.	<p>Haji Ibrahim Ismael Toorawa WAQF, rep. by Mr Firoz Hassan Toorawa</p> <p>Cnr Farquhar & Corderie Streets</p> 	<p>21/SW</p> <p>Grade 1</p>	Demolition, reconstruction and extension	03 May 2019	<p>Application was kept in abeyance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Detailed documentation of the existing building was requested from the promoter prior to granting permit considering that the building is listed as grade 1.</i>
3.	<p>Mrs Hawabibi Ibrahim Bahemia & Mrs Aminah Bibi Ibrahim Amode Esmail</p> <p>Corner Corderie & Queen Streets</p> 	<p>29/NW</p> <p>Grading to be reviewed after reconstruction in 2014</p>	Compliance Certificate	<p>03 May 2019</p> <p>31 May 2019</p>	<p>Application was kept in abeyance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Promoter has departed from approved plans and permit granted in 2014.</i> <p>Application was recommended positively with conditions.</p>

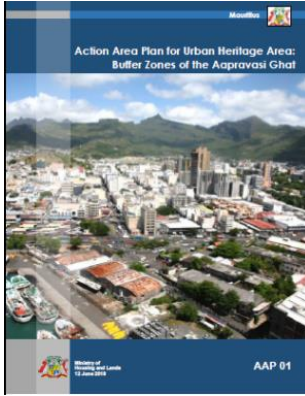
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4.	<p>Neat Builders Co Ltd Corner 1, Dr Joseph Rivière and Queen Streets</p> 	<p>24/SW Grade 3</p>	<p>Conversion</p>	<p>31 May 2019</p>	<p>Application was recommended positively with conditions.</p>
5.	<p>Asset Portfolio Ltd 4, Dr Joseph Rivière Street</p> 	<p>23/N1 No Grade</p>	<p>Conversion</p>	<p>31 May 2019</p>	<p>Application was recommended positively with conditions.</p>

	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
6.	<p>Heritiers Ibrahim Mamode Bahemia</p> <p>Corner Royal & Corderie Streets</p> 	<p>39/SW</p> <p>Grade 1</p>	<p>Division of property</p>	<p>31 May 2019</p>	<p>Application was recommended positively with conditions.</p>
7.	<p>Succession Chan Chak</p> <p>Corner 62 Royal & 19, Dr Sun Yat Sen Streets</p> 	<p>44/SW</p> <p>Grade 1</p>	<p>Demolition</p> <p><i>Demolition permit granted in 2016 had lapsed</i></p>	<p>31 May 2019</p>	<p>Application was recommended positively.</p>

	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
8.	Central Market Quay & Farquhar Streets 	16/W1/E4 Grade 1	Upgrading of fish and meat market	14 June 2019	Application was not recommended. - <i>Considering that the fish and meat market is listed as National Heritage, it was recommended to await the views of the NHF prior to assessing the application.</i>

	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
9.	<p>Abbassali Saheb Charitable Trust 38, Royal Street</p> 	<p>40/W3 No Grade</p>	<p>Renovation</p>	<p>28 June 2019</p>	<p>Application was recommended positively with conditions.</p>

	Application & Location	Building ID & Grade	Nature of Application	Technical Committee held on	Recommendation of Technical Committee
10.	<p>Societe Va Siong Kwong Sow Corner Royal & Corderie Streets</p> 	<p>29/NE Grade 1</p>	<p>Renovation and addition</p>	<p>28 June 2019</p>	<p>Application was not recommended.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Proposed addition was not as per the requirements of the PPG6.</i> - <i>No mention of demolition was made in the BLUP application.</i>



PREPARATION OF AN ACTION AREA PLAN FOR THE AAPRAVASI GHAT WORLD HERITAGE SITE BUFFER ZONE

The Government of Mauritius has recently launched a number of large-scale projects with the view to revitalise the city centre. These projects are located in the buffer zone of the World Heritage Property including:

1. Port Louis Waterfront Phase 2, Cultural Heritage District, by Landscape Mauritius Ltd;
2. Immigration Square Urban Terminal by the Ministry of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport;
3. The Metro Express project by Metro Express Ltd and an end station at Immigration Square;
4. The Intercontinental Slavery Museum by the Ministry of Arts and Culture;
5. Galerie d'art national;
6. Beekrumsing Ramallah Interpretation Centre – Phase II.

Considering these large scale projects, the government of Mauritius called for an Advisory Mission to the Aapravasi Ghat from 14 to 18 May 2018 in line with in the section IV.A. 172 of the Operational Guidelines for the World Heritage Convention.

In its report submitted in July 2018, the joint UNESCO World Heritage Centre (WHC) / ICOMOS Advisory Mission recommended to conduct these development projects in an integrated manner. To do so, the State Party was invited to develop an overarching vision and a master plan addressing the need for connections and synergies between the proposed developments.

Mauritian legislation makes provision for the development of Action Area plan under the Planning and Development Act:

"An action area plan shall set out –

- (i) detailed programmes and proposals for the future development of an area for which the plan is being prepared; and
- (ii) a detailed plan for the implementation of such programmes and proposals."

An Action Area plan is the equivalent of a Master Plan for which provision does not exist in the Mauritian legislation.

The Action Area plan makes provision for the integration of the large-scale development projects into the urban context of the buffer zone of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property. The Action Area Plan is therefore providing:

- an overview of the World Heritage Property's attributes;
- guidance for the enhancement of these attributes;
- guidance ensuring the integration of the new development projects into the larger context of the buffer zone covering Port Louis's historic centre.

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund collaborated with the Ministry of Housing and Lands and the National Heritage Fund to prepare the Action Area Plan (AAP 01) in May and June 2019 when the AAP 01 was submitted to UNESCO World Heritage Centre for technical review by the Ministry of Arts and Culture.

UPDATE OF THE MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019 – 2023

The Management Plan 2013- 2018 for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site was reviewed during the year 2018 and 2019 to provide an update on the work completed and address new challenges for the period from 2019 to 2023.

In 2018, the Management Plan 2013-2018 was updated to meet the actual requirements at World Heritage Property while retaining its core principles and the vision for the World Heritage Site.

The updating of the Management Plan was required to address a number of new elements including:

1. the evolution of the World Heritage Convention framework
 - the requirements following the adoption of the World Heritage and Sustainable Development Policy (2015) guiding the processes of the World Heritage Convention;
 - the integration of the 17 sustainable goals established by the United Nations “2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” in the daily management and long term vision for the World Heritage Site; this includes at the regional level, the African Union’s 2015 “Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want”.
 - The integration of the principles stated in the Ngorongoro Declaration on Safeguarding African World Heritage as a Driver of Sustainable Development, adopted by the World Heritage Committee in 2016.
2. The evolution at the World Heritage Property
 - The opening of the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre in 2014;
 - The completion of the landscaping works at World Heritage Site in 2014;
 - The beginning of the Indentured Labour Route project;
 - The results of research on indenture in the last 5 years including the prospect of including Flat Island as part of AG WHP Nomination;
 - The recommendations of the Advisory Mission of UNESCO to Mauritius (May 2018).

These documents support the strategies and actions defined to address the current issues at World Heritage Property experiencing an increased pressure for the development of the city centre where the World Heritage Property is located.

The updated Management Plan was completed in January 2019 and is examined by relevant authorities for adoption.

PERIODIC REPORTING 2019 - 2021

Periodic Reporting is a statutory requirement of the World Heritage Convention (Article 29). It is a global conservation monitoring activity, based on a process of self-reporting at the national government level and at the World Heritage property level. According to the Operational Guidelines for Implementation of the World Heritage Convention (2017), Periodic Reporting serves four main purposes:

- To provide an assessment of the application of the World Heritage Convention by the State Party;
- To provide an assessment as to whether the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of the properties inscribed on the World Heritage List is being maintained over time;
- To provide updated information about the World Heritage properties to record the changing circumstances and state of conservation of the properties;
- To provide a mechanism for regional co-operation and exchange of information and experiences between States Parties concerning the implementation of the Convention and World Heritage conservation (Paragraph 201).

The third cycle of Periodic Reporting for the 35 State Parties to UNESCO in Africa will run from 2019 to 2020 followed by a year of examination of regional report by the World Heritage Committee in 2021.

Questionnaire of the periodic reporting

The part I of the questionnaire is dedicated to the reporting on the implementation of the convention. This section will be filled in by National Focal Point who are well versed with the national policies (including on how the World Heritage Convention is implemented in their country) and hold positions at administrative level in Ministries in charge of heritage.

