

EKONESANS

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Greetings from BP!

In this premiere issue, we're thrilled to unveil our latest initiative: an e-newsletter designed to keep you informed, inspired and engaged.

Drawing inspiration from the vibrant exchange of ideas for our experiential learning program, Ekonesans serves as a beacon of knowledge to engage our community to take actions on environmental challenges.

Our vision is to transform uncultivated lands into green fields, vegetable plots, and outdoor laboratories with face-to-face and online tools to accompany more schools, teachers and students in the making of school gardens.

Let's grow together organically !



ZOOM Konter Karbonn

Are you ready to take the first step towards a greener future?

Scan the QR Code and assess your personal carbon footprint in minutes and discover how your lifestyle choices impact the planet. Plus, get cool tips for greener living.

Join us in the global effort to fight climate change. Start your eco-conscious journey today !



Or visit www.biodiversitypreservation.bio

INVITATIONS !

BP CREATIVITY CHALLENGE

Because engaging youth in imagining the future of agriculture holds a significant importance, BP organises a Creativity Challenge.

Theme:
Imagine a zero-pesticide agriculture in Mauritius.



How it works ?

1. Teachers to organise a creativity session where students imagine an agriculture in Mauritius that does not impact the soil, nature and our health.
2. Get creative! Express yourself through 8 categories : (1) painting, (2) photography, (3) video, (4) music, (5) slam, (6) poetry, (7) sculpture and (8) new idea - let your imagination soar !
3. Share your creation by sending it to us (ngo@biodiversity.preservation.bio) or posting a photo/video on BP's social media platforms.
4. A selection committee will review submissions by the 31st July 2024.
5. Winners from primary and secondary schools in each of the 8 categories will receive a pack of Ekoskop, a community card game on environmental challenges.
6. The winning creation will be showcased in our upcoming newsletter.



Deadline: June 30th, 2024.

More information ?

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Chemical free garden tips

Managing crop losses

When it comes to safeguarding your vegetable crops, prevention is key. Regularly inspecting your plants for signs of trouble and managing any issues early on is essential. But fear not, there are plenty of natural techniques that are not only pocket-friendly but also safe for everyone involved!

Here are some eco-friendly methods to manage those pesky attacks:

- **Timing is Everything:** Play around with your planting schedule to outsmart potential threats.
- **Rotate and Rejuvenate:** Establish a thoughtful crop rotation plan to keep your soil happy and healthy.
- **Location, Location, Location:** Choose a spot with well-drained soil for your garden's home sweet home.
- **Superhero Varieties:** Opt for vegetable varieties that boast natural resistance to pests or diseases.
- **Feed the Soil:** Treat your garden to natural fertilizers at the right doses and at the right time.
- **Weed Wisely:** Keep those pesky weeds at bay with regular maintenance.
- **Hands-On Help:** When caterpillars come calling, handpick them out of your garden.
- **Clean Sweep:** Wrap up the growing season by removing all crop residues.



Ready to dive deeper into the world of sustainable gardening? Register on our learning platform :



Want to join Slow Food Food Gardens in Africa community?

Contact our School Program Coordinator - Corine Florimond.

Get your school garden registered and join the movement.

More info on : www.slowfood.com

Around the world Food gardens in Africa

Slow Food Gardens in Africa emerge as vital projects aimed at enhancing food security and nutrition. They serve as gateways to fresh, wholesome produce while championing biodiversity through the cultivation of diverse crops, including traditional and heirloom varieties.

These gardens not only foster sustainable agricultural practices but also play a crucial role in environmental conservation. By employing agroecological methods, they minimize reliance on harmful pesticides and herbicides, while simultaneously preserving water resources and maintaining soil fertility.

SCHOOL GARDEN UPDATE



St Mary's School garden creation sessions :

- in July 2022 (1 & 2) and March 2023 (3 & 4)
- Theory on agroecology and practical session in progress
- Beans and carrots growing slowly slowly



KOZE ZENES !

"Koze Zenes" is a speaker's corner initiative developed by Biodiversity Preservation to encourage students to voice their opinions through debates on emerging environmental issues, aiming for collective action and practical solutions.

Here's how it works:

It's straightforward—share your thoughts with us by submitting an article by mail (ngo@biodiversity.preservation.bio) !

Together, let's catalyze change by advocating for environmentally-friendly practices, addressing pertinent issues, influencing policies, and focusing on priority areas at both local and national levels.