

Educational Awareness: Exploring Odysseo Oceanarium

Odysseo's motto, "Learn, Love, Protect", encapsulates their commitment to environmental preservation. The oceanarium offers a learning and immersive experience that promotes a deep appreciation for marine life.

Guardians of the Ocean

The ocean, which covers **over 70%** of Earth's surface, is the lifeblood of our planet and home to a vast array of species. Mauritius' *Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)*, at **1,127 times** the size of its land area, reflects the critical need for marine conservation.

At Odysseo Oceanarium, the commitment is clear: to **Learn, Love & Protect** this invaluable resource and its biodiversity.

Why Protect Our Oceans?

Our oceans are vital for sustaining life on Earth, providing oxygen, regulating climate, and supporting diverse ecosystems. Odysseo champions this cause through initiatives like:

- *The Exploi Project* (Expédition Plastique Océan Indien) to combat plastic pollution
 - Coral and seagrass regeneration projects
 - Conservation efforts for endangered species such as sea turtles and seahorses
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A Learning Experience for All Ages


Education knows no age limit at Odysseo. With **interactive games and informative guides**, visitors of all ages—from kids to seniors—can discover new and meaningful insights.


Eco-Friendly Guidelines


To support conservation efforts, Odysseo enforces a strict ban on single-use plastics, such as bottles and bags, and prohibits flash photography to maintain the tranquillity of sensitive species.


→ **Good to Know:**


 The lifecycle of waste materials like plastic bottles, cloth, diapers, and cigarette butts poses a significant threat to marine ecosystems. These materials decompose over hundreds of years, leaving microplastics that pervade the environment, underscoring the critical need to reduce plastic usage.


 The Republic of Mauritius encompasses a surface territory of 2040 km², including several islands like Rodrigues, Agalega, Saint Brandon Archipelago, and Chagos Archipelago.


 To educate visitors about pressing environmental issues, the Coral Reef exhibit features replicas that illustrate the impact of pollution on coral ecosystems.

 Temperature-controlled environments in exhibits ensure the survival of delicate species, like coral reefs, mimicking their natural habitats.

 The oceanarium houses around 200 species and approximately 4,000 individuals, showcasing the rich biodiversity of marine life.

 Odysseo conducts a major annual maintenance on January 1st. During this essential process, the water in the small aquariums is completely replaced through a 100% water change, while the large aquarium undergoes an 80% water change.

 Visitors can book comprehensive guided tours, Instant Feedings, Back of the House Tour and more at just a small supplement to increase their knowledge of marine biology and the intricate ecosystems at Odysseo.

 *Protip: If you ever need a small break or quick bite, there's an outdoor food area with a kid's playground, accessible exclusively to visitors of the oceanarium.*

A visit to Odysseo isn't just about marvelling at the wonders of the ocean, but about being part of the change for a better, more sustainable world.

Let's Learn, Love and Protect together!