It focuses on:

- Conventions that the country has ratified and the synergies between them;
- The issue of governance and local legislation in the countries to protect World Heritage;
- Sustainable development that would be measured through the assessment of how convention is supporting the environmental sustainability – inclusive social and economic development;
- Capacity development to see how the country is taking part in capacity building strategies and programmes (set up by UNESCO).

Periodic reporting process

The reflection years (2015-2017) was dedicated to a period of review of the periodic reporting that brought changes and improvements to the questionnaire. This exercise was led by Periodic Reporting Reflection Expert Group (Decision 41 COM 10A).

The Third Cycle (2018-2024) is characterised by a large number of changes and improvements to the Periodic Reporting introduced to the process and format based on the work of the Expert Group. Most notably, these include:

- (i) the integration of the Sustainable Development approach;
- (ii) a new emphasis on synergies with other Conventions and programmes relevant to World Heritage;
and
- (iii) the development of a monitoring indicator framework for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention.

The periodic reporting comprises of several stages:

1. Launching of the Periodic Reporting Exercise in Africa during the 43rd Session of the World Heritage Committee to be held in 30 June-10 July 2019/Baku –Azerbaijan.
2. Regional launching Workshop of the 3rd PR Exercise for Africa to be held between 18-20 September 2019/Abidjan -Cote d'Ivoire. The launching workshop will gather 60 participants including the 46 World Heritage National Focal Points with UNESCO-WHC, Advisory Bodies, AWHF and other technical/financial partners to be briefed on the conceptual framework and further develop and consolidate the work plan of the 3rd PR Exercise.
3. Online submission of Part I of the questionnaire by State Parties by 31st January 2020. This section of the questionnaire is filled in by National Focal Points.
4. Online submission of the Section II of the questionnaire by State Parties by 31 May 2020.

The preparation of the Section II of the questionnaire will include regional workshop with Site Managers as follows:

- a. Anglophone countries between 19-21 February 2020 in Nairobi – Kenya;
 - b. Francophone countries between 22-24 April 2020 in Dakar – Senegal.
5. Submission of the progress report of the exercise by the World Heritage Centre to the 44th Session of the World Heritage Committee to be held in July 2020.
 6. Analysis and Synthesis Workshop to be held between 29 – 31 October 2020 at the World Heritage Centre in Paris. The workshop will bring together 12 key actors including the technical coordinator/mentors and key institutions. The purpose is to define the methodology for data analysis and start developing a synthesis of the results of the PR Exercise as well as the Action Plan. The quarter following the workshop will be dedicated to draft the report and its action plan.
 7. Final regional workshop of the 3rd PR Exercise for Africa: Like the launching workshop, the closing workshop will gather 60 participants including 46 National Focal Points with the coordinator/mentors and organisations/experts involved. The purpose is to validate the outcomes of the above steps and develop recommendations as well as perspectives. The workshop will be held between 10-12 February 2021 in Harare, Zimbabwe.
 8. Finalisation of the Periodic Report by the Secretariat of the World Heritage Centre and Coordination Team by April 2021.
 9. Presentation of the final report and plan of action to the 45th Session of the World Heritage Committee in July 2021.

RESEARCH

Research undertaken between July 2018 to June 2019

SATYENDRA PEERTHUM, HISTORIAN

1. A 287-page research progress report (167 pages, the actual report and a 119-page annex) was submitted in January 2019 entitled 'Beyond Indenture' and focuses on the social and economic mobility of the early Indian immigrants between 1826 and 1871.

2. Detailed information was finally compiled on 4,049 Old Indian immigrants who achieved some measure of social and economic mobility, 16,489 Indian contract workers who were highly mobile as workers, and a larger group of 134,741 Indian immigrants who reached Mauritian shores between 1826 and 1852. The early Indian pioneers of the indentured system in the island. For this exercise the MGI immigrant database was extensively consulted and used.
3. Extensive research was undertaken in the Notarial Acts and Repertoire Collection at the **Mauritius National Archives**. Research was carried out in the PA and PB series or the Immigration Office records.
4. Extensive research was also undertaken in scores of volumes in the PE series or ship arrival registers, the PC series or the emigration certificates, and the PL series or Immigration Office letters at the **MGI Archives**.
5. Research was also carried out between March and June 2019 in the **Anglican Church Archives** where 20 volumes were partially digitalized with another 20 volumes to go. They show the emergence between the 1840s and 1880s of a small and important community of more than 300 indentured and former Indian Bengali and Tamil indentured workers in Port Louis or indenture in an urban setting.
6. The above recent research was taken for the 3rd and final report on the social and economic mobility of the early Indian immigrants between 1826 and 1871.
7. Two days of research was also carried out in 20 registers at the **La Reunion Archives Department** dealing with indentured labour.
8. Research was undertaken for the conference papers presented in Mauritius and La Reunion.
9. Research was undertaken for Forbach Booklet and exhibit panels at the Mauritius Archives and MGI Archives.
10. Research for the Belle Mare brochure and activity for July 2019.
11. Research was also carried out for the Indentured Labour Exhibit and the short film on indentured labor of October 2018 in the context of the 2nd November commemoration.
12. Research was also undertaken for 2 proposed articles for the AGTF Magazine 2019 namely on the life story and social and economic mobility of an Old Immigrant and another article on the social and economic mobility of the Liberated Africans.

13. A total of more than 70 scholars, writers, and institutions were also contacted with requests for articles for the AGTF Magazine 2019 with 30 answering positively between April and June 2019.
14. Research was also undertaken to compile a list of 200 scholars, writers, and researchers of indentured labour was and is still being compiled for the Indenture Labour Route Project between January and June 2019.
15. Research information was also provided to B. Bahadoor for Bras d'Eau, C.Mia Foh for Flat Island, N. K. Ramacharitar for merchants and traders, K. J. Chuttoo for oral history, heritage guides, other AGTF staff members, and also to several UoM students writing their dissertations.

MAURINA SOODIN-RUNGHEN, RESEARCHER

Research on the relationship between the World Heritage Property and the Port

The objective of the project is to measure the impact of the sugar industry and indentured labour on the development of the city of Port Louis, while also understanding how the changes undergone by Port Louis might have influenced the development of sugar industry in Mauritius. This analysis will enable a better appreciation of the relationship between the World Heritage Property and the Capital City. In the long run, this research will also assist in appreciating the specificity of the Mauritian context within the wider regional and international perspective.

The research was initiated with the collection of data. After completing an inventory of maps of Port Louis, especially the area under study from the 18th, 19th and 20th century, the project is now focusing on collecting 19th century imports and exports from the Mauritius Blue Books. These volumes constituting the Colony's Annual reports, were prepared by the British officials between 1821 and 1953 as a means to summarize information on the colony and present a brief overview of the colony's economic development through statistical information. For the purpose of this research, only data pertaining to import of basic foodstuff, indentured immigrants' rations, construction materials, agricultural materials, implements and machinery are considered to gain an understanding of the volume of imports as well as their nature. So far, data from the Mauritius Blue Books for the following years were compiled: 1828, 1835, 1837, 1838, 1840, 1841, 1842, 1843, 1847, 1848, 1849, 1850, 1853, 1854, 1856, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865.

In addition to the above:

- information from the Mauritius Blue Books on area of land under cultivation, number of factories and import/export of certain goods were also provided to Mrs Babita Rambhunjun-Bahadoor for her research on Bras d'Eau;
- metadata on Port Louis maps were also provided for the UoM, CRSI and SLAFNET database project.

Research on the Oral history and intangible cultural heritage related to indenture

The objective of this project is to document the various facets of the indenture experience from the perspective of their descendants. Between 2005 and 2018, about 1,000 interviews and recordings were carried out under the various projects, namely:

- Indenture to VRS (2005 to 2009);
- an inventory of Intangible Cultural Heritage (2010), memories of the area around the Aapravasi Ghat (2011);
- documentation of festivals and celebrations of indentured descendants (2016-2018); and
- Geet Gawai documentation for monitoring following Listing on UNESCO's ICH Representative List (2017-2018).

