

This document presents the projects and activities conducted by the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund during the year 2015.

Annual Report 2015

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND



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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;
- measures for conservation management and enhancement.

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



Profile of the AGTF

❖ *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 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.

.....
Chairman

.....
Board Member

❖ THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FUND

The main objective of the Fund is to:

- establish, administer, manage, promote and maintain the Aapravasi Ghat as a national, regional and international site heritage site.
- To preserve, restore and manage the Aapravasi Ghat and related sites.
- To set up a museum and create public awareness of the history of indentured labour.
- To promote social and cultural aspects of the Aapravasi Ghat and related sites.
- To encourage and support projects and publications related to the indentured labour.
- To establish links with appropriate national, regional and international organizations in line with the objects of the Act.
- To identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures associated with indentured labour; to encourage and support interdisciplinary scientific research related to indentured labour and to the Aapravasi Ghat and related sites.

❖ ADMINISTRATION

The Fund is administered by a Board comprising of a Chairman, a Vice Chairperson and 14 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 (4), 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

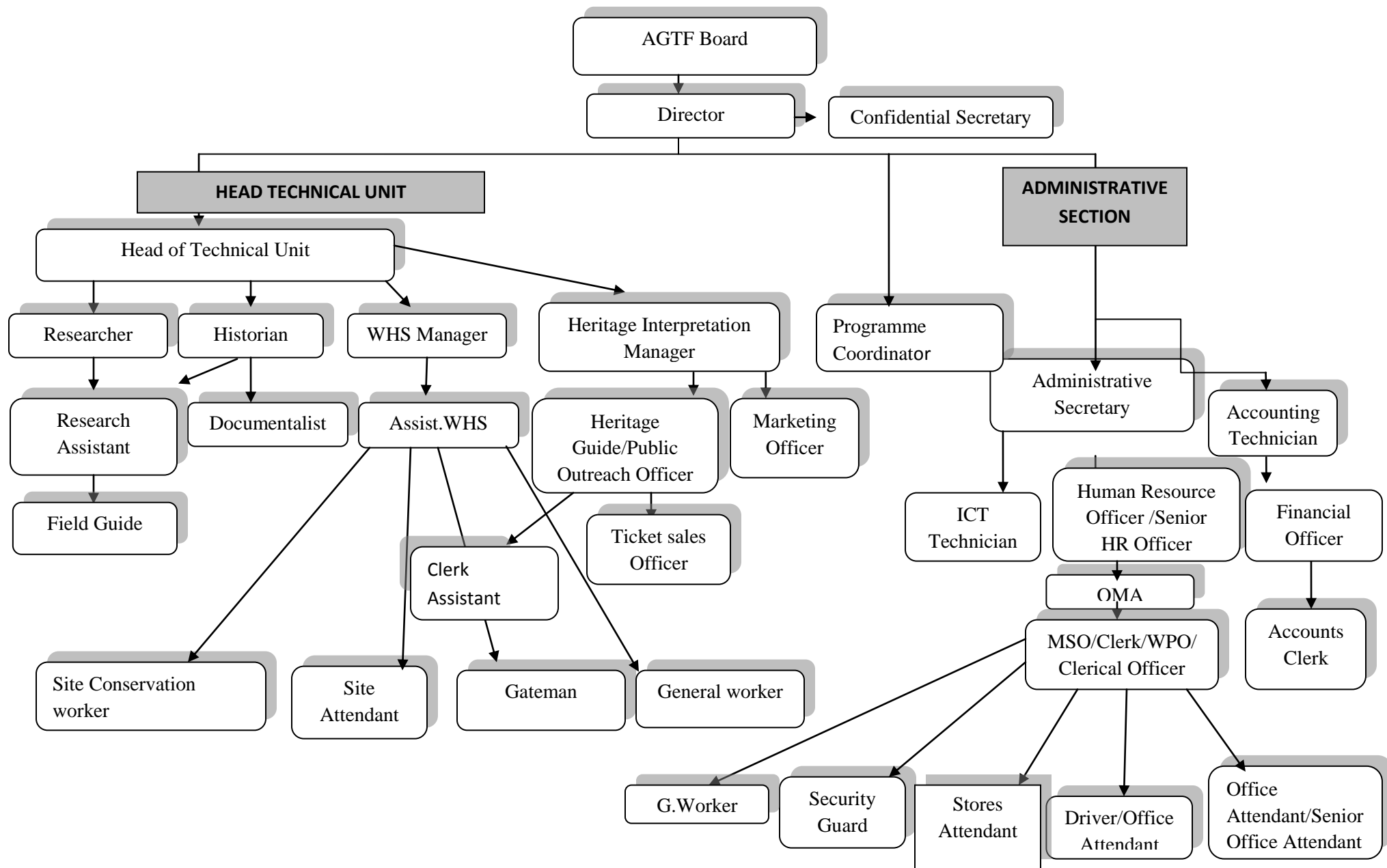
With the coming into force of the Occupational Health and safety Act 2005, this organization recognizes the fundamental importance of Health and safety of its staff members and other persons who may be directly affected by its activities. This organization complies with all relevant Health and Safety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

❖ REGISTERED OFFICE

1, Quay Street
Ex-DWC Building
Port Louis

❖ AUDITORS

Director of Audit
National Audit Office
14th Floor
Paille en Queue Court
Port-Louis



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;
- One representative of the Ministry of Tourism and Leisure;
- One representative of the High Commission of India;
- One representative of the Mahatma Gandhi Institute;
- One representative of the National Heritage Fund;

7 Members from the local community.

2. CONSTITUTION OF NEW AGTF BOARD

Mr D.Y.Dhuny was appointed as chairman of AGTF in January 2015. The AGTF Board was constituted in June 2015.

Mr J.Mohit- Director of AGTF was thanked for his service on 8th January 2015 and Mr Ramoutar was appointed as "Officer-In-Charge".

Name	Position
Mr Dhuny Dharam Yash Deo	Chairperson
Mrs Somatee Gokhool Mr R Auliar (as from 9/1/15-30/6/15)	Vice Chairman
Mr T Garburrin(as from 9/1/ 15-30/6/15) Miss A Chummun	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mr O P Seebaluck	Representative from Prime Minister's Office
Mr N.Mutty	Representative Min of Finance and Economic Development
Mrs S Dowlutrao	Representative from National Heritage Fund
Mrs Soorya Gayan	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
Mrs Kalpana Gunputh Luchumun Mrs M Jhugroo(as from 9 /15-30/6/15)	Representative. From Ministry of Education & Human Resources
Ms Purvashee Banarsee	Representative from Ministry of Tourism & Leisure
Mrs V.Maitra	Representative from High Commissioner of India
Mr M Jhummun	Member
Mr B P Dinand (as from 9/1/15--30/6/15)	Member
Mrs Zaahirah Mahamode (as from 9/1/15-30/6/15)	Member
Mr D Auleear(as from 9/1/15--30/6/15)	Member
Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
Mr Omduth Bundhoo	Member
Mrs Bedwanttee Bikhoo	Member
Mr Ravin Ballah	Member
Dr Anwar Janoo	Member

3. PROFILE OF BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr Dhuny Dharam Yash Deo Chairperson of AGTF
He is the rector of MEDCO College
- Mr Somatee Gokhool is the Vice Chairperson of the AGTF Board and is the instructor in driving school.
- Mr Oodaye. Prakash. Seebaluck works at the Prime Minister's Office and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- Miss Purvashee Banrasee is the Tourism Planner at the Ministry of Tourism and Leisure and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- Mr Soorya Gayan is the Director of Mahatma Gandhi Institute and representative of the said institution on AGTF Board.
- Miss Anupama Chummun is the Principal Culture Officer at the Ministry of Arts and Culture and is the representative of the Parent Ministry.
- Mr N.Mutty is an Analyst at the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- Mrs Kalpana Gunputh Luchumun is the Assistant Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education and Human Resources and represents the said Ministry on AGTF Board.
- Mr S Dowlutrao is the Administrative Secretary at the National Heritage Fund and represents the Fund on AGTF Board
- Mrs V.Maitra is the Second Secretary and represents the High Commission of India on the AGTF Board from 26 August 2013.
- Mr Mukesh Jhummun is a nominated member and presently he is working as Education Officer in a Private School.
- Ms Sadhna Ramlallah is a nominated member and is working at the Edition Ocean Indien.
- Mr Omduth Bundhoo is a nominated member
- Dr Anwar Janoo is a nominated member and he is the lecturer at University of Mauritius.
- Mr Ravin Ballah is a nominated member

4. CONSTITUTION OF SUB-COMMITTEES IN 2015

4.1. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Finance Committee	
Mr N.Mutty	Representative. Min of Finance and Economic Development
Miss A Chummun	Representative. of Ministry of Arts and Culture
Miss P Banarsee	Representative. of Ministry of Tourism & Leisure
Mrs S Gokhool	Member
Mr M.Jhummun	Member
Mr Ramoutar	Administrative Secretary
Mrs Chuckowree	Accounting Technician
Mr Seetul	Finance Officer

4.2. STAFF COMMITTEE

Staff Committee	
Mr Garburrin as from Miss A Chummun/	Representative. of Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mr N.Mutty	Representative. Min of Finance and Economic Development
Mr S Dowlutarao	Representative. of National Heritage Fund
Mr R Ballah	Member
Mr B P Dinand as from (9/1 16-30/6/15)	
Mrs Zaahirah Mahamode as from(9/1 16-30/6/15)	
Mr O Bundhoo	Member
Mrs S Gokhool	Member
Mrs Malecaut as from Mrs Nuckchady	Representative. from Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mr Ramoutar	Administrative Secretary

4.3. SCIENTIFIC TECHNICAL AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE BUFFER ZONE

STAC committee for the Buffer Zone	
Mr N.Mutty	Representative. of Ministry of Finance
Ms A Chummun	Representative. of Ministry of Arts and Culture
Dr A Jahangeer-Chojoo	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
Mr P Gujadhur	Representative from Ministry Representative. of Ministry of Tourism & Leisure
Mr S Dowlutrao	Representative. of National Heritage Fund
Mr M.Jhummun	Member
Dr A Janoo	Member
Mr B. P.Dinand	Member
Ms Forest	Head Technical Unit
Mrs Soodin-Runghen	Researcher
Mrs N K Ramcharitar	Research Assistant

4.4. SUB COMMITTEE MEETING FOR VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDIA

Sub Committee Meeting for visit of Prime Minister of the Republic of India	
Mr T Garburrin	Representative. of Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mr S Dowlurao	Representative of National Heritage Fund
Mr D Ramlooll	Member
Mr M Jhummun	Member
Mrs Z Mahamode	Member
Mr S Cullychurn	Member
Mrs I D Gyaram	Programme Coordinator
Ms C Forest	Head Technical Unit
Mr V Mugon	Heritage Interpretation Manager
Mr L Andiapen	World Heritage Site Manager

4.5. Sub COMMITTEE Meeting for Technical Committee

Sub Committee Meeting for Technical Committee	
Dr A Jahangeer-Chojoo	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
Mr D Ramjuttun	Representative of National Heritage Fund
Ms C Forest	Head Technical Unit
Mr V Mugon	Heritage Interpretation Manager
Mr L Andiapen	World Heritage Site Manager

4.6. EDITING Committee for Newsletter

Editing Committee	
Ms A Chummun	Representative. of Ministry of Arts and Culture
Dr A Jahangeer-Chojoo	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
Mrs S. Ramlallah	Member
Ms C Forest	Head Technical Unit
Mr S Peerthum	Historian
Ms Miao Christelle Foh	Research Assistant
Ms B Bahadoor	Research Assistant

4.7. SUB Committee Meeting for 2nd November 2015

Sub Committee Meeting for 2nd November 2015	
Ms A Chummun	Representative from Ministry of Arts and Culture
Mrs F Boodhoo	Representative from Prime Minister's Office
Mr P Gujadhur	Representative from Ministry Representative. of Ministry of Tourism & Leisure
Mrs D Daworaz	Representative from Mahatma Gandhi Institute
Mrs S Gokhool	Member
Mr M Jhummun	Member
Mr V Ramoutar	Administrative Secretary
Ms C Forest	Head Technical Unit
Mr L Andiapen	World Heritage Site Manager
Mr S Peerthum	Historian

4.8. G. SUB COMMITTEE MEETING FOR ANTOINETTE/PHOOLIYAR ACTIVITY

Sub Committee Meeting for Antoinette/Phooliyar Activity	
Mr Dhuny Dharam Yash Deo	Chairperson
Mrs Somatee Gokhool	Vice Chairperson
Mrs Sarita Boodhoo	Chairperson Bhojpuri Speaking Union
Mr M Bundhoo	Member
Mrs S Ramlallah	Member
Ms C Forest	Head Technical Unit
Mr L Andiapien	World Heritage Site Manager
Mr S Peerthum	Historian

4.9. TENDER DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE

Tender Departmental Committee	
Mr V. Ramoutar	Officer in Charge
Mrs D. Chuckoree	
Mr Seetul	

4.10. BID EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Sub Committee Meeting for Technical Committee	
Ms C Forest	Head Technical Unit
Mr V Mugon	Heritage Interpretation Manager
Mr L Andiapien	World Heritage Site Manager
Mr P. Boodhun	Accounts clerk
Expert	Co-opted member

4.11. STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE

Strategic Plan Committee	
Mrs V Koojul	Chairperson
Mrs S Gokhool	Member
Mr Jhummun	Member
Mr Seebaluck	Member
Mr Dowlutrao	Member
Mrs Maitra	Member
Ms Chummun	Member
Mr V Ramoutar	Administrative Secretary / Officer in Charge
Ms C Forest	Head Technical Unit

4.12. NUMBER OF MEETINGS

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD

For the period under review, the main Board meeting of AGTF met 12 times, one Special Board Meeting and the holding of sub-committees meetings were as follows:

Research Unit Meeting	10 times
Staff Committee	5 times
Finance Committee	5 times
STAC Buffer Zone Committee	4 times
Sub-Committee ICW 2 nd Nov	Once
Sub-Committee ICW Strategic Plan	Once
Sub-Committee for Led	Once
Sub-Committee for Newsletter 2015	3 times
Sub-Committee for Technical Committee	2 times
Sub-Committee for Yaj	Once
Sub-Committee ICW visit of Prime Minister of India	Once
Sub-Committee with Telegu Cultural Trust	Once
Sub-Committee for Antoinette/Barlow Regional Activity	Once
Sub-Committee with Islamic Cultural Centre	Once

INJURY LEAVE

Mrs S.Gopaul	10 days	04 July-13 July
Mrs V.Poteeah	3 days	16 Aug-18 Aug

MATERNITY LEAVE

Mrs Soonanda Badye was on maternity leave from 25th Nov 2015 – 2nd March 2016

5. REMUNERATION OF DIRECTORS OF BOARD

The Chairperson is entitled to a monthly allowance of Rs 26,700. (i.e 30% of Rs 89,000)
All other Board members receive an allowance of Rs 850 as per Board meeting and an allowance of Rs 775 per sub-committee meeting.

