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The Lux Collective Partners with Mark Read Photography to Raise Funds for Endangered Mauritius' Wildlife



Singapore – The Lux Collective, one of the largest hotel operators in the Indian Ocean, has partnered with award-winning British photographer, [Mark Read](#), and the [Mauritian Wildlife Foundation](#) to raise funds through the sale of photographic prints to aid the endemic wildlife in Mauritius affected by the oil spill.

“Our beautiful covid-free island of Mauritius has taken a hit. The oil spill is not in proximity nor has it directly impacted our resorts, however we are deeply concerned about the impact it will have on the wildlife, the eco systems and livelihoods of communities that depend on marine and coastal biodiversity. We call upon all lovers of Mauritius to come together and help clean up this mess. Together with Mark Read, a friend of LUX* Resorts & Hotels and renowned photographer, we seek your support in buying art for good,” said Julian Hagger, Executive Vice President of The Lux Collective.

“Mauritius is very close to my heart, having photographed there since 2012. It has been such a challenging period for the country and with this distressing news, I really want to do whatever I can to help rescue and restore the fragile and remarkable wildlife, and the natural beauty of this unique part of the world,” Mark Read added.

10 prints were carefully curated to celebrate the beauty of the island, ocean, flora and culture. All prints are available for purchase on our website in two sizes (16 x 12 cm and 20 x 16 cm) for EUR 100 and EUR 150 respectively. All proceeds will go to Mauritian Wildlife Foundation. To support Mauritius and save its endemic wildlife, please click [here](#).

Since 1985, Mauritius Wildlife Foundation has been working to restore the 26-hectare Ile Aux Aigrette into a coastal forest resembling the reserve that existed 400 years ago. The oil spill is now threatening the entire ecosystem.

“We’ve evacuated the endangered plant species in the nursery and whilst the forest is exposed to fumes and probable pollution from the water and soil, most of the birds, except 12 critically endangered Olive White-eyes and six endangered Mauritius Fodies, have remained on the island. We now need to work from scratch to restore this islet as it was before the oil leak, which will take at least 10 years,” said Jean Hugues Gardenne, Fundraising and Communications Manager of Mauritius Wildlife Foundation.

During the week, team members of LUX* Hotels & Resorts, SALT Resorts and Tamassa Resorts, as well as local and regional communities, have also banded together to donate five tonnes of human hair in order to produce booms to stem the flow of oil to the coast.

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About The Lux Collective

The Lux Collective is a global hotel operator headquartered in Singapore and manages brands LUX* Resorts, SALT, Tamassa, SOCIO and Café LUX*. Other properties managed by The Lux Collective include Hotel Le Recif, Reunion Island as well as Ile des Deux Cocos, Mauritius, a private paradise island.

Successful hospitality experiences are created through hard work, passion and the collaboration of people with diverse skills. The Lux Collective work together with some of the most passionate and creative thinkers and doers. Together with their team members, stakeholders, vendors and partners, they create and deliver some of the leading hospitality experiences in the world. Putting people first is the core of their culture as well as staying true to its values of being passionate, responsible and innovative in all that they do. The Lux Collective make each moment matter and cares about what matters. By providing comfort through thoughtful and exquisite designs, they create experiences that make each moment matter for all guests.

The Lux Collective is committed to operating in a considered and respectful manner that is mindful of future generations.

An affiliate member of IBL, a major economic player in the Indian Ocean, and a leader of the “TOP 100” Mauritian companies, IBL is active in key sectors of the Mauritian economy, representing a portfolio of approximately 300 subsidiaries and associated companies.

About Mark Read

Mark Read is an award-winning Portrait, Lifestyle and Travel photographer and he has been to the ends of the Earth. From a National Geographic commission to photograph the Chukchi Reindeer herders in Siberia at – 53°C to tracking desert elephants with the San Bushmen of the Kalahari, he has chalked up nearly half the countries in the World, 96 of them, and is working hard on getting to the rest.

About Mauritius Wildlife Foundation

The Mauritian Wildlife Foundation (MWF) is the only non-governmental organization (NGO) in Mauritius to be exclusively concerned with the conservation and preservation of the nation’s endangered plant and animal species.

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