The team has also used the information gathered through the interviews and recordings to:

- assist in the preparation of the enactment produced and presented by the Mahatma Gandhi Institute during the 2nd November 2018 Commemoration Ceremony;
- facilitate the participation of tradition bearers in events organised by other institutions such as the Indian High Commission;
- promote the legacy of indentured labourers during the Parampara Divas organised in July 2018 at Forbach, Cottage;
- participate in exhibition organised by the Parent Ministry on the occasion of World Hindi Conference;
- facilitate participation of tradition bearers in the welcoming of VVIP / VIP guests at the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property.

The updating and documentation of the inventory is ongoing. For the period June 2018 to July 2019, the AGTF benefited from the assistance of interns including Ms Lovisha Veerabadren, Ms Tushtee Gopaul, Ms Geshika Bhaugeerothee and Ms Shika Damry from the University of Mauritius.

Sub Committee for Bhojpuri Geet Gawai

In view of the reporting exercise for the elements listed on UNESCO's Representative List of Intangible Heritage, the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is a member of the Sub Committee set up by the National Heritage Fund for the element *Bhojpuri Geet Gawai* listed on the representative list of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage. The objective of the Sub Committee is to assist the National Heritage Fund in:

- i. liaising with the community of practitioners and tradition bearers;
- ii. the monitoring of Bhojpuri Geet Gawai;
- iii. Periodic Reporting under the Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage expected in the year 2023;
- iv. Promotion and creation of awareness of Bhojpuri Geet Gawai;
- v. making recommendations to the Parent Ministry with regard to policy making for the fulfillment of commitments made under the Convention; and activities to be undertaken for the implementation of policies with regard to Bhojpuri Geet Gawai.

CHRISTELLE MIAO FOH, RESEARCH ASSISTANT

1. The manuscript of research performed on Flat Island in 2016-2017 was produced. The manuscript was published into a monograph entitled "Flat Island: A History of quarantine in Mauritius". The book was launched on the 2nd November 2018 by the Right Honorable Prime Minister Pravind Jugnauth.
2. Research on Flat Island was carried forward for the year 2019. Research was conducted at the National Archives on the Immigration Report from the year 1834 to 1891, the Surveyor General from the year 1869, the chief medical Department from the year 1877 and ordinances from the year 1830 to 1840s.
3. Research was conducted for The Intercontinental Slavery Museum Project. Research was undertaken at the Mauritius National Archives on the catalogue of the Military Department, the Surveyor General Department and the Notarial deeds. The findings of the research were submitted in a report in May 2019, to the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund and Mrs Jayshree Mungur-Medhi, in charge of the research project.

4. Research was carried out for the Indentured Labour Route project on the inventory of sites associated with the history and memory of indentured labourers in Mauritius. The present inventory contains a list of diverse sites including immigration depots, quarantine stations, detention centres, working and living places, orphanage and school, cemetery, places of worship, commemorative monuments and places, gathering places and museums. At present, 33 sites were inventoried as being potential sites associated with indenture, along with the remaining vestiges of 371 old sugar estates. Identification of sites was also conducted for other countries where colonies took place namely; Fiji, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Hawaii, Jamaica, Reunion Island, Seychelles and Trinidad and Tobago. A total number of 20 sites were inventoried as being potential sites related to indenture. A report is currently being prepared.

BABITA D. BAHADOOR, RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Research on the History and heritage of Bras d'Eau sugar estate was still ongoing at the National Archives Department of Mauritius and the following sources were consulted:

- HA, IB, JJ, KK, LC, SA, SD, PA, PB, RA, RC and RD series among others;
 - 18th and 19th Century Maps;
 - Annual Reports of the Protector of Immigrants;
 - Forest Departments;
 - Almanacs of Mauritius;
 - Blue Books of Mauritius;
 - Notarial records;
 - 18th and 19th century maps;
 - Secondary sources, etc.
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- Research conducted at the Indian Immigration Archives, Mahatma Gandhi Institute in the PE, PG and PH series between March – May 2019;
 - Interview carried out with residents of Poste de Flacq and Roches Noires regarding the site of Bras d'Eau;
 - Writing of Manuscript on Bras d'Eau;
 - Preparation of a photographic database / excel sheet following proposal made by Prof Brij Lal, for the setting up of a photographic database on Indenture; what had to be considered were the terminology, identification and description, potential sources, selection and classification, inventory, protection, storage and back-ups of visuals;
 - Collection of pictures related to indenture from AGTF and MCA (visuals and sites) in Mauritius and elsewhere.
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- Assist in the publication of the AGTF Magazine 2018 (compilation of articles and pictures; work with the Graphic Designer at T-Printers Ltd regarding correction of text and photos after review made by Editor).

TRAINING / CONFERENCES

NATASHA RAMCHARITAR, RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Training Course on Management and Monitoring of World Heritage Sites with special reference to China
Organized by ICCROM, 08 to 21 October 2018

The International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) along with other organizers programmed an intensive training course on Monitoring and Management of World Heritage Sites with special reference to the Historic City of Macau, China

from 08 to 21 October 2018. The objective of the training was to provide participants with current thinking, trends and approaches to management of cultural world heritage properties, focusing particularly on monitoring.

The training targeted heritage professionals dealing with the management and challenges of cultural properties located in an urban context. Thirteen Chinese and ten international participants from Afghanistan, Brazil, China, Egypt, India, Mauritius, Mozambique, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland and Sri Lanka were selected for the course. The round-trip ticket and board and lodging were funded by ICCROM. Lectures and debates were held at the Institute for Tourism Studies, Taipa Campus. Site visits were carried out in the Historic City of Macau to better understand the challenges and best practices of urban heritage.

The training and lectures were delivered by heritage professionals from ICCROM, UNESCO and ICOMOS. The course contents were mainly focused on the following:

- World Heritage Convention and its management requirements
- Monitoring World Heritage Site; Periodic Reporting and Reactive Monitoring
- UNESCO recommendation on Historic Urban Landscape
- Developing a Monitoring Plan for urban areas
- Conservation and Management of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of World Heritage Sites
- Cases of previous reactive monitoring missions: With special reference to historic urban areas
- Case studies were taken from China, Istanbul and Poland

A certificate of participation was awarded to all the participants.

VIJAYA BEEDJADHUR-POTEAH, HERITAGE GUIDE / PUBLIC OUTREACH OFFICER

Heritage Guide / PPO participated in the 4th African World Heritage Regional Youth Forum from 29 April to 5 May in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the theme of the Youth Forum was “harnessing youth creativity and innovation for safeguarding and promotion of the African World Heritage”. The forum included 32 participants from different African countries.

LECTURES

Lectures pertaining to the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site and the Indian Immigration were provided to students of the Mauritius Institute of Education. The lectures were split among S. Peerthum, Christelle Miao Foh and Babita Bahadoor on the following dates:

- Thursday 28th February 2019
- Thursday 7 March 2019
- Monday 18 March 2019
- Monday 25 March 2019
- Monday 1st April 2019

Name	Position	Title of training / lecture attended	Organisers	Dates
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Natasha Ramcharitar	Research Assistant	Training Course on Management and Monitoring of World Heritage Sites with special reference to China	International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM)	08 – 21 October 2018
Corinne Forest Maurina Soodin Runghen Satyendra Peerthum Christelle Miao Foh Babita Bahadoor Natasha Ramcharitar	Head Technical Unit Researcher Historian Research Assistants	Celebrating a decade of the 'The Mauritian Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Project': archaeological insights into post-medieval labour diasporas by Dr Seetah	University of Mauritius	12 July 2018
Maurina Soodin Runghen	Researcher	MTCP Global Geopark Planning and Development Workshop 2018	Academy of Sciences Malaysia (ASM) and the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC)	15 – 20 September 2018
Corinne Forest Satyendra Peerthum Babita Bahadoor Christelle Miao Foh Natasha Ramcharitar Maurina Runghen Kiran Jankee	Head Technical Unit Researcher Historian Research Assistants	Lecture on research on slavery by Nigel Wordon	University of Mauritius / SLAFNET	31 January 2019
		Routes de L'Esclavage launching and viewing of documentary	Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture Trust Fund and Institut Français de Maurice	15 February 2019
Corinne Forest Satyendra	Head Technical Unit	SLAFNET International Workshop: TOWARDS ESTABLISHING A COMPARATIVE	The Centre for Research on Slavery and Indenture, University of	05 and 06 March 2019