The Chairperson of the following sub-committees receives an allowance of Rs 1065 per sitting:

- Staff Committee;
- Finance Committee.

6. ATTENDANCE RECORDS & REMUNERATION & BENEFITS OF MEMBERS

In total, 12 Board Meetings, 1 Special Board Meetings, 5 Staff Committee meetings and 5 Finance Committee meetings were held during the year 2013.

Name	Board	Special Board	Staff	Finance
TOTAL	11	1	5	5
Mr D.Dhuny	10	1	-	-
Mrs S.Gokool	9	-	1	2
Mr R.Auliar	4	1	-	-
Mrs V.Maitra	3	1	-	-
Mr T.Garburrin	4	1	4	1
Mr D.Auleear	4	1	-	1
Mr O. P. Seebaluck	7	1	-	-
Mr B.P.Dinand	4	1	4	1
Mr N.Mutty	12	-	5	4
Mr Dowlutrao	11	1	6	-
Mr O.Bundhoo	7	-	2	-
Mrs M. Jhugroo	-	1	-	-
Mr M. Jhummun	10	1	1	4
Mrs S Ramlallah	10	-	-	-
Mrs K.Gunputh Lutchmun	6	-	-	-
Ms P.Banarsee	11	-	-	3
Dr Luckeenarain	1	-	-	-
Mrs V.D.Koonjal	6	-	-	-
Mr D Ramloll	3	-	5	-
Miss Z.H.B.Mahamode	4	1	4	-
Mr R.Humath	1	-	1	

Mrs D.Malecaut	-	-	-	-
Mrs S.Gayan	-	-	-	-
Dr N.Pandey	-	-	-	-
Mr A.Kumar	-	-	-	-
Mr R.Ballah	1	-	-	-
Mr S.G.Motah	2	-	-	-
Miss A.Chummun	6	-	-	-
Dr A.Janoo	5	-	-	-
Mr Chooroomoney	-	-	-	1
Dr Gopinath	1	-	-	-
Mrs S.Nuckchady	-	-	1	-

7. TRAINING AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Date	Institution	Training	Person attending
12 May	Portal admin	Training on share point for website update	Mrs Jhungoor Mrs Conhyea
26 August to 24 September	Economic & Commercial Counsellor's Office- China	Training course on séminaire de Restauration du Patrimoine	Mr Mugon, Mr Nemchand ,Mrs Kheddoo Ms Miao Foh
15 to 23 September	Le Morne Heritage Fund	Basic Conservation course and Heritage Inventory	Mrs Ramkissoon
30 Nov to 4 Dec	Le Morne Heritage Fund	Training workshop: identifying Recording and Understanding of artefacts	Mrs V. Jha and Ms B. Bahadoor

8. WORKSHOP AND CONFERENCE

Date	Organizers	Title	Participants
31st January - 2nd February	Le Morne Trust Fund Nelson Mandela Centre for African Culture University of Mauritius Ministry of Arts and Culture	International Conference on Slavery, Slave Resistance and Resilience	Mr Satyendra Peerthum
27 April	University of Mauritius	Talk in the context of Labour Day	Mr Satyendra Peerthum
11- 12 May	Université de Bordeaux (France)	Indentured Migrant Labor And Indentured Laborers In The Heart Of Colonial Empires International Conference	Mr Satyendra Peerthum
14 September	University of Mauritius	Workshop On Heritage	Mrs Maurina Runghen
25 September	University of Mauritius	8th Annual Research Week	Ms Corinne Forest Mr Satyendra Peerthum
10 October	Ministry of Arts and culture	Workshop on Strategic Plan	Ms Corinne Forest Mr Vedanand Ramoutar
17 November	ICAC	Workshop on code of conduct for Public officials involved in Procurement	Mrs Rughoo Mr Mugon
25 November	Département des affaires européennes et internationales, Direction générale des Patrimoines, Ministère de la Culture et de la Communication (France)	Séminaire « patrimoines de l'océan indien »	Ms Corinne Forest
2-4 December	Mahatma Gandhi Institute	Conference on :Mauritian Diaspora in Question: Trajectories and Connections	Mrs Ramcharitar Mr Mugon



9. ANNUAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES

This report states the achievements of the Technical and Research Unit in 2015 on the following projects:

1. Visits at Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site;
2. Implementation of Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) and Monitoring of World Heritage Site Buffer Zone (WHS BZ);
3. Preparation of a Local Economic Development Plan project for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site Buffer Zone
4. Restoration and conservation of Trianon Heritage Site;
5. Research programme;
6. Outreach programme.

Each section provides a project outline and achievements in 2015.

10. THE RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL UNIT

The 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:



STAFF MEMBERS IN THE RESEARCH UNIT IN 2015

The research Unit is composed of the following members:

Mrs Forest Corinne	Head Technical Unit
Mr Andiapen Renganaden	World Heritage Site Manager
Mr Mugon Vickram	Heritage Interpretation Manager
Mr Satyendra Peerthum	Researcher/Historian
Mrs Maurina Soodin Runghen	Researcher
Mrs Natasha Kheddoo-Ramcharitar	Research Assistant
Mrs Kiran Jankee-Chuttoo	Research Assistant
Ms Babita Devi Bahadoor	Research Assistant
Ms Christelle C C Miao Foh	Research Assistant
Mr Ashvin Kumar Nemchand	Research Assistant
Mrs Beejadhur-Poteah Vijayalutchmee	Heritage Guide/Public Outreach Officer
Mrs Vedita Jha	Heritage Guide/Public Outreach Officer
Mrs Urmila Devi Ramkissoon	Heritage Guide/Public Outreach Officer
Miss Soonanda Nankoo	Heritage Guide/Public Outreach Officer
Mrs Lutchmee Pydatalli	Field Guide
Mr Varun Sharma Badoo	Site Conservation Worker
Mr Doorgathian Kishan	Site Conservation Worker
Mr Sanand Gowressoo	Site Conservation Worker
Mr Deenesh Kumar Gungaram	Site Conservation Worker
Mr Mahesh Sharma Ramdhony	Site Conservation Worker
Mr Subhir Ramsurrun	Site Conservation Worker
Mr Headley Louis Ramyeed	Site Conservation Worker
Mr Vivekanand Seechurn	Site Conservation Worker
Mr Sungaralingum Arunagiri	General Worker
Mr Ramdass Ravind Basoodelsingh	General Worker

Mr Mindranath Ramchurn

Gateman

Mrs Sakuntala Gopaul

General worker

Mrs Radha

RESEARCH UNIT MEETING

A meeting is held every month to monitor the projects and the work of the team. In 2015, the Research and Technical Unit met as follows:

Meeting no 82	23 January 2015
Meeting no 83	2 March 2015
Meeting no 84	31 March 2015
Meeting no 85	30 April 2015
Meeting no 86	2 June 2015
Meeting no 87	10 July 2015
Meeting no 88	21 August 2015
Meeting no 89	2 October 2015
Meeting no 90	13 November 2015
Meeting no 91	17 December 2015



11.AAPRAVASI GHAT WORLD HERITAGE SITE

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 Value (OUV).

Because the Aapravasi Ghat is of Outstanding Universal Value, it was inscribed on the World Heritage list in 2006. Following UNESCO'S World Heritage Convention, The Outstanding Universal Value of Aapravasi Ghat (AG) World Heritage Property (WHP) need to be conserved and promoted.

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund was entrusted to conserve, manage and promote the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site and has developed projects to achieve these aims.

1.1. VISITS AT THE AAPRAVASI GHAT WORLD HERITAGE SITE

As at 31st December 2015, the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site has received a total number of 53,854 visitors since the opening of the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre on 3rd November 2014.

The total number of visitors for the year 2015 (Jan-Dec 2015) is 49,400 including 76% Mauritians and 24% tourists.

The peak season for Mauritian visitors was the period between April and July when students perform outings with schools. During this period, we note that students represent more than 90% of Mauritian visitors.

A total of 216 schools visited the WHS as follows:

- 154 Primary schools representing 11,919 students;
- 44 Secondary schools representing 2,255 students;
- 18 Tertiary institutions representing 343 students.

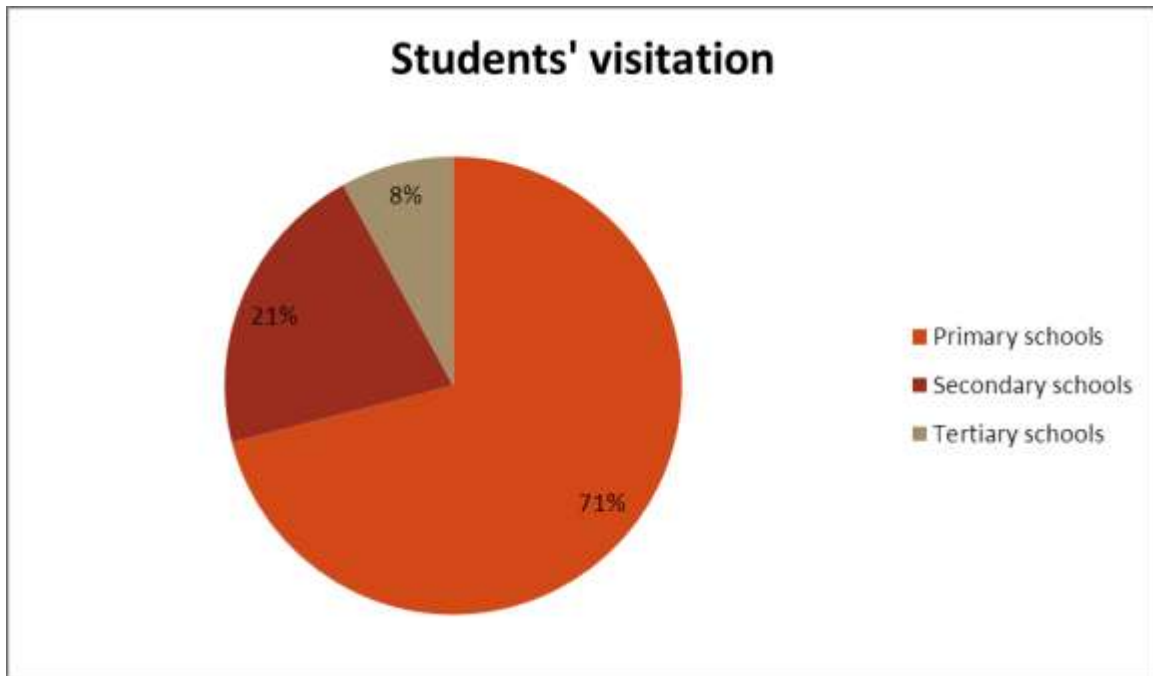


Fig.1: Percentage of the total number of students for the period January to December 2015

The peak season for foreign visitors was the period of January and February when more than 60% of the visitors were tourists compared to 40% Mauritian visitors.

