

WHY IS MAURITIUS THE PREFERRED PORT IN THE INDIAN OCEAN FOR BUSINESS ?

"The vision of the government is to tap the huge potential of the ocean economy with focus on port related activities, namely bunkering, logistics, fishing, cruise and dry-docking"

BUNKERING

"The objective of the government is to position Mauritius as a petroleum hub"

Bunker supplies have reached a level record of 405,000 tons for year 2016-2017. This was helped by a set of incentives put in place by the government and the Mauritius Ports Authority.

Main incentives are:

For vessels calling for bunkering, 50% off on port dues and anchorage. All vessels, irrespective of size, capped at 35,000 GRT*.

Ongoing and forthcoming projects:

Mauritius Port Authority allocated land in port area to private promoters for construction of additional tankage facilities. Storage capacity ashore increased from 145,000 tons to over 200,000 tons. Construction of a petroleum jetty at Albion, within port area, whereby tank farms for petroleum products will be constructed by private promoters.

FISHING

"Fish traffic of 150,000 tons handled per annum has growth potential of up to 250,000 tons"

As recommended in the port's master plan, a fishing port will be constructed to accommodate some 120 fishing vessels.

* Incentives prevailing in February 2018

LOGISTICS

"Mauritius wants to emerge as a major logistics and transshipment platform with a capacity of up to 500,000 transshipment containers as from 2018"

The port can welcome container vessels up to 12,000 TEU's capacity. MCT Quay length of 800 metres can fit 2 large container vessels of about 365 metres each.

Size of container stacking yard increased to capacity of 750,000 TEU's per annum.

Amongst the deepest ports in the region with a published depth of 16.5 metres. The 3 largest container shipping lines expressed interest to use Mauritius as transshipment platform for containers destined to Africa, South America and Australia.

Mauritius Ports Authority considering developing an island terminal with a capacity of 1.5 million TEU's.

CRUISE

"It is expected that 35 cruise vessels will call at Port Louis annually as from 2018"

Since implementation of cruise jetty in 2010, the cruise traffic has reached 40,000 passengers in 2016/17.

The construction of a 7500 sq metre state of the art dedicated cruise terminal building at Les Salines capable of welcoming 4,000 passengers is expected to be completed by 2019.

DRY-DOCKING

Setting up of new dry docks facilities are being considered for larger vessels.