Peerthum Christelle Miao Foh Babita Bahadoor Natasha Ramcharitar Maurina Runghen Kiran Jankee	Researcher Historian Research Assistants	FRAMEWORK FOR THE STUDY OF INDENTURED LABOUR – Colour of Labour	Mauritius; Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund; University of Lisbon, Institute of Social Sciences, European Research Council – 'Colour of Labour - the Racialized Lives of Migrants' Project	
Satyendra Peerthum Christelle Miao Foh Babita Bahadoor Natasha Ramcharitar Maurina Runghen	Researcher Historian Research Assistants	'Planters, finance, emancipation and indenture in Mauritius an the British Empire, 1800 to 1850' by Dr Aaron Graham	University of Mauritius	04 April 2019
Maurina Runghen	Researcher	Talk about Justori, an App which can be used for Oral History research and Intangible Cultural Heritage	National Heritage Fund	22 April 2019
		Analysing space in the socio-economic transformation of Mauritius by Prof Vasoodeven Vuddamalay	University of Mauritius	23 April 2019
Vijaya Beedjadhur-Poteah, Heritage Guide / Public Outreach Officer	Heritage Guide / Public Outreach Officer	4th African World Heritage Regional Youth Forum	African World Heritage Fund	29 April - 5 May 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Maurina Soodin Runghen Satyendra Peerthum Christelle Miao Foh	Researcher Historian Research Assistants	Designing the Archives in the 21st Century	Mauritius National Archives	13 June 2019

Babita Bahadoor				
Natasha Ramcharitar				

SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Name	Position	Title of Conference attended	Organisers	Dates
Corinne Forest	Head Technical Unit	12 th Africa Union of Architects' Congress under theme: AFRICA: R.I.S.E	Africa Union of Architects (AUA) at Intercontinental Hotel, Balaclava	25-29 June 2018
	Head Technical Unit	Preparatory Workshop of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting for the African Region, Nelspruit, South Africa	African World Heritage Fund (AWHF) and the UNESCO World Heritage Centre	25-27 February 2019
Satyendra Peerthum	Historian	"Différences et similitudes entre engagisme et esclavagisme dans les anciennes colonies de l'océan Indien"	« International Indenture Girmityas Foundation », l'association « Mémoire de Crève-cœur » et la Faculté des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines de l'Université de La Réunion	26 April 2019
Babita Bahadoor	Research Assistant	Colloque international: « L'engagisme dans l'océan Indien, histoires globale, nouvelles perspectives »	ODI-Réunion Musée Stella Matutina, Piton Saint-Leu, Ile de la Réunion	09 – 10 August 2018
	Research Assistant	Training Seminar: Mise en réseau des patrimoines iconographiques de l'Océan Indien – Formation aux enjeux de l'image et aux techniques de numérisation at Holiday Inn Mon Trésor, Plaine Magnien	Département de La Réunion – Iconothèque Historique de l'Océan Indien, COI et EU	12 – 16 November 2018
		Training Seminar: Mise en réseau des	Département de La Réunion –	10 – 15 June

		patrimoines iconographiques de l'Océan Indien – Formation aux enjeux du traitement documentaire et de la valorisation des fonds iconographiques	Iconothèque Historique de l'Océan Indien (IHOI) et EU at Bibliothèque Départementale de la Réunion (BDR); Archives Départementales, Ile de La Réunion	2019
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PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES / SEMINARS / WORKSHOPS

Conference / Workshop	Name	Title of paper
Preparatory Workshop of the Third Cycle of Periodic Reporting for the African Region, Nelspruit, South Africa	Dr. Corinne Forest, Head Technical Unit	Presentation of Periodic Reporting for National Focal Points (part 1)
Colloque international: «l'engagisme dans l'océan Indien, histoires globale, nouvelles perspectives » at Stella Matutina, Reunion	Satyendra Peerthum, Historian	Ram Leela and Ramayana recital tradition among the Indian indentured workers and their descendants
	Babita Bahadoor	From Sugar Estate to National Cultural Park : The Case of Bras d'Eau
5 – 6 March 2019: SLAFNET International Workshop: Towards establishing a comparative framework for the study of indentured labour – Colour of Labour	Dr. Corinne Forest, Head Technical Unit	"Contemporary Categorisations: the British Legacy in Mauritius"
	Satyendra Peerthum, Historian	Social and Economic Mobility of Indentured Africans, Liberated Africans, Siddhis, and Reunionese in Mauritius in Comparative Perspective 1840-1920
	Babita Bahadoor, Research Assistant	"An Introduction to the Archives of Indentured Immigration in Mauritius"
	Christelle Miao Foh, Research Assistant	"Categorisations of Indian immigrants on Quarantine stations"
International Indentured Labour Conference held at the Departmental Council Chamber in	Satyendra Peerthum, Historian	Archival Documentary Heritage of the Indentured Labour Archives of

La Réunion.		the Republic of Mauritius
Différences et similitudes entre engagisme et esclavagisme dans les anciennes colonies de l'océan Indien" at the University of Reunion		Vagrant Depot and the Vagrants in British Mauritius
Designing the Archives in the 21st Century, Coromandel		Archives, History, and the AGTF Collection in the Documentation Centre

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

National Commemoration of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius

The National Commemoration took place on 2 November 2018 at Trou Fanfaron Wharf in Port Louis in the presence of the following dignitaries:

- Hon Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius;
- Hon Ivan Leslie Collendavelloo, GCSK, SC, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities;
- The Rt Hon Sir Anerood Jugnauth, GCSK, KCMG, QC, Minister Mentor, Minister of Defence and Minister for Rodrigues;
- Hon Prithvirajsing Roopun, Minister of Arts and Culture;
- Hon Xavier-Luc Duval, GCSK, Leader of the Opposition
- HE Mrs Iina Marjaana Sall, Ambassador and Head of Delegation European Union;
- HE Mr Abhay Thakur, High Commissioner of the Republic of India;
- Mr Daniel Eric Clive Laurent, Lord Mayor, City Council of Port-Louis.

The programme included:

- Wreath laying by the steps of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site;
- A Welcome Dance by Mahatma Gandhi Institute (MGI);
- A Poem recital;
- An Enactment by MGI;
- Launching of Book on Flat Island by the Hon. Prime Minister;
- Presentation of prizes to the winners of the works of art competition on the theme “Visions of the Past” by the Hon. Prime Minister;
- Projection of clip on Indenture prepared by the Mauritius Film Development Corporation (MFDC) in collaboration with the AGTF, National Archives and the National Heritage Fund;
- Visit of VVIPS to the exhibition of works of art prepared by Mauritian artists on the theme “Visions of the Past”.

PUBLICATIONS

During the 184th Anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius on 2 November 2018, the AGTF launched two publications at follows:

- Flat Island: a history of quarantine in Mauritius written by Chritelle Miao Foh, Research Assistant;
- AGTF Magazine 2018.

EXHIBITIONS

Contemporary Art Exhibition





In the context of the 184th Anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers in Mauritius and the 50th Anniversary of the Independence of the Republic of Mauritius, the AGTF called Mauritian artists for proposals to present a contemporary art exhibition at World Heritage Site dedicated to the theme “Visions of the past”.

Artists were invited to produce works of art expressing their vision on the past, possibly on indenture but not restricted to it, and its impact on present day Mauritius or/and on our future. The jury selected the three best works of art. Artists received their prizes during the national commemoration ceremony on 2nd November 2018.

The following artists presented their works of art at World Heritage Site from 3rd November to 31st December 2019:

SN	First name	Surname	Title	Picture
1	Nirmal	Hurry	विन्मिदिया मे जीका स्मिता	
			First Prize Roche Bondieu	
2	Nalini	Gopaul	Second prize “Reminiscence”	
3	Sultana	Haukim	Third prize Uprooted, transplanted...rooted	
4	Neermala	Luckeenarain	Social skin	

5	Alikhan	Khodabaccus	Heroes	
6	Mala	Chummun	"Mothri-baggage of memories"	



Indenture in Mauritius: History & Heritage

The aim was to present salient stages of indenture in Mauritius through archival documents and heritage. The purpose is to disseminate knowledge about the history of indenture and its related heritage in the context of the National Commemoration of the arrival of indentured labourers.