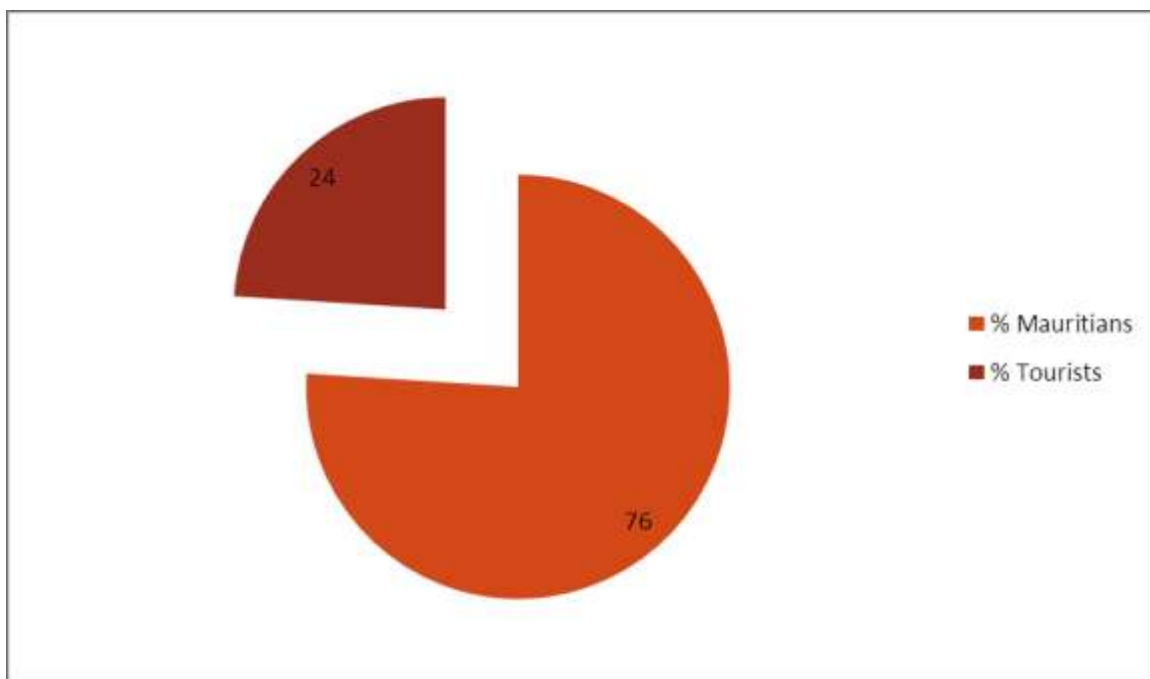


Fig.2: Percentage of the total number of visitors for the period November 2014 to December 2015

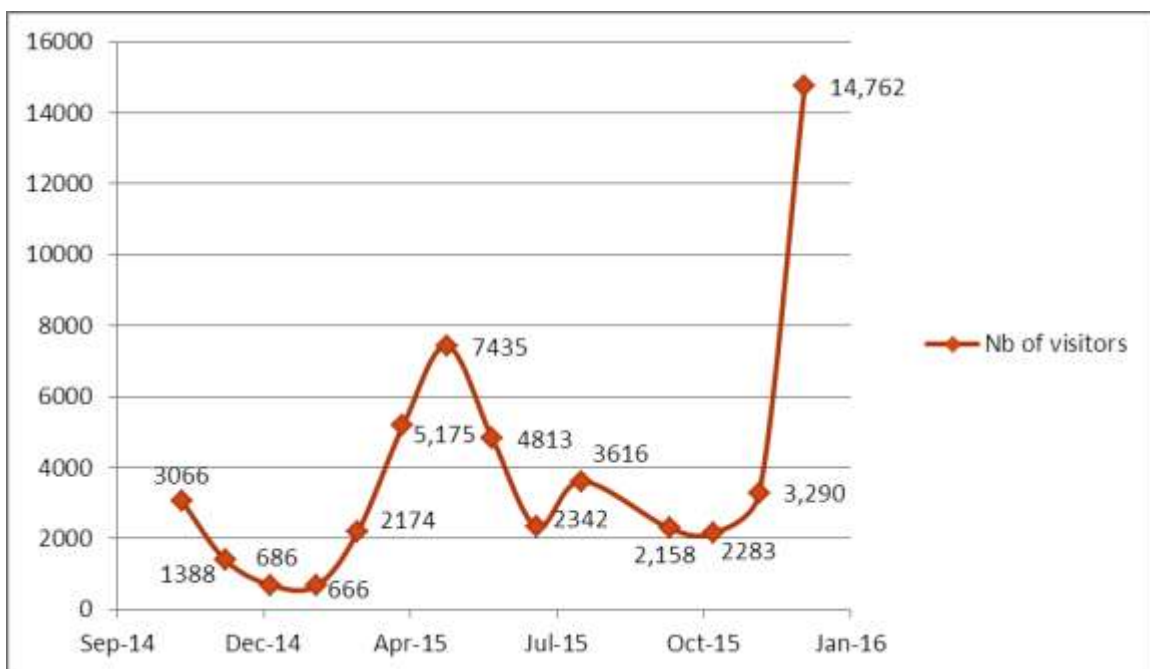


Fig. 3: Number of visitors per month at Aapravasi Ghat for the year 2015

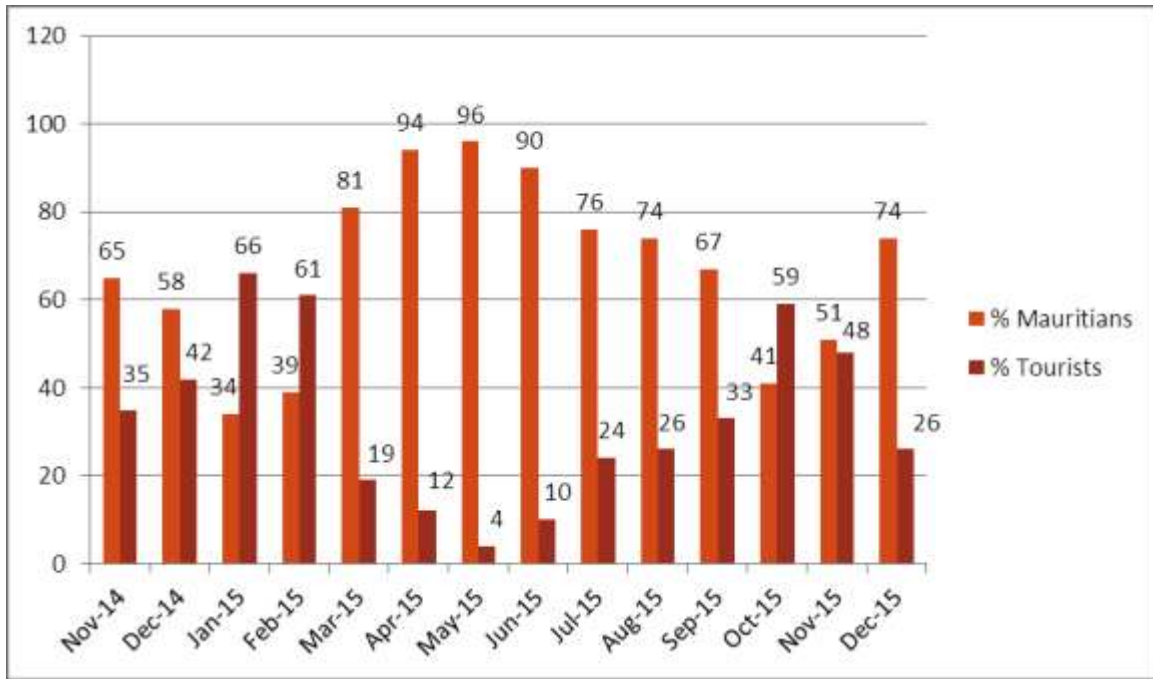


Fig. 4: Percentage of Mauritian visitors and tourists per month for the period November 2014 to December 2015

As per the business plan for the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre project, the target for the first year was 50,000 visitors. This estimate was based upon the average number of visitors at the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site throughout the years and at cultural institutions in Mauritius.

12. VISITS FROM 2003 TO 2015

The chart hereunder provides figures for the year 2003 to 2015 and shows the evolution in the total number of visitors at the Aapravasi Ghat.

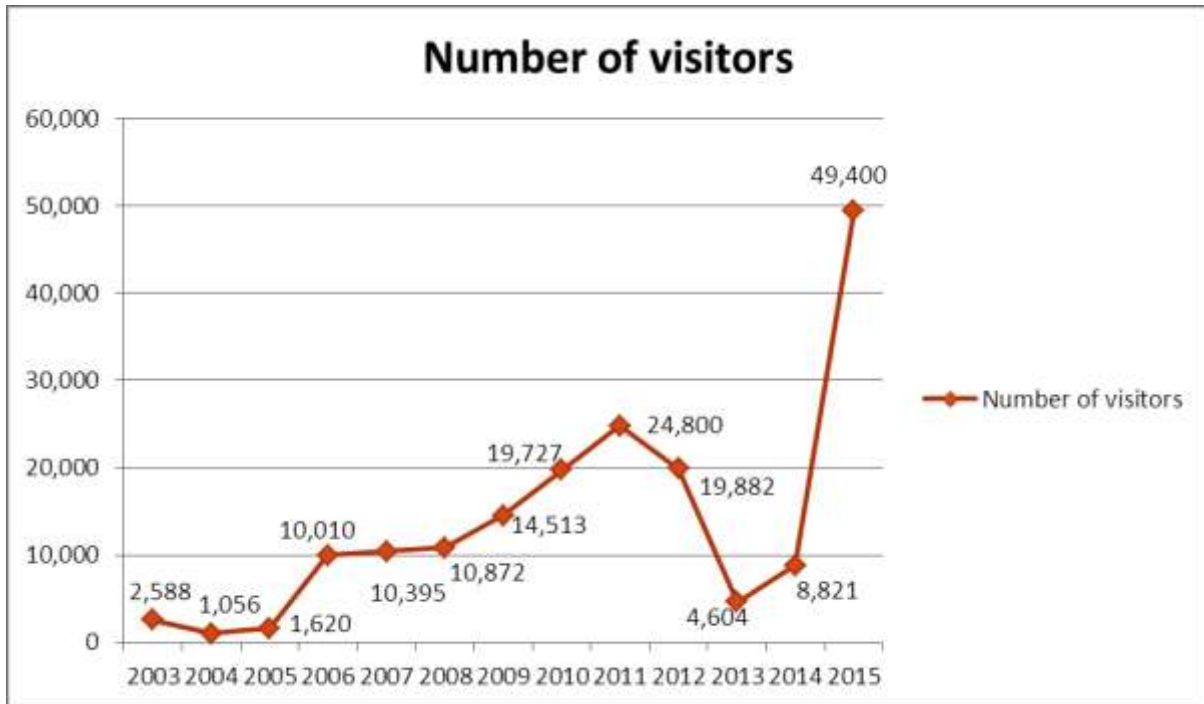


Fig.5: Yearly number of visitors from 2003 to 2015

The WHS was closed at the following period (setting up of the Interpretation Centre):

- from June 2012 to April 2013;
- from April 2013 to January 2014.

This graph shows that the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site has doubled the number of visitors from 25,000 visitors in 2011 (when it was operating on a full time basis) to 50,000 in 2015.

As a conclusion, the opening of the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre has led to a major increase in the number of visitors to the World Heritage Site.



IMPLEMENTATION OF PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE (PPG) AND MONITORING OF WORLD HERITAGE SITE BUFFER ZONE (WHS BZ)

Following UNESCO'S World Heritage Convention, a Buffer Zone (BZ) was delimited around Aapravasi Ghat (AG) World Heritage Property (WHP) in 2011 to allow the full expression of its outstanding significance. UNESCO explains that the buffer zone is important as it represents the context in which the World Heritage Property has evolved through time. As such, it supports the outstanding 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 Property. The ultimate objective is to create a suitable environment supporting the retention of the heritage in the BZ and its sustainable development.

In this undertaking, three institutions are involved: the City Council of Port Louis (CCPL), the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund (AGTF) and the National Heritage Fund (NHF). The AGTF is monitoring the heritage component in the Buffer Zone while the CCPL has the legal responsibility to implement the Planning Policy Guidance 6 for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property Buffer Zone.

The City Council of Port Louis chairs the Technical Committee created under the Local Government Act (2011). 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. This task is achieved through the assessment of all applications for Building and Lands Use Permits in the Buffer Zone.

1.2. MONITORING DEVELOPMENT



After the proclamation of PPG6 in 2011, the role of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is to monitor the heritage component in the buffer zone. The institution carries out weekly 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 2015:

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AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
20/SE	MCB historical building		2015	Works in progress	31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Corner Sir William Newton and Queen Streets		Corridor-change of roof; interior yard-new metal stairs; G+1 toilet&kitchen to replace G level toilet; new boundary wall to be replaced after works		
	Grade				
	No Grade				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
21/S3	Desai and Associates		2015	Works not started yet	16/Jan/2015 31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Corderie Street		Construction of a commercial building consisting of ground + 3 be used as shop, storage/office		
	Grade				
	No Grade				03/Jan/2013;

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AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
20/N6	Soondron store		No record of application	Change of use from foodstuff retail to snack noted during previous monitoring on 13 August 2015. Snack is no more operational. Interior renovation works are still in progress at 1st and 2nd floors	31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Corderie Street				
	Grade				
	No Grade				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
20/NW	Soldes Centre		Application for BLUP being determined	Interior renovation works noted at G floor during previous monitoring. Work is completed	29/May/2015 31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Corner Farquhar and Corderie Streets		Application for demolition of non-graded building to construct ground +1		
	Grade				
	No Grade				

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AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
16/W2	Balgobin Building		No record of application	Building closed	03/April/2015 31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Motorway		No record of application		
	Grade				
	No Grade				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
18	Parking lot behind Trou Fanfaron Police Station		2015	Works not started yet	31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Immigration Square		Construction of covered stalls in CIS with necessary drains and other infrastructure for the setting up of hawkers market		
	Grade				
	No Grade				

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AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
42/NW	Ah Fok		2015	Works not started yet	31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Corner Royal and Emmanuelle Anquetil Streets		Demolition of graded building for construction of shops with historical façade at g and g+1, offices and apartments after setback		
	Grade Grade 2				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
23/S2			No record of application	Part of one wall, door on façade of J. Mosque St and whole roof have been demolished. Remaining façade wall is intact but may not survive for long.	31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015 19/Dec/2014; 03/Oct/2013;
	Location		BLUP details		
	Jummah Mosque Street		No record of application		
	Grade Grade 3				

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AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
23/SW	Magasin Penguin by Mr. Ip Min Wan		Application for BLUP being determined - 2015	Creation of mezanine after 2008. Building closed	31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015 24/Jul/2014;
	Location		BLUP details		
	Corner Farquhar and Jummah Mosque Streets		Renovation and mezzanine		
	Grade Grade 2				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
29/NW	Bahemia		2014	CIS cladding on roof placed; shops at g and g+1 open for business. In line with application. Shops operational at G and 1st floor partly.	11/Jun/2015; 31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Corner Queen and Corderie Streets		Restoration at ground and addition of g+ 1 + attic to be used as office		
	Grade Grade 2				

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AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
19/N2	Currimjee		No record of application	Interior renovation at G floor noted during previous monitoring. Building closed	23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Sir William Newton Street		No record of application		
	Grade				
	Grade 2				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
23/S1	Mr Morade		Application for BLUP being determined	Part of one wall, and whole roof have been demolished. Remaining façade wall is intact.	24/Feb/2015 31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Jummah Mosque Street		Construction of mezanine over existing ground floor		
	Grade				
	Grade 2				

