## COASTAL PROTECTION, LANDSCAPING AND INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS IN MAURITIUS

**CASE NOYALE SITE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT REPORT**

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