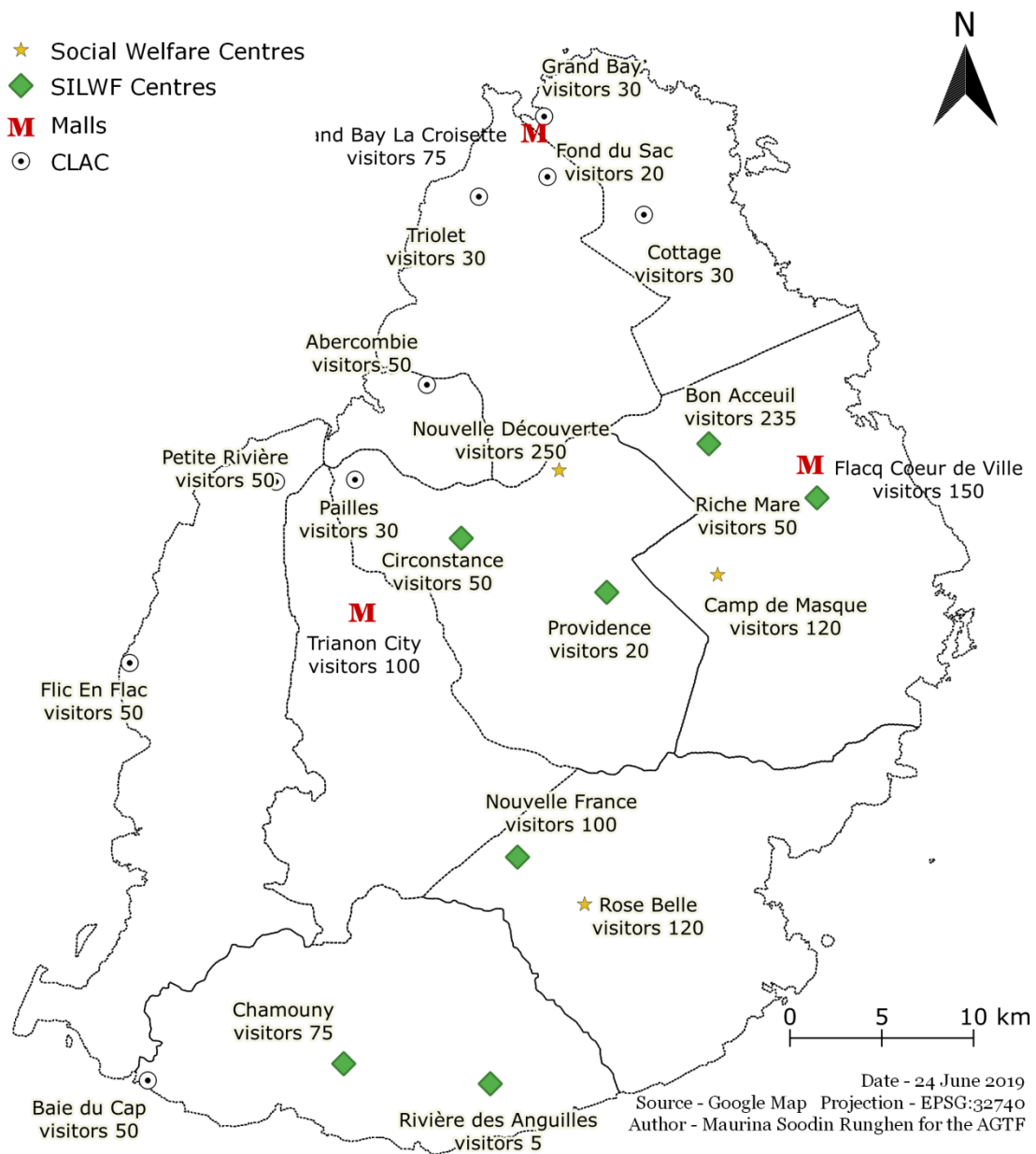
The Roving Exhibition was launched on Friday 26th October 2018 at the Municipal Council of Quatres Bornes by Hon. P. Roopun, Minister of Arts and Culture. The project, including the launching ceremony was organised with the collaboration of :

- Ministry of Arts and Culture
- Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes
- National Archives
- Mahatma Gandhi Institute
- National Library
- Mauritius Film Development Corporation

Venues for hosting of the exhibition were provided by the:

- Municipal Council of Quatre Bornes
- Ministry of Gender Equality, Child Development and Family Welfare, Social Welfare Division
- National Archives
- Mahatma Gandhi Institute
- National Library

Venues for roving exhibition “Indenture in Mauritius: History and Heritage” October 2018 to May 2019



LOCATION	STARTING DATE	END DATE
Flic en Flac CLAC	Monday, April 22, 2019	Monday, April 29, 2019
Baie du Cap CLAC	Wednesday, April 17, 2019	Saturday, April 20, 2019
Cottage CLAC	Friday, April 12, 2019	Tuesday, April 16, 2019
Pailles CLAC	Monday, April 09, 2018	Thursday, April 11, 2019
Triolet CLAC	Monday, April 04, 1949	Monday, April 08, 2019
Grand Bay CLAC	Monday, April 01, 2019	Thursday, April 04, 2019
Rivière du Rempart Youth Centre	Monday, March 25, 2019	Friday, March 29, 2019
SILWF Bon Accueil incl Flag Raising ceremony	Monday, March 18, 2019	Friday, March 22, 2019
SILWF Riche Mare	Monday, March 11, 2019	Saturday, March 16, 2019
Trianon Shopping Park	Friday, March 01, 2019	Monday, March 11, 2019
Rose Belle SWC	Saturday, February 23, 2019	Thursday, February 28, 2019
SILWF Nouvelle France	Tuesday, February 19, 2019	Saturday, February 23, 2019
SILWF Circonstance	Tuesday, February 12, 2019	Saturday, February 16, 2019
Camp de Masque SWC	Monday, February 11, 2019	Monday, February 11, 2019
SILWF Providence	Tuesday, February 05, 2019	Saturday, February 09, 2019
SILWF Rivière des Anguilles	Monday, January 28, 2019	Thursday, January 31, 2019
SILWF Chamouny	Monday, January 21, 2019	Friday, January 25, 2019
Nouvelle Découverte SWC	Wednesday, January 16, 2019	Saturday, January 19, 2019
Grand Baie La Croisette	Thursday, January 03, 2019	Thursday, January 10, 2019
CLAC Abercombie	Wednesday, December 26, 2018	Monday, December 31, 2018
CLAC Petite Rivière	Monday, December 17, 2018	Saturday, December 22, 2018
CLAC Fond du Sac	Tuesday, December 11, 2018	Saturday, December 15, 2018
Flacq Coeur de Ville	Monday, December 03, 2018	Monday, December 10, 2018
IGCIC Anniversary of the inscription of the Geet Gawai	Saturday, December 01, 2018	Saturday, December 01, 2018
SVICC	Sunday, November 25, 2018	Saturday, December 01, 2018

ICH Intergovernmental Committee		
MGI	Monday, November 19, 2018	Friday, November 23, 2018
National Library	Monday, November 12, 2018	Saturday, November 17, 2018
National Archives	Monday, October 29, 2018	Saturday, November 10, 2018
Municipality of Quatre Bornes	Friday, October 26, 2018	Sunday, October 28, 2018

12. INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR MONUMENTS AND SITES

ICOMOS Theme for 2019 is "Rural Landscape"

Dates: Friday 26, Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 April 2019