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AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
29/W3	Mr Dawood Jhurry		2009	Completed basement and ground, almost completed ground. Works for 1st floor in process. In line with application	11/Jun/2015; 31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015 29/Mar/2013;
	Location		BLUP details		
	Queen Street		Demolition of graded building and new construction- basement:parking; mezanine:foodcourt; Gound-shops:g+1& g+2-office		
	Grade				
	Grade 1				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
42/W4	Ah Fok		2015	Works not started yet	31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Royal Street		Construction of shops with new façade at g and g+1, offices and apartments after setback		
	Grade				
	Grade 1				

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AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
29/W1	Mr Dawood Jhurry		2009	Completed basement and ground, almost completed ground. Works for 1st floor in process. In line with application	11/Jun/2015; 31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015 04/May/2012;
	Location		BLUP details		
	Queen Street		Demolition of graded building and new construction-basement:parking; mezanine:foodcourt; Gound-shops:g+1& g+2-office		
	Grade				
	Grade 1				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
29/W2	Mr Dawood Jhurry		2009	Completed basement and ground, almost completed ground. Works for 1st floor in process. In line with application	11/Jun/2015; 31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Queen Street		Demolition of graded building and new construction-basement:parking; mezanine:foodcourt; Gound-shops:g+1& g+2-office		
	Grade				
	Grade 1				

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AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
20/SW	Sunasse Building		Application for Licence to operate being determined	Change in use from music to coffee shop. Minor renovation, painting of wooden openings redone with panels covering most of the façade. No detail on licence.	16/Jan/2015 31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Corner Farquhar and Sir William Newton Streets				
	Grade				
	Grade 1				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
29/SW	Mr Dawood Jhurry		2009	Completed basement and ground, almost completed ground. Works for 1st floor in progress. In line with application	11/Jun/2015; 31/July/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Corner Bourbon and Queen Streets		Demolition of graded building and new construction- basement;parking; mezanine;foodcourt; Gound-shops;g+1& g+2-office		
	Grade				
	Grade 1				

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AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
18/NE	Trou Fanfaron Police Station			Offices have moved out and building is closed.	31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015 04/Mar/2014; 02/Jul/2012;
	Location		BLUP details		
	Immigration Square				
	Grade Grade 1				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
19/SW	Rehmah Bai WAQF		2015	Renovation works exterior façade completed.	31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Corner Edinburgh and Farquhar Streets		Replacement of roof with small repairs to façade		
	Grade Grade 1				

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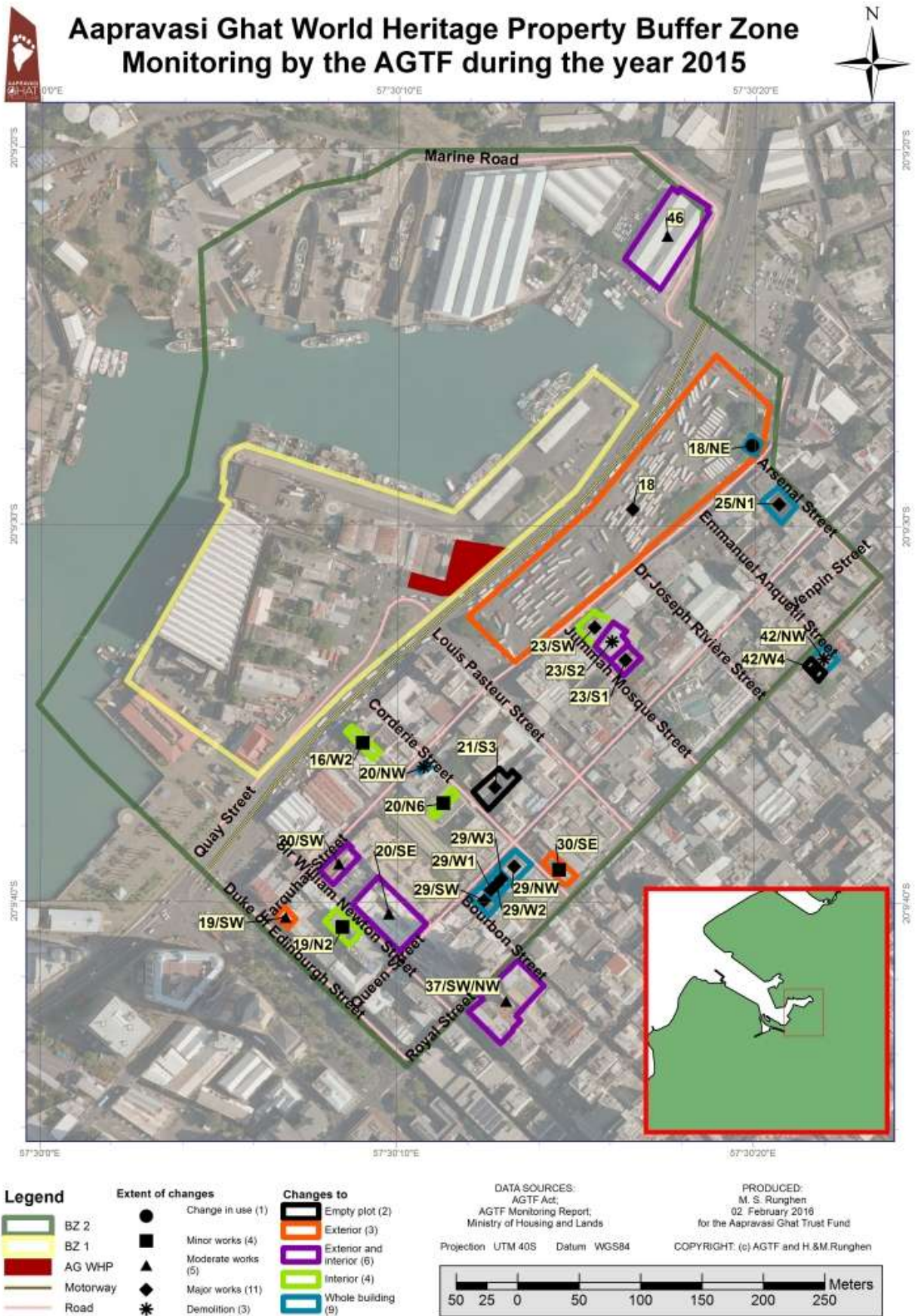
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	Location		BLUP details		
	Corner Royal and Sir William Newton Streets		Refurbishment of g+5 level offices and façade, interior stairs not visible from Royal Street, ramp on Sir William Newton Street		
	Grade				
	No Grade				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
46	United Docks Ltd		2015	CIS fence wall was replaced by concrete one with openings in roller shutters. Addition of concrete walls. Snack opeartional.	03/April/2015 31/July/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Marinade Road Trou Fanfaron		Renovation of existing building and addition of new walls.		
	Grade				
	No Grade				

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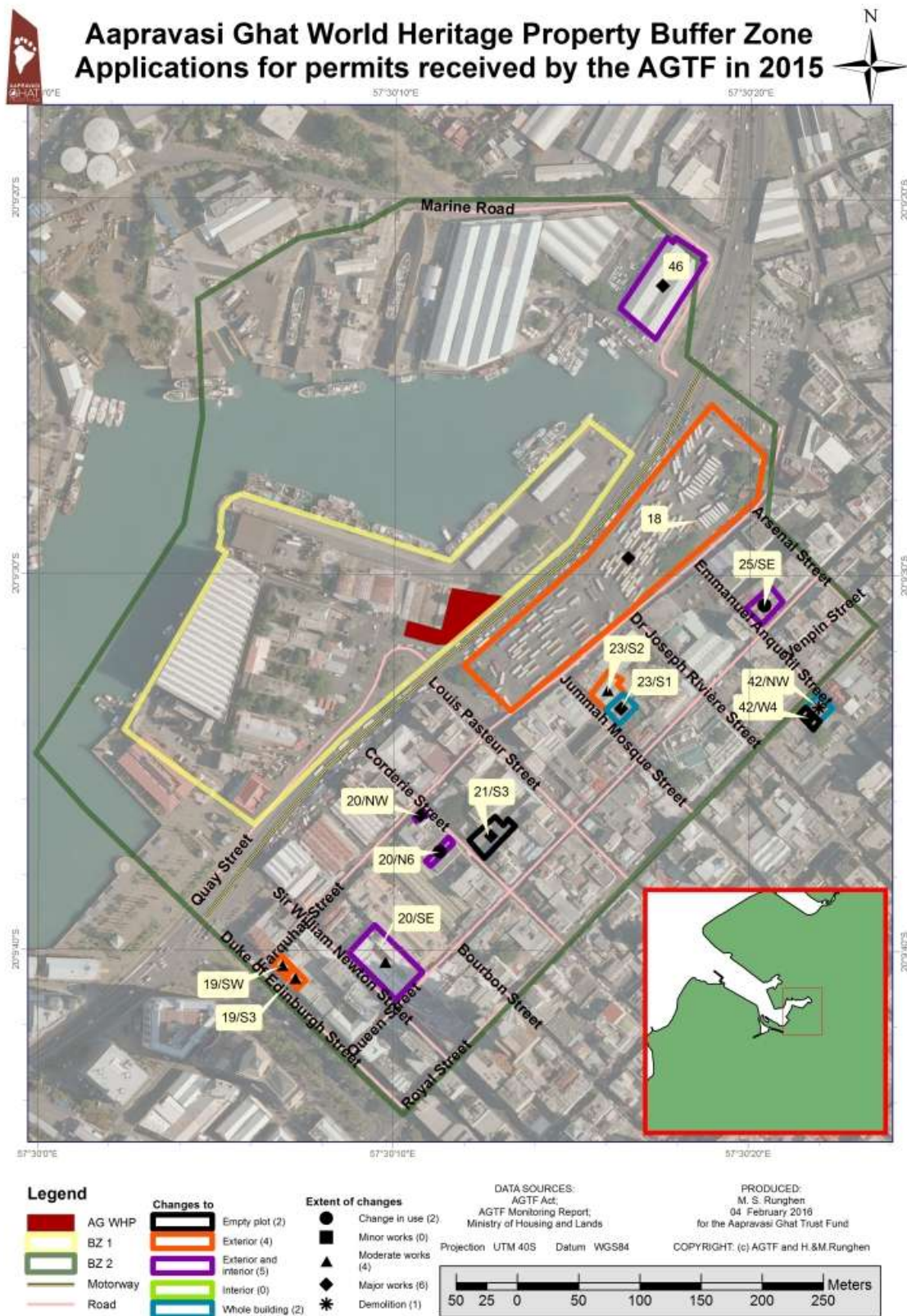
Monitoring by the AGTF during the year 2015



AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
25/N1	Vel Ragoo Rungen		2007	Reached top of g+8. Not in line with application. Work has stopped.	24/Feb/2015 11/June/2015 31/July/2015 13/August/2015 23/October/2015
	Location		BLUP details		
	Arsenal / Dr Sun Yat Sen Street		Demolition of graded building and construction of parking at Basement,shops at Gound,office at g+1 to g+5,residential apartments at g+6 and penthouse at g+7		
	Grade				
	No Grade				
AGTF_ID	Building_Name	Photo from last site visit	BLUP date	Description of works as at date	Previous Monitoring
30/SE	Chung Pak Chung Bdg		No record of application	Safety net placed on whole exterior building for renovation.	First monitoring
	Location		BLUP details		
	Corner Corderie & Royal				
	Grade				
	No Grade				



The technical Committee met on a regular basis to assess development by private developers in the buffer zone as presented hereunder.



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AGTF_ID	Building Name	Applicant Name	Description of works	STAC meeting	STAC recommendations	Status of works as at
19/S3	Caripoulet	Late Bai Rehmat Bai WAQF	Removal of corrugated hip roof and repairs of existing flat roof including strengthening of existing rendered stone parapet; maintenance of openings	2/13/2015	Agree to proposal with additional conditions	December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works completed
	Grade 1	Duke of Edinburgh Street		2/27/2015	Agree to proposal with additional conditions	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2014			2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	
19/SW	Marlon	Late Bai Rehmat Bai WAQF	Removal of corrugated hip roof and repairs of existing flat roof including strengthening of existing rendered stone parapet; maintenance of openings	2/13/2015	Agree to proposal with additional conditions	December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works completed
	Grade 1	Corner Queen and Duke of Edinburgh Street		2/27/2015	Agree to proposal with additional conditions	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2014			2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	

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AGTF_ID	Building Name	Applicant Name	Description of works	STAC meeting	STAC recommendations	Status of works as at
42/W4	Ah Fock & Co Ltd	Ah Fock & Co Ltd	Construction of a new commercial building. G;G+1;G+2 to be used as General Retailer.	2/13/2015	Keep in abeyance until all conditions are met	December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works not started yet
	Grade 1	Corner Royal and Emmanuel Streets		2/27/2015	Agree to proposal with additional conditions	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2013			2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	
23/S1	Mr Morad Cassim Hashim	Mr Morad Cassim Hashim	demolition of existing building and construction of new G+1	7/15/2015	To request for additional information/ammendments	December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works not started yet
	Grade 2	Jummah Mosque Street		7/17/2015	To request for additional information/ammendments	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2015			0	To request for additional information/ammendments	

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AGTF_ID	Building Name	Applicant Name	Description of works	STAC meeting	STAC recommendations	Status of works as at
42/NW	Ah Fock & Co Ltd	Ah Fock & Co Ltd	Dismantling of historical building and integration of materials and design on the construction of a new commercial building. G;G+1;G+2 to be used as General Retailer.	2/13/2015	Keep in abeyance until all conditions are met	works as at December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works not started yet
	Grade 2	Corner Royal and Emmanuel Streets		2/27/2015	Agree to proposal with additional conditions	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2013			2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	
23/S2	Mr. Conway Ip Min Wan	Mr. Conway Ip Min Wan	Interior renovation works	10/6/2015	Keep in abeyance until additional information from CCPL is obtained on	works as at December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works not started yet
	Grade 3	Jummah Mosque Street		10/8/2015	Keep in abeyance until all conditions are met	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2015			0	Keep in abeyance until all conditions are met	

