

**MAURITIUS**  
**NATIONAL SUMMARY REPORT**  
**IDNDR**

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**SECTION A: PROFILE**

(This section contains relevant basic information about your country.  
 Please complete and check the information already included.)

**1. Composition of National Committee (Focal Point):**

(Please list the names of the institutions represented and indicate in the brackets the number of members for each group)

<b>Ministries</b> - Prime Minister's Office      2 - Ministry of Information      1 - Other Ministries      [ 22 ]	<b>Non-Governmental Organizations</b> - Are coopted as and when required -      [   ]
<b>Academic &amp; Research Institutions</b> - University of Mauritius      1 -      [   ]	<b>Media</b> - Ministry of Information      2 - Mauritius Broadcasting Corporation      [ 2 ]
<b>Private Sector</b> - Are coopted as and when required      [   ]	<b>Insurance</b> - Nil      [   ]
<b>Public Services (e.g. meteorological, etc)</b> - Meteorological Services      2 - Central Water Authority      [ 1 ] Central Electricity Board      1 National Transport Authority 1	<b>Others</b> - Local Authorities      18 -      [   ]

## 2. Internal organization of the National Committee

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(Please describe hierarchy, responsibilities, coordination and cooperation mechanisms in natural disaster reduction activities.)

The Committee meets under the chairmanship of the Permanent Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office at least once a year to update the circular on Cyclones and other Natural Disasters and to review arrangements regarding preventive measures to be taken in case of natural disasters. The Committee also meets as soon as a disaster strikes to coordinate the activities of different agencies involved in providing rescue or other measures that are taken at central and/or local levels.

## 3. Prevailing hazards

Type	Location	Affected Population
Tropical cyclones	All over the country	1,000,000
Torrential rains	- do -	500,000
Drought	North and West	200,000
Landslides	Port Louis	40,000

(Please attach additional information if necessary)

## 4. Recent natural disasters

Type	Location	Affected Population	Losses
Tropical cyclones	whole island		Mainly agricultural and industrial
Torrential rains (1992)	whole island		

## 5. National socio-economic conditions

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- Population: 1,250,000
- Gross-National Product (GNP): US\$ 3400 m
- Per-Capita Income: US\$ 2,500

**6. Availability of assistance to other countries in the field of natural disaster reduction.**

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(Please list potential resources, scientific expertise, technology, etc.)

Financial as well as material help to all countries wherever notified. Scientific expertise and technology is not available and therefore no assistance can be given in these areas.

**7. International assistance required for natural disaster reduction**

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(Please indicate requirements for scientific expertise, technology, resources etc.)

General assistance is not required. Assistance regarding landslide is however required. So far, assistance has been obtained from Japan in this specific field.

## **SECTION B: STRATEGIES AND ACTIVITIES**

(This section deals with current or planned strategies and activities.)

### **1. Steps towards achieving the 3 main Decade targets**

- (a) **Comprehensive national assessments of risks from natural hazards, with these assessments taken into account in development plans;**

Legislations have been enacted for an Environmental Impact Assessment(EIA) for all development projects.

Building regulations have been updated and amendments have been proposed to other Acts, taking into consideration risks from natural hazards.

- (b) **Mitigation plans at national and/or local levels, involving long-term prevention and preparedness and community awareness; and**

Appropriate plans have been drawn up by the Central Cyclone and other Natural Disasters Committee. Regional plans have also been drawn up at local Authorities levels. Specific plans have been made to deal with cases of drought, floods and landslides.

- (c) **Ready access to global, regional, national and local warning systems and broad dissemination of warnings.**

The Meteorological Services have access to advisories from World Centre on Tropical Cyclones. There is also close cooperation and coordination with neighbouring countries.

## **2. Present national plan for natural disaster reduction**

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a) Time span covered:

Warning systems adequate for next five years. The houses that are built up are cyclone resistant.

b) Agencies, institutions and organizations involved:

Meteorological Services  
Mauritius Police Force  
Ministry of Local Government  
Local Government Authorities

c) Implementing agencies:

As above

d) Funds available for implementation:

Local sources

## **3. Legislation introduced and enacted in relation to natural disaster reduction**

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Building regulations  
Environmental regulations  
Roads and highways regulations

**4. Disaster mitigation activities completed or underway:**

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**a) Identification of hazard zones: hazard assessment**

**Title of project:** Landslide at La Butte, Port Louis

**Status:** completed

**Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:**

Overseas Development Agency, U.K.

**Costs of project:**

Around Rs 420 million

**Sources of funding:**

Overseas Development Agency, U.K.  
Government of Japan  
Local

**Implementing agencies:**

Ministry of Local Government

**Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:**

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government  
Telephone No.: 201-1216  
Fax No.: 208-1450

***b) Monitoring, prediction and warning***

**Title of project:**

No project has so far been conceived as existing arrangements are thought to be adequate enough.

**Status:**

**Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:**

**Costs of project:**

**Sources of funding:**

**Implementing agencies:**

**Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:**

c) *Short-term Protective measures and preparedness*

Title of project:

Nil

Status:

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

Costs of project:

Sources of funding:

Implementing agencies:

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:



**d) Long-term preventive measures**

**Title of project:**

Landslide at La Butte, Port Louis

**Status:**

Not yet started

**Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:**

Ministry of Local Government  
Government of Japan

**Costs of project:**

Rs 420 million

**Sources of funding:**

Government of Japan

**Implementing agencies:**

Ministry of Local Government

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***e) Land-use and risk management***

**Title of project:**

A Master Plan has been drawn up regarding land use.

**Status:**

**Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:**

**Costs of project:**

**Sources of funding:**

**Implementing agencies:**

**Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:**

*f) Public education and information*

Title of project:

No specific project is contemplated as such. Public education and information is an ongoing process.

Status:

Participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level:

Costs of project:

Sources of funding:

Implementing agencies:

Address (telephone and fax-number) of the agency in charge:

**5. Plans to fully achieve Decade targets by the end of 1999**

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(As in 4 above, for each area of activity [i.e., hazard zoning/assessment, monitoring, preparedness, etc] please indicate as applicable, the project title, the participating institutions in the country and/or on the international level, the costs of projects, the sources of funding and the implementing agencies.)

No specific plans have been prepared.

## SECTION C: INTERACTIONS

(This section focuses on international involvement in the IDNDR.)

### 1. Publications on IDNDR-related subjects:

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(E.g. manuals, brochures, bulletins and other publications of relevance to IDNDR. Please mention title, author/institution, place and year of publication)

Nil

### 2. IDNDR meetings and conferences held or planned:

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(Please indicate, date, location, organizing agency, national and international participation.)

Nil

### 3. Current or planned partnerships and cooperation related to IDNDR with other countries

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(Please indicate Governments, National Committees, Institutions or Organizations involved.)

Nil

## SECTION D: EVALUATION

(This section analyses national progress and outlines possible improvement.)

### 1. Overall evaluation of national disaster mitigation programmes including, but not limited to, those initiated after IDNDR and achievements up to now

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(Please elaborate on whether the targets set by the National Committee, if any, the national disaster mitigation plans or other IDNDR activities have been met. If not, please indicate reasons.)

Nil

### 2. Review of the IDNDR

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(Critique of the Decade to date and suggestions for improvement/modifications in the second half.)

Nil