

Comment m'engager ?

I enquire > I attend meetings

I relay > I transmit to people around me

I act > I actively participate in the project

I support > I encourage conservation projects



Je m'engage !

BY REEF CONSERVATION

**“ Together
we have the power
to protect the lagoon ”**



What is a Voluntary Marine Conservation Area?

- A protected zone in the lagoon
- Chosen by and for the community

The benefits of Voluntary Marine Conservation Areas

For the community

- Fishermen: potential larger fish catch outside the VMCA
- Maintains ecosystem benefits
- Ecotourism opportunities and training
- Leisure site open to all
- Strengthen links between communities
- Increase scientific knowledge and ecosystem

For ecosystems

- Shelter for fish and other organisms
- Promote the corals recovery
- Habitat conservation
- Increase natural reproduction and restocking throughout the lagoon

The different stages of setting up a Voluntary Marine Conservation Area:

- Meetings with the community
- Choice of the site (s) by the community
- Validation and scientific monitoring of the proposed site (s)
- Training the community on the marine environment
- Organization of events, open days, film screening
- Election of members of the management committee of the conservation area

Why setting up a Voluntary Marine Conservation Area?

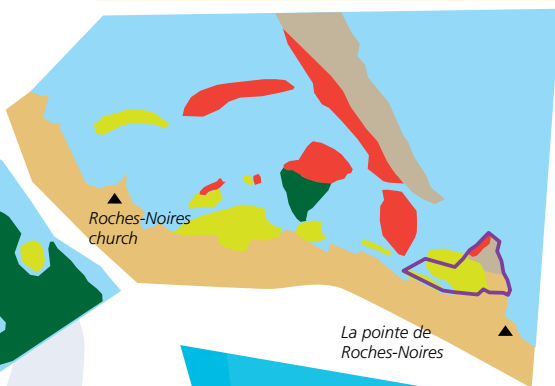
- Degraded states of coral reefs and other marine ecosystem
- Decrease of biodiversity
- Protecting future generations
- Because we all have our part to play in protecting the environment

Anse la Raie - VMCA



- Lagoon
- VMCA
- Algae
- Corals
- Damaged corals
- Seagrasses
- Corals and seagrasses
- Dead corals
- Sand

Roches Noires - VMCA



Reef Conservation is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to the conservation and restoration of the marine environment in Mauritius. It promotes and supports the sustainable use of our marine ecosystem through local and regional efforts, in partnership with all stakeholders.