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AGTF_ID	Building Name	Applicant Name	Description of works	STAC meeting	STAC recommendations	Status of works as at
18	Immigration Square	Ministry of Public Infrastructure	Construction of temporary stalls for hawkers	2/13/2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	works as at December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works not started yet
	No Grade	Farquhar Street		2/27/2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2015			2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	
20/N6	Mr Coomaressen	Mr Coomaressen	Change in use from retail/wholesale foodstuff shop to snack	10/6/2015	Application withdrawn by applicant	works as at December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Converted to textile retail shop.
	No Grade	Corderie Street		10/8/2015	Application withdrawn by applicant	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2015			0	Application withdrawn by applicant	

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AGTF_ID	Building Name	Applicant Name	Description of works	STAC meeting	STAC recommendations	Status of works as at
20/NW	Kena	Kena Ltd	demolition of existing building and construction of new G+1	7/15/2015	To request for additional information	works as at December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works not started yet
	No Grade	Corner Farquhar and Corderie Streets		7/17/2015	To request for additional information/ammendments	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2015			0	To request for additional information/ammendments	
AGTF_ID	Building Name	Applicant Name	Description of works	STAC meeting	STAC recommendations	Status of works as at
20/SE	Lamusse Building	MCB Ltd	Interior renovation works	7/15/2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	works as at December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works in progress
	No Grade	Corner Queen and Sir William Newton Streets		7/17/2015	To request for additional information/ammendments	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2015			2015	To request for additional information/ammendments	

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AGTF_ID	Building Name	Applicant Name	Description of works	STAC meeting	STAC recommendations	Status of works as at
21/S3	Desai	Mr and Mrs Desai Maganlal Vasanji and	construction of new building on empty plot	7/15/2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works not started yet
	No Grade	Corderie Street		7/17/2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2015			0		
AGTF_ID	Building Name	Applicant Name	Description of works	STAC meeting	STAC recommendations	Status of works as at
25/SE	Tang Kan & Co Ltd	Tang Kan & Co Ltd	General retailer will be converted into a victualler (snack) which will comprise of a kitchen, scullery and dining area.	2/13/2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works completed
	No Grade	Corner Queen and Emmanuel Streets		2/27/2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2014			2015	Agree to proposal with normal conditions	

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AGTF_ID	Building Name	Applicant Name	Description of works	STAC meeting	STAC recommendations	Status of works as at
46	Marinade	Marinade Ltd	Renovation of existing restaurant and construction of extension	7/15/2015	To request for additional information/ammendments	December 2015
	Grade	Building Address		TC meeting	TC recommendations	Works completed
	No Grade	Marine Road		7/17/2015	Keep in abeyance until all conditions are met	
	Application Date			BLUP_date	Decision of City Council	
	2015			0	Keep in abeyance until all conditions are met	

1.3. UPDATING DOCUMENTATION ON HERITAGE AND BUILDINGS IN THE BUFFER ZONE 2015

The monitoring of heritage in the buffer zone is based on an inventory and building documentation prepared in 2008 and 2009. This detailed documentation is a benchmark to assess development applications and monitor changes operated in the buffer zone. Considering this, it is important to update information on a regular basis in order to identify alterations on buildings and absorb this information for future assessment. This is the reason why the documentation was partly updated in 2014: the purpose was to appreciate changes resulting from changes operated after the deliverance of a development permit and those happening beyond the established process. It also allowed to appreciate the impact of the Planning Policy Guidance 6 for the buffer zone on the development of the City.

This year, the documentation focused on completing the updated photographic survey. To undertake this survey from 02 June to 10 July 2015, the AGTF enlisted the services of four interns, Mr Akshay Bundhoo and Mr Yashveer Bhirugnath from the Faculty of Engineering and Ms Naushine Nazeerally and Ms Kheeruma Cully from the Faculty of Social Studies and Humanities who worked under the supervision of Mrs N. K. Ramcharitar, Research Assistant.

It consisted in updating information on 130 buildings listed as non-graded buildings. To do so, trainees used an evaluation sheet and equipment including a photographic camera.

The evaluation sheet consisted of the following details:

- building identification including the AGTF ID for the building, the reference of the photograph and the street name;
- the update of description first prepared for the Grading Report to include information on openings, roof, balcony and the façade;
- information on condition assessment of openings, roof, balcony, and the façade was included;
- detailed photographic documentation;
- photo ID; description of what is being recorded;
- description of changes noted: interior, exterior and demolition; and
- application for development.

In addition, the interns also recorded the various land uses of all the 266 buildings of the Buffer Zone. The categories of uses were derived from the land use list from the City Council of Port Louis website so as to ensure uniformity in the interpretation of the data.

Information collected was recorded in an excel sheet. The purpose is to connect this information to a GIS database to optimize heritage monitoring.

Among their various tasks, Kheeruma Cully and Nawsheen Nazeerally also studied secondary sources on Port Louis to extract information with the view to start a chronology of the development of Port Louis. The publications studied this year were the five volumes on the history of Port Louis written by Rivaltz Quenette. These publications provide the record of major decisions taken by the Municipal Council since its creation. They also give an insight of the reasons behind the decisions

and the difficulties faced by the authorities in implementing them. The next phase of the project will consist of the study of other publications from authors such as Auguste Toussaint, George Easton, Tristan Breville and Pierre de Sorney. These studies will provide a better understanding of the evolution of Port Louis and the information will ultimately be translated in an interactive map using ArcGIS.

The interns made a PowerPoint presentation on the results of their research, the methodology used during the field work and an analysis of the information compiled to the staff and stakeholders at the AGTF office on 23 July 2015.

13. LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LED) PLAN PROJECT

AGTF received a total sum of USD 29,500 from the Participation Programme of UNESCO to enlist the services of an expert in Heritage Economics for the buffer zone. The preparation of a Local Economic Development (LED) Plan was recommended to identify economic opportunities in the buffer zone and produce recommendations for the development of an enabling environment to achieve these opportunities.

The objective of the LED Plan is to foster economic development in line with the concerns of the local community and offer opportunities for the consolidation and the development of economic activities in the area. The goal is also to consolidate and improve the existing framework by directing development towards the preservation, enhancement and adaptive reuse of heritage while diminishing the threat of its demolition. The purpose is to serve the vision for the development stated in the Planning Policy Guidance 6, to create a dynamic historic centre in the Capital City of Mauritius.

The LED Plan aims at providing a framework offering economic and development opportunities for the local community, at retaining the heritage component and sustaining the Outstanding Universal Value of the World Heritage Property.

Objective 1: to enlist the expertise of an expert in heritage economics.

Objective 2: to identify socio-cultural values that make up the heritage value of the buildings/plots, features and structures in the buffer zone, and conduct a socioeconomic survey in the buffer zone.

Objective 3: to conduct workshops with the local community to consider their desiderata and suggestions.

Objective 4: to conduct workshops with governmental departments and agencies to explore the various possibilities for the creation of an enabling environment for heritage rehabilitation in the buffer zone.

Objective 5: to finalize the LED Plan for consideration by the City Council of Port Louis and other stakeholders before submission to the Cabinet (Council of Ministers).

Objective 6: to conduct a promotional campaign to present the vision for development in the buffer zone and the LED Plan.

In 2014, the AGTF developed the terms of reference to enlist the services of an expert in heritage economics. Same was finalized through a Scientific Technical and Advisory Committee with key partners. The request for proposals will be launched in 2015 to retain such services. After evaluation, the contract was awarded to Dr Enrico Bertacchini and Dr Alessio Re from the University of Torino.

14. BRIEF ON CONSULTANTS

Name of Consultant: Enrico Eraldo Bertacchini

Profession: Assistant Professor in Cultural Economics, University of Torino (Italy)

Nationality: Italian

Enrico Eraldo Bertacchini holds a Ph.D. in in Institutions, Economics and Law from the University of Torino (Italy). He has over 8 years of experience of research, teaching and policy analysis in the field of cultural and heritage economics.

During his Ph.D in 2006, he has been involved as a junior consultant of the Italian Development Cooperation to carry out Socio-Economic analysis on cultural systems and their potential for local sustainable development on the Oasis of Fayoum and Saqqara Archaeological Site, Egypt. He spent two months of field-work in Egypt, collecting data and conducting interviews with governmental agencies, project stakeholders and local communities. Such experience gave him the opportunity to apply heritage economics analytical tools to local development issues and to develop skills for working in close collaborations with local community and governmental institutions.

During his Post-Doctoral studies, he worked under the supervision of Prof. Walter Santagata (University of Torino) on the subject of Cultural Districts and Economic Development. He achieved in depth knowledge in Cultural and Heritage Economics and gained experience with the use of softwares for statistical analysis (STATA and SPSS), which he currently uses for his research activities.

As Assistant Professor and Programme Manager of Cultural Economics research area at the Centro Studi Silvia Santagata-Ebla, he enhanced knowledge and skills in heritage and cultural economics, with particular reference to the role of cultural projects to enhance local development. For instance, being involved in two Masters programs focused on this topic, he had the opportunity to discuss and supervise several Master participants' final projects, expanding his knowledge and expertise in assessing cultural projects in developing countries with different institutional contexts.

His focus on cultural and heritage economics is also strongly connected to the main themes and debate set forth by the UNESCO World Heritage Agenda. In December 2012 and in November 2013, he has been invited by UNESCO India as an expert to take part to two initiatives, a seminar on the Economics of Heritage in Pune and Bangalore and the 4th Biennial Conference of Indian Cities Network held in Pune. On these occasions, he had the opportunity to deepen his knowledge on heritage management in Indian urban contexts and discuss with other experts and local government bodies urban development strategies based on heritage conservation and revitalization.

Name of Consultant: Alessio Re

Profession: Adjunct professor in Management of cultural projects, University of Torino (Italy), Dept. of Economics “Cognetti de Martiis”.

Nationality: Italian

Alessio Re is an Architect who holds an MA in cultural projects for development, post-graduate in Heritage Studies and a PhD in conservation of heritage and landscape.

He has both academic and professional experience in management policies and projects for cultural and environmental heritage, with a specific interest in:

- relation between heritage and the economic dimension of sustainable development;
- management planning for heritage sites and places (UNESCO designated heritage);
- cultural projects development and management;
- culture, creativity as development factors and the economic value of cultural heritage.

He is currently Secretary General and programme manager of the World Heritage and sustainable development area, of the Centro Studi Santagata (international research centre on the economics of culture). He is adjunct professor in Management of cultural projects at the University of Torino-Dep. of Economics, adjunct professor in cultural industries and international markets at University of Torino-Dep. Of Culture, Politics and Society, and associate researcher at CNR-IVCBC.

He works since 2008 as consultant intern for the ITC (International Training Centre) of the ILO (International Labour Organization). In addition, he is academic tutor and faculty member of the international university master in World Heritage and cultural projects for development (Torino), coordinator and member of the scientific committee and faculty of the master World Natural Heritage Management (Trento), and coordinator of the international workshop Urbanization and cultural landscape (Florence, Lisbon, Turin).

He is coordinator of the International Academy on Sustainable Development promoted by UNESCO, CSS, United Nations System Staff College and ITC-ILO.

Author of many publications, he edited the volume “Valutare la gestione dei siti UNESCO” (“Evaluating the management of UNESCO sites”, 2012), and is member of the scientific committee of the magazine “Energeo”.

He was, from 2005 to 2010, research fellow at Politecnico di Torino and he worked from 2008 to 2014, as research consultant for SiTI / Politecnico di Torino on research projects concerning the management of cultural heritage.

He had professional experiences with a number of international UN agencies working in the heritage field (including ICCROM, ILO, ICOMOS, UNDP, UNESCO).

He had working experience with the world heritage sites of Langhe-Roero and Monferrato, Historic centre of Naples, the Trulli of Alberobello, the Sassi of Matera, Ferrara, the Dolomites, Hierapolis of Phrygia-Pamukkale (Turkey).

He has been consultant for UNESCO for the management plans of Pompei (2012), Stari Ras and Sopocani (2013); the post disaster needs assessment (PDNA) after the floods in Serbia (2014); and capacity building workshops on integrated sustainable management of world heritage properties (Serbia 2010, Montenegro 2012, Iran 2015).

15. PROGRESS OF WORK

Date	Actions undertaken
24 January 2014	<p>On 24 January 2014, the Cabinet of Ministers approved the Management Plan for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site. Following the request of UNESCO (34COM 7B.49), the Management Plan was submitted to the World Heritage Centre in January 2014 for consideration during the 38e session of the World Heritage Committee (38COM) at Doha, Qatar to be held between 15 and 25 June 2014.</p> <p>The revised Management Plan has identified the following as one of the objectives for the period 2013-2018:</p> <p>Objective 5: Establish a suitable environment for the conservation and enhancement of the Buffer Zones that encourages sustainable development and the transformation of the area into a vibrant regenerated heritage district</p> <p>5.1. Address the 10 points of the Development Plan</p> <p>5.2. Prepare and implement a Local Economic Development (LED) Plan</p> <p>5.3. Provide assistance to property owners and users of the Buffer Zone</p> <p>5.4. Be guided by the UNESCO Recommendation for Historic Urban Landscape, 2011 in the approach to management of the Buffer Zone</p>
25 February 2014	Approval from the Chairperson of the World Heritage Committee to allocate funds for the LED Plan project.
6 March 2014	Official email from the UNESCO office in Nairobi to the Officer in Charge of the AGTF, Copied to NATCOM Mauritius, Ministry of Arts and Culture to inform that the request for funds was approved by the World Heritage Committee. A copy of the official document was also forwarded together with the email.

