

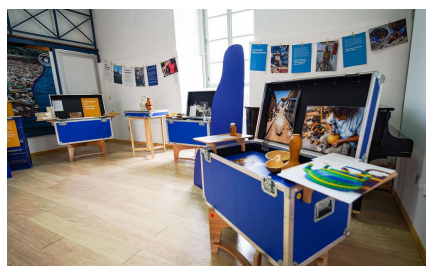
The Plastic Odyssey expedition arrives in the Seychelles for a 2-week stop.



On May 27, 2025, Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles – The Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and Plastic Odyssey launch the new phase of their oceanographic and civic mission for a plastic-free Indian Ocean. After Réunion, Mauritius, and Madagascar, the ambassador ship in the fight against plastic pollution arrives in Victoria for a fifteen-day stopover from May 29 to June 13, 2025.

THE OCEANOGRAPHIC AND CITIZEN MISSION

Through its project "Indian Ocean Plastic Expedition" (ExPLOI), the COI has partnered with Plastic Odyssey to conduct a large-scale regional campaign in its 5 member states. The arrival of the Plastic Odyssey ship coincides with Environment Week in Seychelles and is set to be a key moment to raise awareness, share knowledge, and encourage local solutions in response to this environmental emergency.



The objective of the oceanographic and civic mission covers several areas. :

- **Scientifically explore** the impact of marine plastic pollution in the Indian Ocean region, thanks to the Institute for Research and Development (IRD), the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), and other scientific institutions from the member states of the IOC;
- **Raise awareness among residents** about the issues of plastic in the ocean during stops in Réunion, Mauritius, Madagascar, Seychelles, and Comoros;
- **Promote concrete solutions** for the prevention and recycling of plastic waste throughout these regions.

This initiative of the ExPLOI project of the COI is supported by the French Development Agency (AFD) and the French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM). The scientific campaign is led by the IRD, coordinator of the 'Science' component of the ExPLOI project. Committed partners such as the sponsors of the Plastic Odyssey expedition and the sponsors of the regional stops in the Indian Ocean, like the Mauritius Commercial Bank (MCB), also provide their support and co-finance this operation.

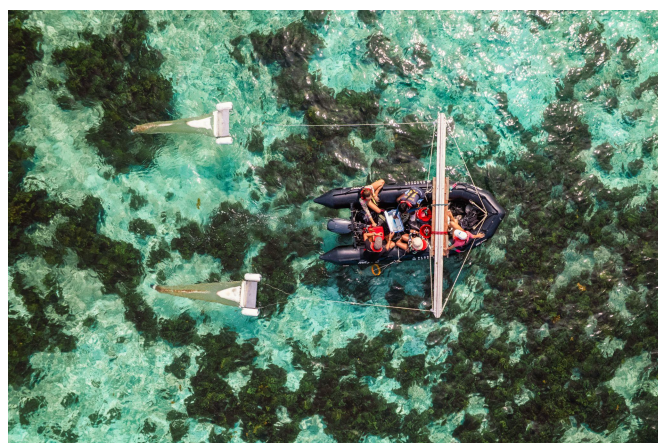


THE OCEANOGRAPHIC CAMPAIGN IN SEYCHELLES

From May 21 to May 29, 2025, the ship Plastic Odyssey, with half a dozen scientists from the University of Seychelles and other member states of the IOC on board, conducts a scientific measurement campaign around the islands of Mahe, La Digue, Praslin and La Curieuse to study plastic pollution in the area.

The research objects are part of a larger regional campaign including other measurement sites in Madagascar (Sainte-Marie) and in the Comoros (Mohéli). Among the research areas, scientists will study :

- Water sampling and research on microplastics, both in lagoon areas and offshore;
- Microbiology research on the plastisphere and risks associated with microplastic pollution;
- Collection of macroplastics and studies of the origins and drift zones of plastic waste.



