FOREWORD

Welcome to our first issue of the pocketbook of Environment Statistics. It is hoped that this publication will no doubt satisfy the alarming need for data in the environment field. It is intended to provide an accessible, pocket-sized reference which will be particularly useful for Ministers and officials across Government, for students and for members of the public in general.

An endeavour has been made to cover the maximum number of environmental indicators. The key indicators presented are supplemented by graphical illustrations and a short write up, to guide the users through the different environmental topics.

The data series provided in this publication focuses on providing trends over time so that users can compare environmental performances against quantified targets and commitments set at the national and international level. The data mainly refers to the Island of Mauritius unless otherwise stated.

The materials provided in this pocketbook have been drawn from published statistics, mainly from the Digest of Environment Statistics, prepared by the Statistics Unit of the Department of Environment and released by the Central Statistics Office. Some other institutions have also supplied data and all of their contributions are herewith duly acknowledged.

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Overview

This pocketbook has been prepared with a view to providing data and information on environmental issues and thus assist the policy makers who can target and measure policy goals. Therefore these data could be used both for environmental planning and management for Sustainable Development (SD) as well as for linking the environment with other issues such as the economy.

There are various sectors of the economic, social and demographic fronts that need to identify key trends and changes that are affecting the environment.

The following table highlights the key socio-economic indicators of Mauritius. It shows the structural changes that have occurred during the last decade. It can be noted that, from 1995 to 2004, the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), which measures the total value of production in money terms, has increased from Rs 70,283 to Rs 174,468, or by about 148%. The share of agriculture in the economy has dropped to 6.2%. It can also be seen that there are new emerging sectors such as the financial services and tourism.

During the same period, 1995 to 2004 the population has increased by 10.9%, from 1,112,400 to 1,233,400.

Main socio-economic indicators, 1995 and 2004				
Indicator	Units	1995	2004 1	
1. Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at market prices	Rs mn	70,283	174,468	
2. Sectoral contribution to GDP				
Agriculture	%	10.3	6.2	
Manufacturing	%	22.9	21.0	
Construction	%	6.4	5.8	
Wholesale and retail trade	%	12.7	11.0	
Hotels and restaurants	%	4.6	7.5	
Transport and communications	%	11.4	13.1	
Financial intermediation and business services	%	15.4	19.3	
Other	%	16.3	16.1	
3. GDP annual growth rate (basic prices)	%	5.5	4.1	
4. Per capita GDP at market prices	Rs	62,606	141,422	
5. Per capita GDP in US dollars	US\$	3,517	5,096	
6. Investment (GDFCF)	Rs mn	16,499	37,729	
7. Exports (f.o.b) (include ship's stores and bunkers)	Rs mn	27,326	55,223	
8. Imports (c.i.f)	Rs mn	34,363	76,577	
9. Population (mid year)	000	1,112.4	1,233.4	
10. Population annual growth rate	%	1.2	0.8	
11. Population density (per kilometre square)	Number	554	607	
12. Total labour force ²	000	484.8	549.6	
13. Total employment ²	000	460.5	504.5	
Agriculture (as a % of total)	%	14.7	9.7	
Manufacturing (as a % of total)	%	29.5	24.6	
14. Unemployment rate ²	%	5.1	8.5	
15. Inflation rate	%	6.0	4.7	
16. Tourist arrivals	000	422.4	718.9	

¹ Provisional

As from 2004, the Continous Multi Purpose Household Survey is used to measure labour force, employment and unemployment and the estimates refer to population aged 15 years and over.

² Year 1995 estimates were based on data from various sources and refer to population aged 12 years and over.

Environment and economy are inextricably linked. Understanding the links between the two helps to identify the enabling factors which underlie environmental degradation, and provide a framework for policy development for the environment. The table below shows the main environment indicators that can be used concurrently with the socio-economic data to identify trends and links.

Main environment indicators, 1995 and 2004				
Indicator	Units	1995	2004 1	
1. Total land area	000 ha	186.5	186.5	
2. Irrigated land	ha	17,306.0	21,417.0	
3. Forest area (as a % of total land area)	%	30.6	23.8	
4. Land protected areas	ha	11,125.0	13,926.0	
5. Marine protected areas	000 ha	7,190.0	7,216.0	
6. Threatened plant species (IUCN Red List)	Number		87	
7. Threatened animal species (IUCN Red List)	Number		60	
8. Total fish catch	tons	16,029.0	9,431.0	
9. Mean catch per fisherman day	kg	4.8	4.2	
10. Total Carbon dioxide emission	000 tons	1,738.4	2,795.7	
11. Per capita carbon dioxide emission	Tons	1.6	2.3	
12. Mean annual rainfall	millimetres	1,514.4	2,271.4	
13. Annual fresh water abstraction	Mm^3	650.0	662.0	
14. Daily per capita domestic water consumption	litres	154.8	160.0	
15. Daily per capita solid waste generated (estimate)	Kg	0.6	0.9	
16. Total electricity generated	GWh	1,165.5	2,165.0	
17. Per capita primary energy requirement	toe	0.8	1.0	
18. Per capita final energy consumption	toe	0.6	0.7	
19. Energy intensity	toe per Rs 100,000 GDP	1.8	1.6	

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Explanatory Notes

Introduction

The statistics presented in this report are divided into six main information categories corresponding to the following components of the natural environment: Flora, Fauna, Atmosphere, Water, Land, and Human Settlements.

Due to its interdisciplinary nature, Environment Statistics have data sources that are dispersed and a variety of methods are applied in their collection and compilation. The systematic development and organisation of a complex field such as the environment statistics has necessitated the formulation of various frameworks and models. While the United Nation (UN) has prepared and adopted the Framework for the Development of Environment Statistics (FDES), the Organisation for Economic Co operation and Development (OECD) has developed and used the Pressure-State-Response (P-S-R) model.

For the purpose of this publication, both these models can be used to fit the data provided. An overview of the two models has been presented below.

1. The FDES model

		Information categories			
		Social and	Environmental	Responses to	Stocks,
Components of the		economic	impacts of	environmental	inventories and
environment		activities,	activities/ events	impacts	background
		natural events			conditions
1.	Flora	e.g Forest area,	e.g Agricultural lands,	e.g Protected areas	e.g Populations,
2.	Fauna	Fish catch,	Air quality,	EIA and PER	Climate,
3.	Atmosphere	Temperature,	Water quality,	Air quality monitoring	Water balance,
4.	Water	Water abstraction,	Solid wastes generation	O .	Land availability
5.	Land	Land use,			
6.	Human	Energy			
	Settlements	consumption			

2. The P-S-R model

		Pressure	State	Response
1.	Flora		Indicators used to	Indicators used to
2.	Fauna	Indicators used to	monitor the	monitor the measures
3.	Atmosphere	monitor the causes	conditions, practices	and responses of
4.	Water	of environmental	and activities related	society, such as
5.	Land	problems	to known	sectoral regulations to
6.	Human		environmental	the impacts on the
	Settlements	J	problems	environment

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