Date	Actions undertaken
30 April 2014	Notification from the parent Ministry that UNESCO approved the allocation of funds for the LED Plan project.
5 May 2014	Letter from the City Council of Port Louis to convene an Aapravasi Ghat Buffer Zone Management Committee to take cognizance of the LED plan project, set up the Scientific Technical and Advisory Committee (STAC) for the LED Plan project and to discuss capacity building strategy
9 May 2014	<p>Buffer Zone Management Committee</p> <p>Objectives of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To take cognizance of project proposal for LED Plan and adopt the timeframe for the preparation of LED Plan ▪ To set up a Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) for LED Plan <p>A Buffer Zone Management Committee under the Chairmanship of the Lord Mayor of Port Louis was held on 9 May 2014 to discuss the project with relevant stakeholders including the Ministry of Arts and Culture.</p>
23 May 2014	Letter of the City Council of Port Louis (CCPL) informing that the CCPL has no objection to the LED Plan project
27 May 2014	AGTF sent a copy of the TOR for the consultants for the preparation of the LED Plan to the CCPL.
5 September 2014	<p>LED Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) for the preparation of the LED Plan project</p> <p>A meeting was held at the City Council of Port Louis to finalize the TOR of the consultant before proceeding to the requests for proposals.</p>
21 November 2014	<p>A letter was sent to the Ministry of Arts and Culture and other stakeholders present during the STAC of 5 September 2014 to request comments/views on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The report of the STAC meeting held on 5 September 2014; 2. Draft Request for proposals; 3. Amended Terms of Reference for the LED STAC.
24 November 2014	<p>Documents sent officially to members of the LED STAC for comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Draft terms of Reference for the Consultant ▪ Draft Request for Proposal (bidding document)
December 2014 to 20 February 2015	Final TOR for consultant circulated to all members of the STAC committee and final views received.
12 January 2015	Ministry of Arts and Culture sent a letter to inform that "The Ministry has no objection for hiring Consultancy Services in respect of the above Plan" (Reference MAC 55/45/4 v3).
23 February 2015	AGTF Board approved to launch the request for proposals to hire the services of a consultant for the preparation of the LED Plan.

Date	Actions undertaken
19 February 2015	Draft contract received from UNESCO Nairobi office — An update on the project including reworked timeframe, confirmation of budget breakdown, confirmation of bank details and address as well as a status of what has been undertaken so far for implementation was sent to Nairobi office
25 February 2015	The contract from UNESCO for funding for the LED Plan project was sent to Parent Ministry (MAC 55/45/4 V3)
11 March 2015	The contract between AGTF and the UNESCO was signed and the project officially started on 16 March 2015.
13 March 2015	1. Request for proposals were sent to a list of 5 consultants in Heritage Economics in order to enlist the services of a consultant in heritage economics to prepare the Local Economic Development Plan for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site Buffer Zone. 2. Final contract with UNESCO signed and sent to Nairobi office
30 April 2015 – 26 May 2015	The deadline for the RFP was on 30 April 2015. The bids were evaluated and the Bid Evaluation Report was submitted to the Tender Departmental Committee.
23 May 2015	First workshop on the LED Plan project: The purpose of the workshop was to bring together the actors of projects for Port Louis to present and share their experience in the city and identify opportunities and challenges.
7 August 2015	The services of Dr Alessio Re and Dr Enrico Bertacchini were retained following the submission of a joint proposal for the total sum of 18,492 USD.
17 August 2015	The letter of award was sent to Consultants on 17 August 2015 via email and post. Consultants have notified their acceptance on 24 August 2015. The Contract Value for consultancy fees is USD 18,492.
30 September 2015	The AGTF Board approved the proposed dates of 22 October to 8 November 2015 for the first field trip of the two consultants.
Friday 22 October to 8 November 2015*	Dr Enrico Bertacchini (Specialist in Heritage Economics) from the University of Torino (Italy) came from 22 October to 6 November 2015; Dr Alessio Re (Specialist in Heritage Management, heritage economics and Cultural Mapping) came from 2 to 8 November 2015.

Date	Actions undertaken
29 October 2015	Enlistment of the services of a part-time local Researcher from the University of Mauritius, Riad Sultan, Senior Lecturer in Economics, Faculty of Social Studies and Humanities, Department of Economics and Statistics
From 6 November to 9 December	Preparation of the Contingent Valuation Survey This period was devoted to the elaboration of questionnaires to conduct the Contingent Valuation Survey. This included the examination of data compiled and several exchanges between Enrico Bertacchini, Riad Sultan and AGTF to finalise the questionnaires and the manner in which the survey should be undertaken in Mauritius (nb of questionnaires, targets etc.). It also included for the AGTF the preparation of Photo cards and translations of questionnaires.
24 November 2015	The AGTF Board approved to extend the duration of the project until 30 September 2016 given the delay encountered during the procurement process.
9 December 2015	First training for the Contingent Valuation Survey The purpose was to train the students to undertake the survey with the local community and tourist. Mr Sultan provided key information to students about the questionnaire and how it should be administered
22 December 2015	Pilot session for the questionnaire of the Contingent Value Survey The purpose was to conduct a pilot survey to evaluate the questionnaires and operate final adjustments
22 December 2015 to 31 st January 2016	Contingent Valuation Survey This period will be dedicated to the fieldwork for the survey. 20 Students from Ecole Hôtelière will administer a total of 650 questionnaires: 400 for the local community, 200 for tourists and 50 for shop keepers. Once filled in, the questionnaires are returned to the AGTF for data input. The survey is expected to be completed by 31 st January 2016.
January – February 2016	Building survey The AGTF is undertaking a survey of 2,000 buildings located in the city centre from Line Barracks to Plaine Verte. The purpose is to map the conditions of buildings, their use, their heritage value, their intensity of use and their heights. This will be essential to understand the economic potential of Port Louis city centre and draft measures for its revitalization.

16. RESTORATION AND CONSERVATION TRIANON HERITAGE SITE



As per AGTF Act 2001, our institution was entrusted “to identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures linked with the history of the arrival of immigrants in Mauritius” and “to preserve, restore and manage the sites specified in the Schedule”. The AGTF has undertaken actions to preserve, conserve and promote the Old Labourers’ Quarters at Trianon, a National Heritage Site.

The Old Labourers’ barracks were used to house indentured labourers working on Trianon Sugar Estate established in 1803. The barracks are one of the rare remaining structures constructed in stone used for accommodation on a sugar estate. It was listed as a National Monument in 1974.

Since 2003, the site was vested in AGTF. The restoration and conservation of the Trianon Barracks started in August 2011. The objective is to restore the indentured labourers’ barracks and consolidate its structure to preserve it for future generations.

On completion of the restoration of Trianon barracks, a comprehensive development plan will be prepared. Its implementation in the years to come will provide visitor facilities and activities while retaining and promoting the heritage structure as one of the major component of Mauritian Heritage.

1.4. ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2015

The AGTF received sponsorship from Mauritius Telecom Foundation to the tune of **MUR 526,500** for the conservation of Trianon Old Labourers’ barracks. The project is completed at 50%.

- The conservation of all outer walls is completed representing 400 sq meters.
- The cement raking and lime pointing was completed inside chambers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14 and 15.
- 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.
- The conservation of the roofs of the chambers 9, 11 and 14 were completed.

2.2. Current operations

A. Patching and reinforcement of the vaulted roof of chamber 10

The patching and reinforcement of the roof of chamber 10 was completed with the fixing of the stones of both the arches. However, curing of the lime plaster had to be put on hold as Site Conservation workers were redeployed to AGWHS as from 12 October 2015 in the context of 2nd November Celebration. Staff was relocated to Trianon after the 2nd November celebration. Curing, which consist of consolidating the lime plaster with wooden thapies and bael solution, is still in process as cracks have reappeared.

B. Preparation of Lime Mortar

A small quantity of lime mortar is needed for the curing of hairline cracks in the lime plaster. As such, workers are currently involved in the preparation of same depending on the climatic conditions. However, due to a lack of calcinated lime on the local market, preparation of lime mortar has stopped. Maconde lime has verbally informed the AGTF that it has stopped its operations for production of calcinated lime and that production of local hydrated lime in pockets will also stop in 2016. Research is being carried out to find international suppliers for lime or alternative solutions. Limbada and Limbada Engineers will assist to find a solution for lime.

C. Maintenance of site

The plot of land between the Barracks and the Temple recently vested to AGTF was cleared from wild vegetation in October. The assistance of Mauritius Cane Authority was sought as heavy machinery was required to clear the land.

The Bush cutter broke down in beginning of January 2016 and was sent for repairs. Approval for repair is being awaited. Presently, wild vegetation is fast growing around the site.

D. Tender for the provision of Security Serviced at Trianon

A Bid for the provision of security services at Trianon was launched on 01 October 2015. Closing date was on Friday 16 October 2015. The Bid Evaluation Report is completed

E. Tender for the retention of the services of a stone cutter

Tender for the retention of the services of a stone cutter for the restoration of the ventilators and door frame of chamber 8 to 15 as per original design is under preparation and document will be ready by mid-February 2016 due to fact that the new stones need to match size of original random ashlar stones used for the ventilations and procedures for interventions need to be well defined in the tender document.

F. Roofing of Old laborers's Quarters.

At Present, Chambers 6, 9, 10, 11 and 14 have been completed. Curing is being carried out every 3 days to prevent appearance of cracks. The restorations of the remaining 10 roofs are on hold due to the lack of lime on the local market.



17. RESEARCH PROGRAMME

AIM: To promote and encourage research on Aapravasi Ghat WHP, other indenture sites, locally and globally, as well as the history of indentured labour and their legacy as a whole.

Research is an ongoing process and was defined as an object of the Trust Fund in AGTF ACT and was also a recommendation made by UNESCO at the time of the inscription of the site on the World Heritage List in 2006:

“Undertake research on indentured labour to consider the extent, scope and impact of the indentured labour Diaspora around the world”.

(Decision WHC 30 COM 8B. 33)

It also responds to objectives 11 and 12 of the AG WHS Management Plan 2013-2018.

1.5. RESEARCH DURING THE YEAR 2015

RESEARCH TO DOCUMENT THE HISTORY OF INDENTURE IN MAURITIUS

Antoinette (Phooliyar)

In September 2015, as part of the pluri-disciplinary study of Antoinette, a 53-page report on the history of the site and the experiences of the indentured workers and their descendants was submitted to AGTF. The research also included the collection of oral history interviews from informants who used to live in the camps. This research report will be submitted to the National Heritage Fund (NHF) to support the process of listing the remains located at former Antoinette Sugar Estate in Phooliyar (Barlow).

In May and June 2015, AGTF initiated the process with the collaboration of the NHF and the Mount Sugar Estate/TERRA, to have the surviving stone structures of Antoinette Sugar Estate inscribed as a national heritage.

The remains at the heritage site were documented by the Archaeologists during their campaign in July 2015: archival plans of the former sugar estate served as a base to identify remaining structures which were mapped by the Archaeologists. The long term objective is to begin a detailed scientific study and eventually, partial restoration on the site when funds and the necessary expertise become available.

FLAT ISLAND AND BRAS D’EAU

Research reports on Flat Island and Bras d’Eau were prepared by Christelle Miao Foh and Babita Bahadoor, AGTF Research Assistants. These reports present the research undertaken on these two sites throughout the year 2015. This research constitutes a key element to conduct the

archaeological research and be useful for archeologists; it is also an important work to better appreciate the functioning of indenture in Mauritius together with its scope and extend.

Documents on indenture

AGTF is in the process of producing a new publication on the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site, other indenture sites, the experiences of indentured labourers in Mauritius and the world. Research has been undertaken in some of the country's public and private repositories and collections in order to obtain new documents, photos, lithographs, and information pertaining to indentured labour and after in Mauritius. This forthcoming 200-page AGTF publication is scheduled to be published sometime next year.

Research Plan

The AGTF Research Unit is in the process of preparing a comprehensive and detailed research plan. The purpose is to review the strategy for research at the AGTF for the next 5 years and foster collaboration among institutions working on indenture. The Research Plan will be completed by early next year in consultation with other research institutes and scholars.

DEVELOPMENT OF NOMINATION FILE ON BHOJPURI FOLK SONGS (GEET GAWAI) FOR INSCRIPTION ON THE REPRESENTATIVE LIST OF HUMANITY (JANUARY TO MARCH 2015)

The AGTF worked on the preparation of a Nomination File on *Geet Gawai*, an element of intangible heritage related to the legacy of indenture in collaboration with the Ministry of Arts and Culture, the National Heritage Fund, the Mahatma Gandhi Institute and the Bhojpuri Speaking Union. The purpose is to present this element for inscription on the representative list of UNESCO. The nomination file will be submitted in 2016 to UNESCO by the state party of Mauritius.

The preparation of the nomination file included the organisation of workshops with the community and practitioners across the country, meeting the community people at their place and on the place of performance.

1.6. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH



Bras d'Eau

The National Parks and Conservation Services (NPCS) requested the assistance of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund to document and conserve the cultural heritage at Bras d'Eau National Park.

Bras d'Eau National Park contains vestiges of a sugar factory, a distillery and potentially of dwellings where indentured labourers might have stayed. Considering that the AGTF has the mandate to "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”, technical assistance was offered to the NPCS to document the vestiges.

The AGTF research team worked on the documentation of the former Sugar Estate at the National Archives and gathered information on the evolution of the site. Currently, the team of Archaeologist led by Dr Seetah from Stanford University (USA) undertook a preliminary survey of the cultural heritage conserved at Bras d’Eau National Park during a first field survey from



Flat Island

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund submitted an application entitled “Documentation and conservation of the former quarantine station in Flat Island, Mauritius” to the US Ambassador’s Fund for Cultural Heritage Preservation (AFCP) 2013 Competition. In July 2014, notification was given that a grant of USD 20,666 was awarded for this project.

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 - 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.

The project consists in the comprehensive documentation of the structures with the view to undertake the conservation of the cultural site.

The deliverables would include a complete conservation plan for the islet’s structures to be submitted to the National Parks and Conservation Services. It is understood that this conservation plan will take into consideration the Management Plan for the islet 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.