Collection of microplastics through manta net in the Baie Lazare lagoon - ©Plastic Odyssey - Marine Reveilhac

THE PROGRAM OF THE SEYCHELLES STOPOVER

**This stopover will be marked by a series of captivating events, for all types of audiences.
Follow the news of the stopover on the website plasticodyssey.org!**

- **National conference against plastic pollution:** *On 02/06/2025 at 9:30 AM, in the L'Escale Marina conference room, by invitation and registration* - A unique opportunity to understand the stakes of plastic pollution and the impact of Plastic Odyssey, in the presence of local and engaged actors.
- **OnBoard Laboratory :** *From June 2 to 4, on board the ship, by application* - About ten local entrepreneurs will board the Plastic Odyssey ship for a 3-day immersion and training at the heart of plastic recycling solutions.
- **World Environment Day:** *June 5* - On the occasion of World Environment Day, in partnership with the Seychelles Ministry of Environment and local NGOs such as TOP Seychelles and Parley Seychelles, a series of coastal clean-up actions will be carried out simultaneously. Recyclable plastic waste collected will be repurposed into urban furniture aboard the Plastic Odyssey ship.
- **"On the road to UNOC" :** *On June 6, Docklands Auditorium:* Organized by Blue Economy Seychelles and the French Embassy in Seychelles, a preliminary event for the United Nations Ocean Week, which will be held in France from June 9 to 13, 2025, highlighting Seychellois initiatives for ocean preservation.
- **School visits:** *From June 9 to 12* - Every morning, students and teachers will have the opportunity to board the ship for an educational tour led by the members of the expedition. A unique immersion to understand the issues of plastic pollution and the existing solutions.
- **Screenings of the documentary films "Plastic Odyssey" Episode #1 and #2** - *June 3 at 5:30PM & June 6 at 5:00 PM, at the Docklands auditorium, free with registration.* In those 2 documentaries, discover the origins and first stops of the Plastic Odyssey expedition (Ep 1 - [registration link](#)) and a very unique mission in the middle of the Pacific Ocean on one of the most polluted and remote island (Ep.2 - [Registration link](#)) . - Information at plasticodyssey.org.
- **The "Treasure Trunks" of Plastic Odyssey:** *From May 30 to June 12, at the Alliance Française of Victoria, Free entry.* Open to the public and free of charge, this traveling exhibition highlights innovative alternatives to plastic discovered around the globe.
- **And many other activities!**
To learn more about the stopover program, visit our social media, plasticodyssey.org/live or write to us at: contact@plasticodyssey.org.

OUR STOPOVER PARTNERS

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SUPPORT



Mauritius Commercial Bank (MCB)

As partner of the stops in the Indian Ocean, MCB reaffirms its commitment to environmental protection. By supporting the Plastic Odyssey expedition through its stops in Mauritius, Madagascar, and Seychelles, the bank is engaged in a concrete approach to ecological transition and raising awareness of sustainable development issues.



Alliance Française
Victoria - Seychelles

Alliance Française Seychelles

The Alliance Française of Victoria provides its logistical and operational support for the smooth running of the stopover, notably by hosting the public exhibition and various stopover activities, facilitating the connection with educational institutions, and offering numerous cultural events related to the theme.



ABOUT US

Plastic Odyssey

Plastic Odyssey is a three-year expedition around the world, aimed at identifying, documenting, and disseminating low-cost and easily replicable recycling or plastic reduction solutions. The goal is to create a global network of recycling entrepreneurs, promote sustainable practices, and reduce plastic pollution at its source. Designed as a laboratory ship, Plastic Odyssey is equipped with an onboard micro-recycling factory that allows for the organization of training, awareness-raising, and project incubation sessions with numerous local partners. With about twenty crew members, the ship is also a place for experimenting with a zero-waste lifestyle and promotes innovative and alternative solutions to plastic. To learn more: plasticodyssey.org

Project: Plastic Expedition Indian Ocean (ExPLOI)

The project "Expedition Plastic Indian Ocean" or ExPLOI, implemented by the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) and supported by the French Development Agency (AFD) and the French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM), aims to provide answers to the multidimensional challenge of plastic pollution by mobilizing scientific research, circular entrepreneurship, innovation, and awareness. The Research Institute for Development (IRD) is the coordinator of the "science" component of the project. The regional project also supports local initiatives in the IOC member states, promoting changes in behavior and the engagement of public, economic, and non-state actors in the prevention and management of plastic waste. Learn more about the ExPLOI project : [ici](#)



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