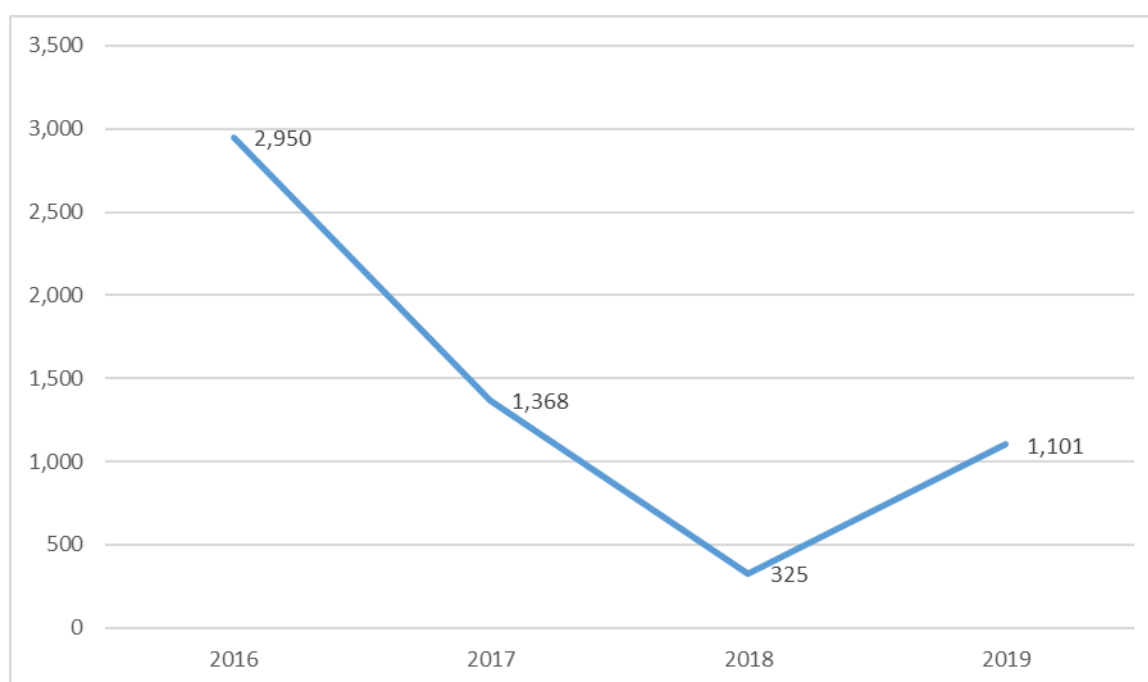
Opening hours: 9:00 to 16:00

Venue: Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site including BRIC

In 1982, ICOMOS established 18 April as the International Day for Monuments and Sites. UNESCO approved it the following year during its 22nd General Conference. Since then, 18 April has been a day to celebrate and promote cultural heritage, and an opportunity to raise awareness about its diversity, its relevance, how vulnerable it can be and what the needs and benefits of its conservation are. Every year, ICOMOS proposes a theme for the celebrations and activities to be organised by the ICOMOS National and International Scientific Committees and by other organisations that wish to participate.

Organized by the National Heritage Fund in Mauritius, the International Day for monuments and Sites helps to promote the rich cultural heritage of Mauritius. Several sites and monuments are opened to the public on that day to make them aware of their heritage and to sensitize them to the cause of heritage preservation. Celebrated by the AGTF since 2005, this event helps in the promotion of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site and the heritage associated with the system of indenture.

Number of visitors



Number of visitors during the International Day for Monuments and Sites from 2016 to 2019

Note: In 2018, the open days were cancelled due to bad weather conditions. The figures are indicative of the number of participants received to the 2 week educational workshops and activities organized during Easter Holidays and in context of the ICOMOS day.

Activities proposed

The following activities were proposed :

SN	Activities	Location	Interval	Duration	Fri. 26 April	Sat. 27 April	Sun. 28 April
1	Guided visits of AG and BRIC	Apravasi Ghat	every half hour	45 minutes	√	√	√
2	Educational activities	Apravasi Ghat	on the hour	45 minutes	-	√	√
3	Heritage walk 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Apravasi Ghat World Heritage Site ■ Military hospital ■ Civil hospital ■ General Post Office 	Apravasi Ghat	At specific hours	1 hour	-	√	√

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Former customs area (astrolabe at Waterfront) ■ Granary 		11 00 13 00 14 30				
4	Temporary Exhibition on Forbach Sugar estate	Hospital Block (AGWHS)			✓	✓	✓

Comments and suggestions received from public

- Many visitors wished that open days be organised on more than a weekend so that they may avail of the opportunity to visits the several sites open to the public on that date

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 30 JUNE 2019

	Notes	2019 MUR	2018 MUR
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	6	92,498,695	100,501,663
Employee benefits		1,453,226	-
		<u>93,951,921</u>	<u>100,501,663</u>
Current assets			
Inventories	9	1,280,743	1,298,431
Trade and other receivables		18,774	41,911
Cash and cash equivalents		7,775,940	12,335,135
		<u>9,075,457</u>	<u>13,675,477</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>103,027,378</u>	<u>114,177,140</u>
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity and reserves			
Accumulated Fund	11	331,032	3,458,897
Revaluation Reserve	13	200,000	200,000
Donation		-	-
Total equity		<u>531,032</u>	<u>3,658,897</u>
Non-Current liabilities			
Deferred income	12	88,501,583	96,623,136
Employee Benefits	8	-	291,299
Trade and other payables	10	4,256,430	3,356,390
		<u>92,758,013</u>	<u>100,270,825</u>
Current Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	1,246,419	1,250,806
Deferred Income	12	8,491,614	8,996,612
		<u>9,738,033</u>	<u>10,247,418</u>
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		<u>103,027,078</u>	<u>114,177,140</u>

Approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on

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Chairman

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Board Member

The notes on pages 7 to 19 form part of the Financial Statements

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Notes	2019 MUR	2018 MUR
Revenue	4	24,652,413	25,958,558
Refund from insurance		-	-
Finance Income		21,610	40,137
Release from Capital Grant	12	8,626,551	10,795,462
TOTAL INCOME		33,300,574	36,794,157
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Administrative expenditure	Appendix	28,997,334	26,372,472
Finance costs	Appendix	17,847	20,295
Trianon Restoration project		114,937	280,227
Research programmes		-	59,010
Other costs		20,000	32,000
LED Project		-	(63,021)
Indentured labour route project		-	1,146,357
Flat island		-	344,277
Amortisation	6	7,670,588	7,670,588
Depreciation	6	821,026	1,326,024
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		37,641,732	37,188,229
<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR</u>		<u>(4,341,158)</u>	<u>(394,072)</u>

CASH FLOW STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019 MUR	2018 MUR
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net (deficit)/surplus	(4,341,158)	(394,072)
Adjustments for :		
Depreciation & Amortisation	8,491,614	8,996,612
Prior year adjustment	-	25,147
Release from Capital Grant	(8,626,551)	(10,795,462)
Other non cash movement		
Employee Benefits	(531,232)	(446,277)
Interest Income	(21,610)	(40,137)
Operating profit before working capital	(5,028,937)	(2,654,189)
Decrease/(increase) in inventories	17,688	(292,491)
Decrease/(increase) in trade & other receivables	23,137	(21,402)
(Decrease)/ increase in trade & other payables	895,653	369,798
Cash generated from operating activities	<u>(4,092,459)</u>	<u>(2,598,284)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition of property & equipment	(488,646)	(408,662)
Cash flows from investing activities	<u>(488,646)</u>	<u>(408,662)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Interest Received	21,610	40,137
Government Grants	-	400,000
Cash flows from financing activities	<u>21,610</u>	440,137
NET (DECREASE)/ INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	<u>(4,559,495)</u>	<u>(2,566,809)</u>
RECONCILIATION OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	<u>12,335,135</u>	<u>14,901,944</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	<u>7,775,640</u>	<u>12,335,135</u>

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8. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

The trust fund participates in a pension plan administered by and invested with State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd(SICOM).

The following employee benefits information is based on the report of SICOM dated 30 June 2018.

	2019 Mur	2018 Mur
Amounts recognised in balance sheet at end of year		
Defined benefit obligation	(13,727,741)	(13,204,906)
Fair value of plan assets	15,180,967	12,913,607
Assets recognised in balance sheet at end of year	1,453,226	(291,299)
Amounts recognised in income statement:		
Current service cost	(1,056,395)	(1,120,407)
Past service cost	-	-
Employees contributions	610,299	622,101
Fund expenses	(31,734)	(32,252)
Net interest(expense)/income	32,658	(13,664)
	(445,172)	(544,222)
Remeasurement:		
Liability gain/(loss)	1,418,598	(47,007)
Assets gain/(loss)	(205,305)	276,607
Total Other Comprehensive Income(OCI) recognized	1,213,293	229,600
Total	768,121	(314,622)
Movements in liability recognised in balance sheet:		
At start of year	(291,299)	(967,176)
Amount recognized in P&L	(445,172)	(544,222)
(Contributions paid by employer)	976,404	990,499
Amount recognized in OCI	1,213,293	229,600
At end of year	1,453,226	(291,299)

The plan is a defined benefit arrangement for the employees and it is wholly funded. The assets of the funded plan are held independently and administered by the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd.