In 2014, the AGTF has planned the expedition and research to be undertaken in July 2015 together with detailed documentation and historical research on the islet.

1.7. INDENTURE LABOUR ROUTE PROJECT

This project deals with the establishment of a network between countries which have experienced indenture. The purpose is to share data on projects - of all disciplines –related to indenture. This project is based on the model of the Slave Route Project.

A request to examine the proposal from Mauritius was made to UNESCO Executive Committee which will be held from 15 to 31st October 2014. The purpose was to enlist the support of UNESCO for the establishment of the Indenture Labour Route project.

In its decision of October 2014 (195 EX-p39), UNESCO's Executive Committee:

- acknowledges the need to create a corpus of professionals in various fields such as history, anthropology, archaeology and heritage in order to elaborate an international database on indentured labour;
- noted that there is a need to identify coordinated activities between the indenture labour route and the slave route projects;
- welcomed the **establishment of a secretariat for the indenture labour route project at the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund** (fully funded by the Government of Mauritius);
- notes the **establishment of an International Scientific Committee** whose terms of reference would be elaborated along with a **detailed plan of action** to be regularly monitored and underlined that it should not have any direct or indirect financial implications for the regular budget of UNESCO;
- proposes to **provide technical support** for the project with extrabudgetary funding as appropriate;
- notes that efforts will be made at international and regional levels to encourage member states, especially those associated with indentured labour, to contribute through voluntary contributions to the project during implementation stage.

PUBLICATIONS IN 2015

The publication of the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund Newsletter 2015 or the 12th edition of the newsletter. It is a 52-page multi-disciplinary publication which contains articles on AGTF projects and activities. This year's newsletter also feature several academic and non-academic articles dealing with history, oral history, archaeology, and heritage studies of different indenture sites.

On 2nd November 2015, the Hon. Xavier Luc Duval, the Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism, launched the book entitled 'Antoinette (Phooliyar): An Invitation to Discover the Indenture Heritage of Mauritius' by Satyendra Peerthum, Historian at AGTF. This AGTF publication is a 20-page booklet which highlights the genesis and emergence of Antoinette Sugar Estate between the 1770s to the present day. It also explores the experiences of the indentured workers and their descendants who lived and worked there. It is the first time that AGTF has published a work that focuses exclusively on a sugar estate and the lives of its Indian and non-Indian contract workers.

VISITS OF VIP

The Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site received the following dignitaries during the year 2015:

Date	Visitor's name		Provenance
19 Jan 2015	Admiral R.K. Dhowan Chief of Naval Staff	Indian Navy	India
12 Mar 2015	Mr. Narendra Modi	Prime Minister	India
29 June 2015	Minister from Pondicherry		India
27 July 2015	Soobodh Gupta	Indian artist	India
21 Aug 2015	Hon Dr. Mahesh Sharma	Union Minister of State, Indian Minister of Culture & Tourism	India
21 Aug 2015	Dr Satya Pal Singh	Member of Parliament	India
25 Aug 2015	H.E John Dramani Mahama	President of the Republic	Ghana
16 October 2015	Rula Ma'ayah	Minister of Tourism	Palestine
2 Nov 2015	Hon. Xavier Luc Duval	Deputy Prime Minister	Mauritius

1.8. OUTREACH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS



Mr. V. Mugon presenting the Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre.

16TH JULY 2014 - 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF INSCRIPTION OF THE AAPRAVASI GHAT SITE ON WORLD HERITAGE LIST

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund organized a Consultative Committee at the City Council of Port Louis in the context of the 9th anniversary of the inscription of the Aapravasi Ghat on the World Heritage List of UNESCO on 16 July 2015.

The Consultative Committee is a forum for meeting and discussion with the civilian community. This forum is organized at least once a year and allows:

- Keep the community informed of the developments and progress of work taking place at World Heritage Property;
- Involve the community in the undertakings at World Heritage Property;
- Discuss specific issues related to the World Heritage Property and its surroundings;
- Consider and integrate the recommendations and proposals of the local community in the management, development and promotion of the World Heritage Property; and

- Produce planning and an action plan for common initiatives.

This meeting is a forum to present projects which were proposed in the Management Plan and which were accomplished by the AGTF team during the year 2014-2015.

The Consultative Committee offers opportunities to stakeholders to interact with the Technical Unit of the AGTF regarding issues related to the management of the WHP and its BZ. On this occasion, The AGTF presented the following:

1. Summary on the applications for development in the AGWHP Buffer Zone from June 2011 to December 2014 by Mrs. Natasha Kheddoo-Ramcharitar, Research Assistant, AGTF;
2. The Project of Local Economic Development Plan for the Buffer Zone by Mrs. Maurina Soodin Runghen, Researcher, AGTF;
3. The research projects and research plan for the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site by Mr. Satyendra Peerthum, Historian, AGTF;
4. The archaeological research on Indenture in Mauritius by Dr Krish Seetah, University of Stanford, USA;
5. The Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre after its opening: visits and activities by Mr. Vikram Mugon, Heritage Interpretation Manager, AGTF.

2nd November 2015

Activities were organized by the Ministry of Arts and Culture and the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund to commemorate the 181th Anniversary of the Arrival of Indentured Labourers in Mauritius, namely:

- wreath-laying ceremony;
- SLAM in Hindi by Ms N. Gunga;
- SLAM in Bhojpuri by Mr R. Mohabeer;
- Launching of booklet on Antoinette “Phooliyar”;
- Cultural Item;
- Guided visit to Beekrumsing Ramlallah Interpretation Centre at the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property.



1.9. EXHIBITIONS

EXHIBITION ON THE AAPRAVASI GHAT WORLD HERITAGE SITE AT LE LAZARET, LA REUNION

The Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund has presented an exhibition on the Aapravasi Ghat at Le Lazaret in Reunion in the context of the commemoration of the arrival of indentured labourers in La Reunion on 11 November 2015.

This exhibition was prepared by the AGTF and presented by the Musée de Villèle and Le Lazaret de la Grande Chaloupe. The exhibition at Le Lazaret was integrally funded by the authorities at La Reunion.



EXHIBITION ON ANTOINETTE (PHOOLYAR)

An exhibit on Antoinette and Mauritian sugar estates was set up and presented in the hospital block of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site in the context of the 181th Anniversary of the arrival of indentured labourers on 2nd November 2015.

EXHIBITIONS ON AAPRAVASI GHAT WORLD HERITAGE SITE

Several exhibitions on Aapravasi Ghat were presented at :

- Calebasses Govt School on 15 February 2015
- Cottage Socio-Cultural Organisations on 23 December 2015



EXHIBITION ENTITLED « HANGING HISTORY”, UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

AGTF in partnership with UOM, MGI, and Dr. Teelock hosted an exhibit entitled ‘Hanging History: Dress of Indian Immigrants in the 19th Century’ between November and December 2015. It features traditional dress and costume jewellery worn by Indian indentured women and girls during the Age of Indenture between the 1860s and early 1900s. The pictures, lithographs, and reproduction of cloth actually worn by the female indentured workers and their

descendants are used to highlight this important social and cultural aspect of Mauritian history.

The exhibition was presented in the hospital block at the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site from 3rd November to 31st December 2015.



1.10. CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

▪ *Workshop on heritage at the University of Mauritius*

A one day national workshop was organized by the MA Heritage Management Students of the Department of History and Political Science on 14 September 2015 at the University of Mauritius. The workshop sought to enable the various institutions involved in heritage preservation and management as well as the students to look at “a cross section of issues on heritage including challenges and opportunities”.

A number of heritage professionals, guest speakers as well as UoM students and academic staff presented papers on research done in the field, ongoing and future projects and challenges met during the said projects. The MA heritage students also presented the methodology adopted for and the results of the recent survey done in Rodrigues with the Ministry of Arts and Culture. An interesting debate was also conducted on the role of history and heritage in Mauritius.

Ms. Maurina Soodin Runghen was invited to make a presentation on the use of GIS in heritage management. She started by explaining what is GIS and how it can facilitate the work of individuals and institutions managing heritage. She then proceeded by showing how the Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund is using this tool in the management of the Buffer Zone of the Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Property. The presentation concluded with an overview of some possibilities offered by ArcGIS such as the storytelling with maps and the possibility to record information into the database using smartphones and tablets.

RESEARCH WEEK AT UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS

Mrs Corinne Forest, Head Technical Unit, presented a paper entitled « Latest research on Flat Island, the former quarantine for indentured labourers » and Mr Satyendra Peerthum, Historian, presented a paper on heritage sites in Port Louis at the University of Mauritius in the Context of the Research Week on 25 September 2015.

SEMINAIRE « PATRIMOINES DE L'OCEAN INDIEN » AT INSTITUT DU PATRIMOINE, PARIS

Mrs Corinne Forest, Head of Technical Unit, presented a paper entitled “De Monument National à Patrimoine Mondial : l'évolution de l'Aapravasi Ghat à l'île Maurice” at a Seminar entitled “Les patrimoines de l'Océan indien” organised by le département des affaires européennes et internationales, Direction générale des Patrimoines, Ministère de la Culture et de la Communication (France) at Institut National du Patrimoine (INP) in Paris on 25 November 2015.

1.11. TRAINING

Training entitled “Des restaurateurs du Patrimoine des Pays Africains” held in China

The training programme was organized by the Ministry of Commerce People's Republic of China and the Ministry of Culture of the People's Republic of China from 26 August to 24 September 2015. It was designed for the heritage professionals of French-speaking African countries and had targeted five (5) participants from each country.

Objective of the training:

- to present the policies implemented by China in the conservation field in a systematic way; and
- to exchange with the participants the various techniques adopted by the heritage institutions for the preservation of heritage.

Mr Vikram Mugon (Heritage Interpretation Manager), Mrs Natasha Kheddoo-Ramcharitar (Research Assistant), Ms Christelle Miao Foh (Research Assistant) and Mr Ashvin Nemchand (Research Assistant) attended the training.

Certificate in Basic Conservation and Heritage Inventory

Mrs Urmila Ramkisoorn, Heritage Guide/ Public Outreach Officer, took part in a training entitled “Certificate in Basic Conservation and Heritage Inventory” conducted by Mr. Wazwa Mwadime, Chief Conservator, National Museums of Kenya, at Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund in Le Morne from 15 to 23 September 2015.

Training Workshop, Identifying, Recording and Understanding of Artefacts

Babita Bahadoor, Research Assistant and Vedita Jha, Heritage Guide/ Public Outreach Officer took part in a 1-week Training Workshop entitled “Identifying, Recording and Understanding of Artefacts” organized by Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund from Monday 30 November to Friday 4 December 2015. The workshop was conducted by Mrs Jayshree Mungur-Medhi, Researcher and Archaeologist.

OUTREACH

Vedita and I organized an outreach programme at Le Bocage Secondary School Moka (form one student) on 18 February 2015.

Supply, fixing and maintenance of AGWHS panels 2015. A memo was submitted on 17 June 2015 concerning the condition of Aapravasi Ghat World Heritage Site panels posted around Mauritius. Last maintenance was carried out in 2013. Following the memo site visits were carried out on 23 June, 24 June, 08 July and 30 July 2015 to assess the conditions of the panels and a report of the same was submitted on 14 August 2015 with cost estimate. Details of the assessment are at annex 1. Specifications and map were prepared and submitted on 19 November 2015 to launch quotation exercise. Sealed quotation exercise was launched on 20 November 2015 for the supply, fixing and maintenance of AGWHS panels.

18. Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund

Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 December 2015

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015 Rs.	2014 Rs.
Non-current assets			
Plant and equipment	6	119,354,775	126,655,662
Employee benefits	8	-	302,732
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		119,354,775	126,958,394
Current assets			
Inventories	9	993,075	1,090,381
Trade and other receivables		8,371	8,371
Cash and cash equivalents		17,363,608	14,640,547
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		18,365,054	15,739,299
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TOTAL ASSETS		<u>137,719,829</u>	<u>142,697,693</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Capital and reserves			
Accumulated Fund	11	6,906,188	6,676,704
Revaluation Reserve	15	200,000	200,000
Donation	14	-	96,069
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TOTAL CAPITAL		7,106,188	6,972,773
Non-Current liabilities			
Deferred Income	12	118,786,947	124,660,906
Trade and other payables	10	1,881,433	1,145,306
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		120,668,380	125,806,212
Current liabilities			
Trade and other payables	10	972,008	3,918,708
Employee Benefits	8	288,129	-
Deferred Income		8,685,124	6,000,000
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		9,945,261	9,918,708
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<hr/> 130,613,641	<hr/> 135,724,920
TOTAL CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES		<u>137,719,829</u>	<u>142,697,693</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 6 to 21 form part of the financial statements.

