

Seafood Expo Global Brussels, Belgium, 26-28 April 2016

Enterprise Mauritius (EM) participated for the 8th consecutive year with three major Mauritian seafood exporters at the Seafood Expo Global in Brussels, Belgium held from 26th to 28th April 2016 at the Brussels Expo. This show being the world's largest gathering of players involved in seafood processing and trade, created the right platform for exporters to maintain visibility and consolidate partnerships with existing as well as new buyers.

In 2015, domestic exports of seafood products from Mauritius stood at 63,362 tons, amounting to Rs 9.4 bn, which include exports of freshwater fish, frozen and fresh tuna, fish fillets, swordfish, seabass, canned tuna to European, USA and Asian markets.

Three companies, Ferme Marine De Mahebourg Ltd, Sapmer and Seskel Enterprises Ltd showcased products such as red drum fish (*Sciaenops ocellatus*), European Seabass fish (*Dicentrarchus labrax*), fish fillets, frozen premium tuna steak and loin, salted fish (snoek) of Thyrsites atun variety. Buyers from China, USA, Spain, Italy, Belgium, UAE, Netherlands, UK and Germany have shown interest for the Mauritian seafood products during the expo.

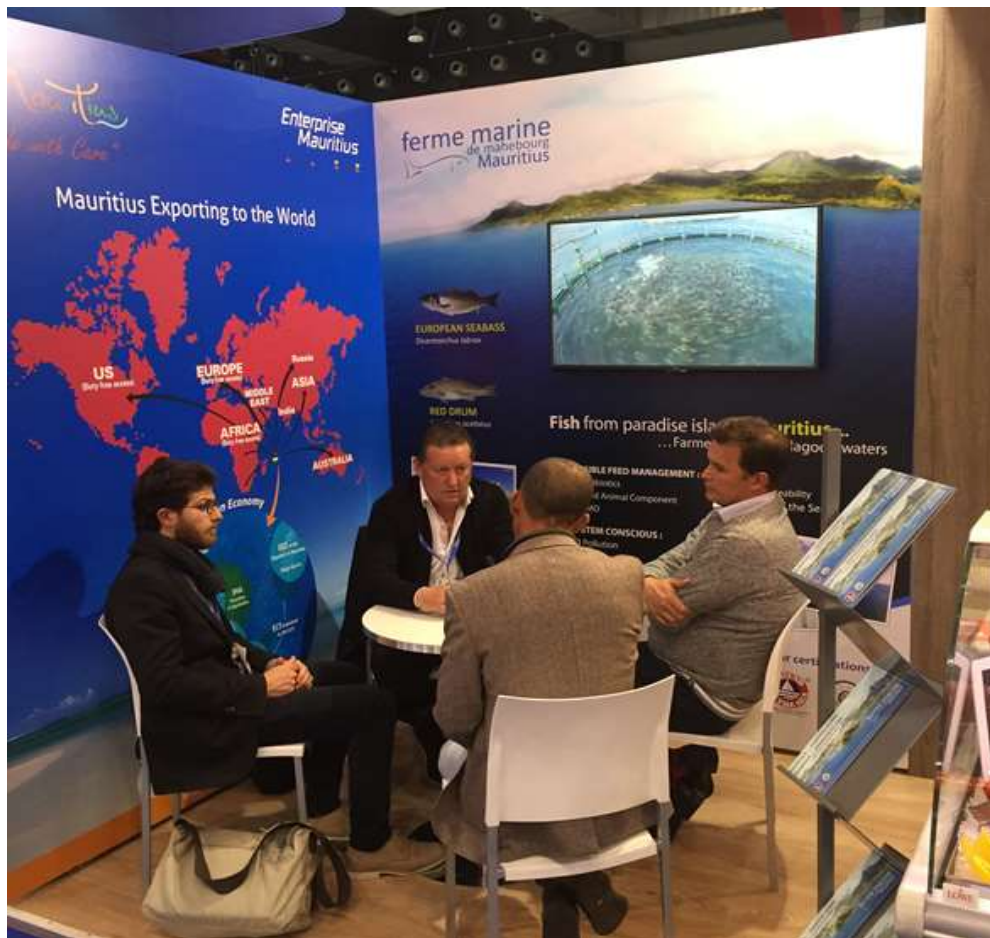
This year's edition had 1,664 exhibiting companies from 80 countries with 73 national and regional pavilions. New country pavilions were from Finland, Russia, Scotland and Uruguay. In Addition, new exhibitors from Barbados, Seychelles, Tanzania and Uganda, exhibited their products. A total of 22,166 visitors from 143 countries attended the show.

Visitors to the Mauritius Pavilion had the opportunity to taste grilled Tuna Steak, Red Drum and European seabass fishes as well as fritted "beignets" of salted snoek fish.

The Mauritius Ambassador in Belgium, His Excellency, Mr H. