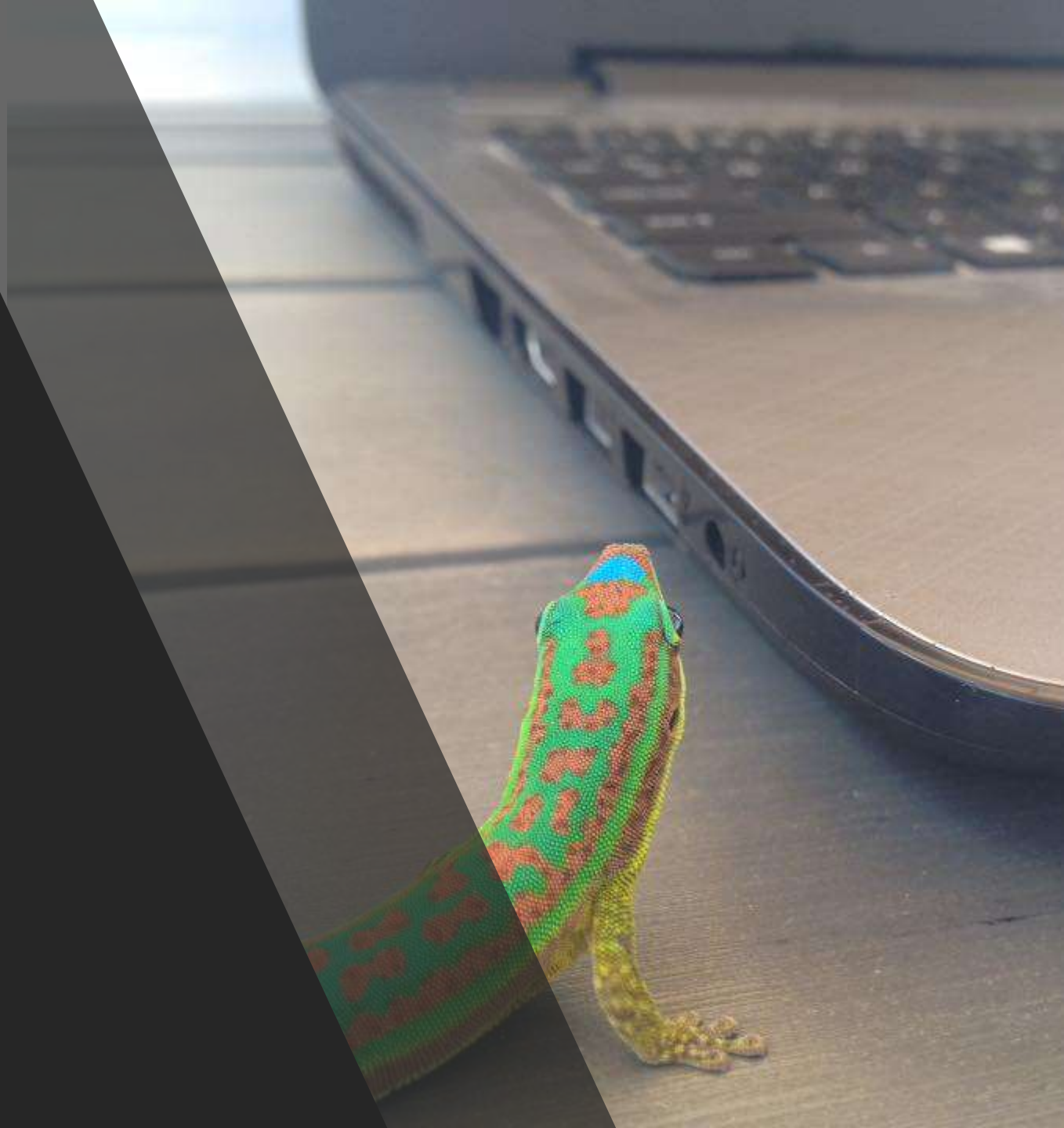


# Educating and inspiring people about marine life in Mauritius

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Mauritius



An aerial photograph of Mauritius Island, showing its diverse landscape with green hills, a coastline with white sand beaches, and turquoise waters. A large, semi-transparent circular overlay is positioned on the left side of the image, containing the title and a list of facts about the island.

# Mauritius Island


- Mauritius is a densely populated island of around 1.2 million people
- It is known as a plural society with many ethnic groups: Hindus, Muslims, Creoles, Chinese and Europeans
- Most Mauritians are trilingual, being equally fluent in French and English, as well as the native language of Mauritian Creole
- Mauritius is renowned as a honeymoon destination
- The island covers an area of 1,865 square kilometers with 330 kilometers of coastline.
- Mauritius is 45km in width and 65km in length

A photograph of a person crouching on a beach, surrounded by a large amount of plastic waste and driftwood. The person is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt and dark shorts. The beach is covered in various pieces of plastic, including bottles, bags, and fragments, along with sticks and branches. In the background, there are waves crashing on the shore under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent circular area on the left side of the image.