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	Accumulated Fund MUR	Revaluation Reserve MUR	TOTAL MUR
At 1 July 2017	3,613,939	200,000	3,813,939
Net (Deficit) Surplus for the year	(394,072)	-	(394,072)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	229,600	-	229,600
Transfer from donation	-	-	-
Revaluation of Motor Vehicles	9,430	-	9,430
At 30 June 2018	3,458,897	200,000	3,658,897
At 1 July 2018	3,458,897	200,000	3,658,897
Net (Deficit)/Surplus for the year	(4,341,158)	-	-
Actuarial gain/ (loss)	1,213,293	-	-
Prior year adjustment	-	-	-
At 30 June 2019	331,032	200,000	3,658,897

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Aapravasi Ghat is a trust fund established under the AGTF ACT No.31 of 21st December 2001 and domiciled in Mauritius. The address of its registered office is Ex-DWC Building, 1 Quay Street, Port Louis, Mauritius.

The principal activities of the trust fund are:

- a) To establish and promote Aapravasi Ghat as a National and International Memorial Site;
- b) To preserve and restore the aesthetic and architectural aspects of Aapravasi Ghat
To set a museum at Aapravasi Ghat and create a public awareness in the history of the
- c) site and to depict the arrival, settlement and evolution of the immigrants in Mauritius;
- d) To promote the social and cultural aspects of Aapravasi Ghat;
- e) To encourage and support projects and publications related to indentured Labour System;
To establish links with appropriate national, regional and International Organisations in
- f) line with the objects of the ACT and;
To identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures linked with history of the arrival of
- g) immigrants in Mauritius.

2. REPORTING PERIOD

Comparative information has been re-stated or re-classified, as necessary, to conform to the current year's presentation

3. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements are prepared in accordance and in compliance with Financial Reporting Standards for Small Entities issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

Basis of preparation

preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting framework for Small Entities requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ

Financial instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised on the trust fund's statement of financial position when the trust fund has become a party to the contractual provisions of the instruments.

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Accounting for Property, Plant and Equipment: Revaluation Reserve

Revaluation of fixed assets is the process of increasing or decreasing their carrying value in case of major changes in fair market value of the fixed asset. Whenever Plant and Equipment is revalued and the revaluation results in a decrease, then both Plant and Equipment and the revaluation Reserve in the Statement of Financial Position are decreased by the amortised amount. In case of an increase in the asset's carrying amount, the increase is directly credited to the Revaluation Reserve Account and same is debited to the Plant and Equipment.

Other receivables

Other receivables are stated at original invoice less an estimate of doubtful receivables based on a review of all outstanding amounts at year end.

Other payables

Accounts payable are stated at fair value.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash comprises of cash at bank and in hand. Cash equivalents are short term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and which are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are recognised initially at fair value plus any directly attributable transaction costs. Subsequent to initial recognition, these financial liabilities are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The trust fund derecognises a financial liability when its contractual obligations are discharged or cancelled or expired.

Related parties

For the purpose of these financial statements, parties are considered to be related to the Trust Fund if they have the ability, directly or indirectly, to control the trust fund or exercise significant influence over the trust fund in making financial and operating decisions, or vice versa, or where the trust fund is subject to common control or common significant influence. Related parties may be individuals or other entities.

Provisions

A provision is recognised in the statement of financial position when the Trust Fund has a legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required to settle the obligation.

Revenue recognition

Income received from Government to meet recurrent expenditure is treated as revenue grant. Revenue from sale of books is recognized in the statement of financial performance when the significant risks and rewards of ownership have been transferred to the buyer.

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Deferred income

Grants received from Government for capital expenditure are treated as deferred income. An amount equal to the depreciation charge for the year is transferred to other income in the statement of financial performance and the amount of deferred income to be amortised in the next 12 months is recognized as a current liability

Expense recognition

All expenses are accounted for in the statement of Financial Performance on an accrual basis

Going Concern

The trust fund's management has made an assessment of the trust fund's ability to continue as a going concern and is satisfied that the trust fund has the resources to continue in business for the foreseeable future. Furthermore, the management is not aware of any material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt upon the trust fund's ability to continue as a going concern. Therefore, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

Employee benefits

The trust fund subscribes to a defined benefit plan, the assets are administered by Sicom Ltd. The pension costs are assessed using the projected unit credit method. The cost of providing the benefit is determined in accordance with actuarial review. The pension obligation is measured as the present value of the estimated future cash outflows using a discounted rate by reference to the current interest rates and the yields on bonds and treasury bills.

The trust fund's net obligation in respect of defined benefit pension plan is calculated by estimating the amount of future benefit that its employees have earned in return for their service in the current and prior periods, that benefit is discounted to determine the present value. Any unrecognized past service costs and the fair value of any plan assets are deducted. The discount rate is the yield at balance sheet date. The calculation is performed by a qualified actuary using the projected unit credit method every year.

When the benefits of a plan are improved, the portion of the increased benefit relating to past service by employees is recognised as an expense in the statement of Financial Performance on a straight - line basis over the average *period until the benefits become vested. To the extent that the benefits vest immediately, the expense is recognised immediately in the statement of Financial Performance.*

Where the calculation results in a benefit to the trust fund, the recognised asset is limited to the net total of any unrecognised actuarial losses and past service costs and the present value of any future refunds from the plan or reductions in future contributions to the plan.

Employee Passage Benefit Entitlement

Employee entitlements to passage benefit allowance are recognised when they accrue to employees.

A provision is made for the estimated liability up to the balance sheet date.

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Non-Current Assets

- I. Property, Plant & Equipment are valued in the statement of financial position at cost less accumulated depreciation. The Aapravasi Ghat Site at Trou Fanfaron is being restored and is now a World Heritage Site and Historical Site. Costs associated with the restoration of the site are being capitalised as work in progress under fixed assets. It had been the policy of AGTF to classify assets of amount Rs5,000 or above as Plant & Equipment. For year 2015 and onwards, the threshold of Rs10,000 has been adopted for classification of assets.

II. Depreciation

Depreciation is being calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives as follows:

	Rate per
Furnitures & Fittings	10%
Office Equipment	20%
Motor Vehicles	20%
ICT	25%

The policy is to charge full depreciation in the year of acquisition and no depreciation to be charged in the year of disposal. No depreciation has been provided on restoration works in progress. Fully depreciated Assets still in use are revalued and depreciated over remaining estimated useful life. The increase in valuation is accounted as revaluation reserve

II. Amortisation

Given the nature of activity of the AGTF and status of the Building (BRIC), it has been decided that the value of BRIC be amortised for a period of 10 years. This will reflect the reducing value of BRIC over time. The renovation work in BRIC was completed in year 2014, thus amortisation has been adopted for year 2015 and onwards.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the cost. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis and includes expenditure incurred in acquiring the inventories and bringing them to their existing location and condition. Where necessary, a write off is made for obsolete and slow moving inventories.

Government Grants

Asset-related grants are treated as deferred income, whereas income-related grants are recognized in the period they become receivable.

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4 REVENUE

	MUR
Income recurrent	24,300,000
Sponsorship	36,945
Other income	107,943
Sale of books & articles	207,525
Cash Income received during the year	<u>24,652,413</u>

5 (DEFICIT)/ SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

(Deficit)/ Surplus for the year has been arrived at after charging/(crediting):

	MUR
Staff costs	21,079,021
Operational costs	7,919,399
Recurrent expenditure on projects	134,937
Depreciation & amortisation	8,491,614
	<u>37,624,971</u>

Recurrent expenditure on projects for the amount of MUR has been financed by capital grant.

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6. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

	Aapravasi Ghat	Office Equipment	Furniture & Fittings	Motor Vehicle	ICT	Total
	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR	MUR
COSTS						
At 01 July 2018	124,734,790	4,472,087	683,619	1,995,375	5,185,303	137,071,174
Additions		462,686	6,095		19,865	488,646
Prior year adjustment						
At 30 June 2019	124,734,790	4,934,773	689,714	1,995,375	5,205,168	137,559,820
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION						
At 01 July 2018	26,847,058	3,526,461	232,254	1,207,300	4,756,438	36,569,511
Prior year adjustment	-					
Amortisation - BRIC	7,670,588					7,670,588
Charge for the year	-	268,158	68,172	359,075	125,621	821,026
At 30 June 2019	34,517,646	3,794,619	300,426	1,566,375	4,882,059	45,061,125
NET BOOK VALUES						
At 30 June 2019	90,217,144	1,140,154	389,289	429,000	323,109	92,498,695
At 30 June 2018	97,887,732	945,626	451,365	788,075	428,865	100,501,663

Aapravasi Ghat consists of the following:

Description	Amount MUR
Development of a collection of BRIC	1,144,602
Setting up of BRIC	76,705,882
Buffer Zone	907,893
Vagrant Depot	2,344,675
Trianon	1,706,170
Research Programmes	4,268,379
Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site	35,882,905
LED Project	554,211
Flat Island	112,984
Promotion & Outreach Programme	1,107,089
TOTAL	124,734,790

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7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Key Management Personnel

Key Management Personnel are:

- (a) All Directors or members of the governing body of the AGTF; and
- (b) Other persons having the authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the AGTF.

