

LE PRINCE MAURICE ANNOUNCED AS A 'GREEN GLOBE 21 CERTIFIED RESORT'

Le Prince Maurice on Mauritius' north-east coast has successfully passed all the necessary audits to become a Green Globe 21 Certified Resort.

Green Globe 21 is a global environmental programme for the travel and tourism industry, part of a larger action supporting sustainable development adopted by 182 governments at the UN Earth Summit in 1992. It works by providing the industry with a framework for achieving year on year improvement in key environmental areas, including efficient management of energy and water resources, waste minimisation, recycling and social and cultural issues.

Le Prince Maurice occupies an area of 60 acres of unspoilt land of rare and luxuriant tropical vegetation, secluded beaches of white sand and a calm turquoise lagoon. A natural fish reserve situated on the western tip of the hotel adds to the uniqueness and natural beauty of this 89-suite resort.

The Green Globe initiative was first piloted by General Manager, Andrew Milton and training sessions were conducted at all levels with the goal of educating the Le Prince Maurice team so there could be a drive towards working with a concern for the environment. Since August 2003, Le Prince Maurice has been implementing an Environment Management System (EMS) which provides the framework for recording the relevant Green Globe 21 sector benchmarking indicators and provides the basis for analysing the environmental and social performance of the hotel.

The Green Globe programme is a hands-on, ongoing activity whereby each staff member contributes in some way. For example, to improve the efficiency of electricity use, measures were undertaken such as installing energy saving and low wattage bulbs wherever possible. A composting project is also underway where 'green waste' from the garden and from the kitchen and bar is sent to the compost site, providing cost-effective, natural fertiliser for the property's lush tropical gardens. Other actions have targeted the reduction of solid waste and consumption of diesel and contacts have been made with MSPCA to collect stray animals that access the property.

Another key to the Green Globe programme includes nurturing the social and cultural environment of the local community. The hotel was a step ahead in this respect with its long-standing policy of recruiting its employees within a range of 20km, having local craft vendors display their wares and hiring local musicians for guest entertainment.

Le Prince Maurice, along with its sister hotels Belle Mare Plage The Resort in Mauritius and Lémuria Resort of Praslin in the Seychelles, is a member of Mauritius-based hotel group Hotels Constance.

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