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Notes	2015	2014
		Rs.	Rs.
Revenue	4	24,389,646	27,949,689
Release from Capital Grant		9,725,068	1,660,421
Finance Income	4	108,631	178,713
		34,223,345	29,788,823
EXPENDITURE			
Administrative Expenses	5	23,366,159	25,511,501
Buffer Zone project	5	-	-
Trianon Restoration project	5	24,265	91,179
Promotion and Outreach Programme	5	-	-
BRIC Project	5	166,909	296,466
Research programmes	5	10,125	-
Aapravasi Ghat Restoration expenses	5	2,722	1,481
Vagrant Depot	5	-	-
LED Project	5	137,281	-
Flat Island	5	602,572	-
Depreciation	6	1,110,606	1,271,295
Amortisation	6	7,670,588	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		33,091,227	27,171,922
NET SURPLUS/LOSS FOR THE YEAR		1,132,118	2,616,901

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS/EQUITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	Accumulated Fund	Revaluation Reserve	Total
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
At 1 January 2014	3,812,829	250,000	4,062,829
Net Surplus for the year	2,616,901	-	2,616,901
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(653,117)	-	(653,117)
Transfer from Donation Re-Statement of Inventories Publications unsold	96,070	-	96,070
Decrease in Inventory of unsold books during year 2014	988,541	-	988,541
Revaluation of Motor Vehicle	(184,520)	-	(184,520)
	-	(50,000)	(50,000)
At 31 December 2014	6,676,704	200,000	6,876,704
At 1 January 2015	6,676,704	200,000	6,876,704
Net Surplus for the year	1,132,118	-	1,132,118
Unrecognised Actuarial gain/(loss)	(998,703)	-	(998,703)
Transfer from Donation	96,069	-	96,069
Revaluation of Motor Vehicle	-	-	-
At 31 December 2015	6,906,188	200,000	7,106,188

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

	2015 Rs	2014 Rs
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net Surplus/Loss	1,132,118	2,616,901
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation	1,110,606	1,271,295
Release from Capital Grant	(2,054,480)	(1,660,421)
Other non cash movement		
Employee Benefits	(407,842)	(539,076)
Interest income	(108,631)	(178,713)
Operating profit before working capital	(328,228)	1,509,986
Decrease / (increase) in inventories	97,306	(12,800)
Decrease / (increase) in trade and other receivables	-	825,556
(Decrease) / increase in trade and other payables	(2,210,573)	(6,625,146)
Cash generated from operations	(2,441,495)	(4,302,404)
Interest received	108,631	178,713
Net cash generated from operating activities	(2,332,864)	(4,123,691)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of plant and equipment	(1,480,306)	(3,363,856)
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities	(1,480,306)	(3,363,856)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Government grant	6,536,233	18,028,541
Net cash used in financing activities	6,536,233	18,028,541
Net (decrease)/ increase in cash and cash equivalents	2,723,061	10,540,994
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2014	14,640,547	4,099,552
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2015	17,363,608	14,640,546

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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 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;
- (f) To establish links with appropriate national, regional and International Organisations in line with the objects of the ACT and;
- (g) To identify and acquire sites, buildings and structures linked with history of the arrival of 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 SMEs issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting framework for SMEs 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 from those estimates.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments carried on the statement of financial position include trade and other receivables, cash and cash equivalents and trade and other payables, excluding prepayments. The particular recognition methods adopted are disclosed in the individual policy statements associated with each item.

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.

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.

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.

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)
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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 annum
Furniture & 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.

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.

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

4. REVENUE

	Rs
Income recurrent	24,100,000
Income other	289,646
Cash Income received during the year	<u>24,389,646</u>

5. SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

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

	2015 Rs
Staff costs	17,035,905
Operational Costs	6,330,254
Recurrent Expenditure on projects	943,874
Depreciation	<u>1,110,606</u>

Recurrent expenditure on projects for the amount of Rs 943,874 has been financed by capital grant.

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2015

6. PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

	Aaprava si Ghat	Office equipment	Furniture and Fittings	Motor Van	ICT	Total
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
COST at 31 December 2014	123,813,222	2,641,742	165,090	819,225	4,003,899	131,443,178
Additions	296,478	772,765	78,263	-	332,800	1,480,306
Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 Dec 2015	124,109,700	3,414,507	243,353	819,225	4,336,699	132,923,484

DEPRECIATION

At 31 December 2014	-	2,252,203	49,870	619,225	1,866,215	4,787,513
Charge for the year	-	222,400	24,335	-	863,870	1,110,606
Impairment Adjustment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amortisation - BRIC	7,670,588					7,670,588
Disposal	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 Dec 2015	7,670,588	2,474,603	74,205	619,225	2,730,085	13,568,707

CARRYING AMOUNT

NBV as at 31 December 2015	116,439,112	939,904	169,147	200,000	1,606,614	119,354,777
NBV as at 31 December 2014	123,813,222	389,539	115,220	250,000	2,137,684	126,655,664

Aapravasi Ghat consists of the following:

Description	Amount (Rs)
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	35,754,680
LED Project	170,330
Promotion & Outreach Programme	1,107,089
TOTAL	124,109,700

APRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE YEAR 31 DECEMBER 2015

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 management personnel and the number of members determined on full time equivalent basis receiving remuneration in this category are:

	31 December 2015	31 December 2014
	Rs	Rs
Director (till Jan 2015)	272,939	1,490,986
Other Key Management Personnel	5,608,774	2,996,854
Number of Persons	5	5

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

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 31 December 2014.

	Year ending December 2015	Year ending December 2014
Amounts recognised in balance sheet at end of year:	Rs	Rs
Defined benefit obligation	(7,901,325)	(6,168,165)
(Fair value of plan assets)	7,613,196	6,470,897
Asset recognised in balance sheet at end of year	(288,129)	302,732
Amounts recognised in income statement:		
Current service cost	(853,910)	(744,565)
Past Service cost	0	0
Employees contributions	487,196	492,235
Fund expenses	(22,312)	(25,348)
Net Interest (expense)/income	66,325	78,510
P&L Charge	(322,701)	(199,168)
Remeasurement:		
Liability gain/(loss)	(448,871)	(514,590)
Assets gain/(loss)	(549,832)	(138,527)
Total Other Comprehensive Income (OIC) recognized	(998,703)	(653,117)
Total	(1,321,404)	(852,285)
Movements in liability recognised in balance sheet:		
At start of year	302,732	416,773
Amount recognized in P&L	(322,701)	(199,168)
(Contributions paid by employer)	730,543	738,244
Amount recognized in OCI	(998,703)	(653,117)
At end of year	(288,129)	302,732
Actual return on plan assets:	(81,619)	(309,238)

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.

AAPRAVASI GHAT TRUST FUND
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONT'D)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2015

8. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS (CONT'D)

	Year ending December 2015	Year ending December 2014
<i>Reconciliation of the present value of defined benefit obligation</i>	Rs	Rs
Present Value of obligation at start of period	(6,168,165)	(4,615,676)
Current service cost	(853,910)	(744,565)
Interest Cost	(462,612)	(369,254)
(Benefits paid)	32,233	75,920
Liability gain/(loss)	(448,871)	(514,590)
Present value of obligation at end of period	(7,901,325)	(6,168,165)
<i>Reconciliation of fair value of plan assets</i>		
Fair value of plan assets at start of period	(6,470,897)	(5,032,449)
Expected return on plan assets	(528,937)	(447,764)
Employer contributions	(730,543)	(738,244)
Employee contributions	(487,196)	(492,235)
(Benefits paid + other outgo)	54,545	101,268
Asset gain/(loss)	549,832	138,527
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	(7,613,196)	(6,470,897)
<i>Distribution of plan assets at end of period</i>		
<i>Percentage of assets at end of year</i>	31 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2014
Government securities and cash	58.1%	57.1%
Loans	4.3%	4.1%
Local Equities	15.9%	21.1%
Overseas bonds and equities	21.0%	17.0%
Property	0.7%	0.7%
Total	100%	100%
<i>Additional disclosure on assets issued or used by the reporting entity</i>		
<i>Percentage of assets at end of year</i>	31 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2014
	(%)	(%)
Assets held in the Entity's own financial instruments	-	-
Property occupied by the entity	-	-
Other assets used by the entity	-	-
<i>Components of the amount recognized in OCI</i>		
<i>Year</i>	31 Dec 2014	31 Dec 2014
<i>Currency</i>	Rs	Rs
Asset experience gain/(loss) during the period	549,832	138,527
Liability experience gain/(loss) during the period	448,871	514,590
	998,703	653,117
<i>Year</i>	2015	
Expected employer contributions	772,027	
(Estimate to be reviewed by Aapravasi Ghat Trust Fund)		
Weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation	30 Years	
Calculated as a % change in PV liabilities for a 1% change in discount rate)		

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FIGURES FOR IAS 19 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:

Year ending 31 December 2015		Year ending 31 December 2014
Discount rate	7.50%	8.00%
Future salary increases	5.00%	5.50%
Future pension increases	3.00%	3.50%
Mortality before retirement		A 6770 Ultimate Tables PA 90 rated down by 2 years
Mortality in retirement		PA (90) Tables
Retirement age		As per Schedule II in the Statutory Bodies Pension Funds Act

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

Significant actuarial assumptions for determination of the defined benefit obligation are discount rate, expected salary increase and mortality. The sensitivity analysis 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 Rs1.7M (increase by Rs2.4M) if all other assumptions were held unchanged.

-If the expected salary growth would increase (decrease) by 100 basis point, the defined benefit obligation would increase by Rs1.7 M (decrease by Rs1.4 M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

-If life expectancy would increase (decrease) by one year, the defined benefit obligation would increase by Rs0.165 M (decrease by Rs0.166 M) if all assumptions were held unchanged.

In reality one might expect interrelationships between the assumptions, especially between 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)

	2015 Rs	2014 Rs
Publications		
Publications as at 01 st January	988,541	804,021
Add New Publications during the year	27,767	241,250
Less Publications sold/gifted	(57,586)	(56,730)
Balance as at 31 December 2015	958,722	988,541
 Spare parts-Wood as at 01 st January	 101,840	 273,560
 Less stock used	 (67,487)	 (171,720)
 Balance at 31 December	 34,353	 101,840
 Add Stock Publication as at 31December 2015	 958,722	 988,541
	993,075	1,090,381

10. TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES

	2015 Rs	2014 Rs
Accruals	515,131	3,539,199
Passage Benefits	515,207	457,219
Sick Leave	1,823,104	1,067,596
	2,853,442	5,064,014

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11. **Accumulated Fund**

	Accumulated Fund 2015 Rs
Balance as at 1 st January 2015	6,676,704
Movement during the year	1,132,118
Actuarial gain/(loss)	(998,703)
Transfer from Donation	<u>96,069</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2015	<u><u>6,906,188</u></u>

12.

	Deferred Income 2015 Rs
Balance as at 1 st January 2015	130,660,906
Grant Received during the year	6,536,233
Transfer to Other Income	<u>(9,725,068)</u>
	127,472,071
Amount to be amortised within 1 Year recognised as current liabilities	<u>(8,685,124)</u>
Balance as at 31 December 2015	<u><u>118,786,947</u></u>

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13. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In its ordinary operations, the trust fund is exposed to various risks such as, foreign currency risk.

The trust fund is not exposed to the risk that the exchange rate of the Mauritian rupee relative to the currencies may change in a manner which has a material effect on the reported values of its assets and liabilities.

Liquidity risk management

The trust fund manage liquidity risk by maintaining adequate reserves and banking facilities, by continuously monitoring forecast and actual cash flows and matching the maturity profiles of financial assets and liabilities.

The maturity profile of the financial assets and liabilities is summarized as follows:

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2015

	Less than 1 months	1-3 months	3 months to 1 year	More than 1 year	Total
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Bank	14,640,547	-	-	-	14,640,547
Trade & other receivables	-	-	8,371	-	8,371
Trade & other payables	(329,089)	(365,521)	(277,399)	(1,881,433)	(2,853,442)
	<u>14,311,458</u>	<u>(365,521)</u>	<u>(269,028)</u>	<u>(1,881,433)</u>	<u>11,795,476</u>

2014

	Less than 1 months	1-3 months	3 months to 1 year	More than 1 year	Total
	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs	Rs
Bank	14,640,547	-	-	-	14,640,547
Trade & other receivables	-	-	8,371	-	8,371
Trade & other payables	(3,045,374)	(493,824)	-	-	(3,539,198)
	<u>11,595,173</u>	<u>(493,824)</u>	<u>8,371</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,109,720</u>

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14. DONATION

	2015
	Rs
Donation from ICTA – IT Equipment as at 1 st January 2015	96,069
Amortisation	<u>(96,069)</u>
Closing Balance as at 31 December 2015	<u>-</u>

ICTA made a donation of 6 personal computers, 6 printers and 4 laptops to AGTF amounting to Rs384,279 in year 2012.

15. REVALUATION RESERVE

	2015	2014
	Rs	Rs
Motor van – Balance as at 01 January	200,000	250,000
Amortisation	<u>-</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>
Closing Balance as at 31 December	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>

The Motor van (vehicle no. 4665 OC 04 make Toyota) purchased in October 2004, has been fully depreciated but is still in use in 2014. The vehicle was revalued as per Sicom LTD report based on the insured amount. This represents the recoverable amount in case of total loss of use of the vehicle.

The accounting principle used in the revaluation of the motor van has been based on IAS 16 Property, Plant & Equipment and the accounting treatment for revaluation of tangible non-current asset.

The motor van has been accounted in the books at a revalued amount provided by the fair value amount measured in insurance report of Sicom Ltd at Rs200,000.

Revaluations of the motor van will be made on regular basis so as to ensure that the carrying value does not differ materially from that which would be determined using fair value at end of the reporting period and asset value. As the motor van has been used since 2004, the vehicle will be revalued every year based on recoverable amount from insurance report of Sicom Ltd.

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	2015	2014
	Rs.	Rs.
Staff cost and Allowances	17,035,905	16,944,902
Utilities	1,275,885	1,177,528
Staff Welfare	51,000	60,001
Fuel & Oil	90,507	98,514
Maintenance of Vehicles	80,248	42,509
Postage	42,215	32,717
Office Expenses & Incidentals	94,028	74,649
Maintenance of Equipment, Buildings, Furniture, IT, Signage	213,025	184,678
Maintenance on Site	129,591	178,602
Cleaning Expenses	53,868	43,630
Printing and Stationary	349,122	234,636
Newspaper/Documentation	53,999	73,077
Publication/Advertisement	4,031	24,765
Board Fees	593,390	554,623
Training of Staff	41,300	-
Consultancy Fee	-	150,891
Uniform	96,980	103,940
Bank Charges	13,894	7,614
Insurance	-	-
Insurance - BRIC	98,601	-
Security	427,800	427,800
Mission Overseas	-	790,853
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,126	91,817
Events	651,669	78,955
Expenses i.c.w 2 nd November	1,803,294	3,996,547
Membership Fee	23,896	9,424
Professional Charges	78,200	72,100
Workshop/Seminars	2,000	-
Cost of Publications sold	57,586	56,730
	<u>23,366,159</u>	<u>25,511,501</u>