The Management of AGTF comprises the officer in charge , Head of Technical Unit, World Heritage Site Manager and Heritage Interpretation Manager as Key Management Personnel.

The aggregate remuneration of Key mangement personnel and the number of members determined on full time equivalent basis receiving remuneration in this category are:

	30 June 2019	30 June 2018
	Mur	Mur
Director (till Jan 2016)		-
Officer-in-Charge	1,247,816	1,165,586
Other Key Management Personnel	2,803,896	2,603,408
Number of Persons	4	4

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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS(CONT'D)

	2019 Mur	2018 Mur
Reconciliation of the present value of defined benefit obligation		
Present Value of obligation at start of period	(13,204,906)	(11,284,009)
Current service cost	(1,056,395)	(1,120,407)
Interest cost	(924,343)	(789,881)
(Benefits paid)	39,305	36,398
Liability gain/(loss)	1,418,898	(47,007)
Present Value of obligation at end of period	(13,727,441)	(13,204,906)

Reconciliation of fair value of plan assets

Fair value of plan assets at start of period	(12,913,607)	(10,316,833)
Expected return on plan assets	(957,001)	(776,217)
Employer contributions	(976,404)	(990,499)
Employees contributions	(610,299)	(622,101)
(Benefits paid + other outgo)	71,039	68,650
Asset gain/(loss)	205,305	(276,607)
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	(15,180,967)	(12,913,607)

Distribution of plan assets at end of period

	June 2019	June 2018
Percentage of assets at end of year		-
Government securities and cash	58.7%	59.6%
Loans	3.4%	3.7%
Local Equities	13.1%	14.6%
Overseas bonds and equities	24.2%	21.6%
Property	0.6%	0.6%
Total	100%	100%

Additional disclosure on assets issued or used by the reporting entity

	June 2019 %	June 2018 %
Percentage of assets at end of year	-	-
Assets held in the Entity's own financial instruments	-	-
Property occupied by the entity	-	-
Other assets used by the entity	-	-
At end of year	-	-

Components of the amount recognized in OCI

Year	June 2019 Mur	June 2018 Mur
Currency		
Asset experience gain/(loss) during the period	205,305	(276,607)
Liability experience gain/(loss) during the period	(1,418,598)	47,007
	(1,213,293)	(229,600)

Year

	2019/2020	2018/2019
Expected employer contributions	(1,041,506)	(980,051)
(Estimate to be reviewed by Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund)		
Weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation	22 Years	25 Years
(Calculated as a % change in PV liabilities for a 1% change in discount rate)		

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FIGURES FOR IAS19 ADOPTION FOR:

The plan is exposed to actuarial risks such as: investment risk, interest rate risk, longevity risk and salary risk. The risk relating to death in service benefits is re-insured.

The cost of providing the benefits is determined using the Projected Unit Method. The principal assumptions used for the purpose of the actuarial valuation were as follows:-

	2019	2018
Discount rate	7%	6.5%
Future salary increases	4.5%	4%
Future pension increases	3.5%	3%
Mortality before retirement	A 6770 Ultimate Tables	
Mortality in retirement	PA (90) Tables- rated down by 2 years	
Retirement age	As per Second Schedule in the Statutory Bodies Pension Funds Act	

The discount rate is determined by reference to market yield on bonds.

Significant actuarial assumptions for determination of the defined benefit obligation are discount rate, expected salary increase and mortality. The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based reasonably on possible changes of the assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period.

- If the discount rate would be 100 basis points (one percent) higher (lower), the defined benefit obligation would decrease by Rs. 2.8M (increase by Rs. 3.7M) if all other assumptions were held unchanged.

obligation would increase by Rs. 2.6M, (decrease by Rs. 2.1M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

-If life expectancy would increase (decrease) by one year, the defined benefit obligation would increase by Rs. 0.3M (decrease by Rs. 0.3M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

In reality one might expect interrelationships between the assumptions, especially between the discount rate and expected salary increases, given that both depends to a certain extent on expected inflation rates. The analysis above abstracts from these interdependence between the assumptions.

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9. INVENTORIES (AT COST)

	2019 MUR	2018 MUR
Publications		
Publications as at 01st July	1,274,762	982,271
Add New Publications during the year	155,250	400,600
Less Publications sold/gifted	(172,938)	(108,109)
Balance as at 30 June	<u>1,257,074</u>	<u>1,274,762</u>
 Spare parts- Woods as at 01st July	 23,669	 23,669
Less stock used	-	-
Balance as at 30th June	<u>23,669</u>	<u>23,669</u>
Add Stock Publication as at 30 June	<u>1,280,743</u>	<u>1,298,431</u>

10 TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2019 MUR	2018 MUR
Accruals	346,627	331,897
Passage Benefits	1,391,091	999,894
Sick leaves	3,757,712	3,268,139
BRIC	7,420	7,420
	<u>5,502,850</u>	<u>4,607,350</u>

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11. ACCUMULATED FUND

	2019 MUR
Balance as at 01st July 2018	3,458,897
Movement during the year	(4,341,158)
Actuarial gain/ (loss)	1,213,293
Prior year adjustment	-
Balance as at 30 June 2019	<u><u>331,032</u></u>

12. DEFERRED INCOME

	2019 MUR
Balance as at 1st July 2018	105,619,748
Grant received during the year	-
Transfer to Other Income	(8,626,551)
	<u>96,993,197</u>
Amount to be amortised within 1 year recognised as Current Liabilities	(8,491,614)
Balance as at 30th June 2019	<u><u>88,501,583</u></u>

13. REVALUATION RESERVE

	2019 MUR	2018 MUR
Motor Van - Balance as at 01 July	200,000	200,000
Amortisation	-	-
Closing Balance as at 30 June	<u><u>200,000</u></u>	<u><u>200,000</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2019

	2019 MUR	2018 MLR
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURE		
Salaries & related costs	21,079,021	19,170,274
Insurance - BRIC	10,150	94,746
Utilities	1,185,845	1,299,223
Staff costs	79,484	230,105
Motor Vehicle Running Expenses	240,754	205,332
Office expenses	187,491	125,578
Maintenance of Equipment,Buildings,Furniture, It,Signage	299,118	428,039
Site Maintenance	31,453	510,331
Cleaning Expenses	592,265	616,459
Professional charges	77,600	75,750
Postage, printing & stationery	351,831	270,495
Chairman & Board Members Fees	682,844	826,290
Newspaper & Publications	11,455	67,498
Training fees	14,640	40,215
General Expenses	27,309	73,194
Security	57,155	213,900
Events	387,303	993,991
Expenses - 2nd November	1,229,570	1,006,351
Membership Fee	9,530	-
Overseas Mission	75,367	-
Workshop/Seminars	11,100	16,592
Pedagogical Activities	-	-
Publication Costs	172,938	108,109
Financial Assistance	2,005,000	-
Books & periodicals	4,090	-
Advertisement	174,021	-
	<u>28,997,334</u>	<u>26,372,472</u>
FINANCE COSTS		
Bank charges	<u>17,847</u>	<u>20,295</u>
DEPRECIATION		
Computer equipment	125,621	633,024
Office equipment	268,158	390,182
Furniture & fittings	68,172	67,588
Motor Vehicle	359,075	235,230
	<u>821,026</u>	<u>1,326,024</u>

Salaries & Related costs consists of the following:

Description	Amount MUR	Amount MLR
Salary	15,129,523	13,067,938
Travelling	1,407,203	1,405,833
Overtime	645,796	610,771
Allowances	1,011,221	796,919
Gratuity	134,585	150,525
Pension AGTF	1,157,079	1,191,989
FPS AGTF	247,242	237,066
NSF AGTF	299,192	1,191,989
Passage Benefits	1,047,180	517,244
TOTAL	<u>21,079,021</u>	<u>19,170,274</u>

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