## Challenges and issues in Mauritius

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- Lack of recycling
- Stranded plastics on beaches
- Beach erosion
- Construction along the coast

An underwater photograph of a vibrant coral reef. The scene is filled with various types of coral, including branching and table corals, and numerous colorful fish. In the foreground, there are several sea anemones with long, flowing tentacles. The water is clear and blue, and the overall atmosphere is bright and lively.

## Overview of projects I have been involved in....

- Focus groups with fishermen to gather information on sea turtles around Mauritius
- Working with boat skippers to teach them about cetaceans and good behavior, while doing dolphin or whale watching
- Offering training on marine biodiversity to boat operators
- Research on cetaceans around Mauritius
- Working with schools
- Collaboration with other organizations
- Working with resorts



## What have I learnt from these programs

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- Encouraging collaboration with stakeholders
- Gathering interesting information
- Inspiring the younger generation



*"In the end we will conserve  
only what we love, we will love  
only what we understand  
and we will understand only  
what we are taught"*  
Baba Dioum



about mangroves...  
outreach...



Kids club activities...



# Dive into the Classroom

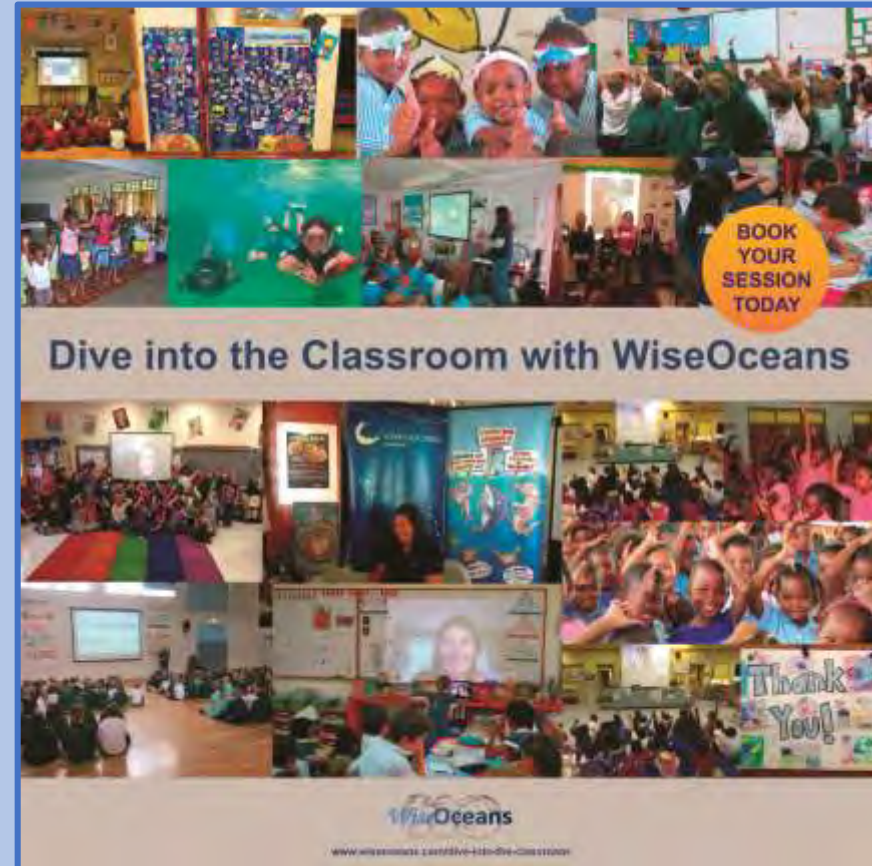
## Marine education around the world

### Via Skype

- Over 4000 students
- In nearly 200 schools
- In 16 countries

### School visits

- 🐟 2000 students
- 🐟 150 teachers





# Which countries have we 'been' to?



# Plastic Challenge June 2017

Plastic pollution is one of the greatest threats our oceans face. Many plastic products are designed to be used once and then discarded. Here are some practical solutions from WiseOceans to help reduce your plastic consumption, which in turn will help our oceans



# Why is education important

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- Prepares the new generation
- Builds an understanding of the threats and what people can do to help
- Provides knowledge of research being conducted and why
- Empowers people to conserve
- Gives enjoyment when learning interesting facts and observing new marine life
- Education helps us protect what we know and love



There is hope 😊

# Thank you

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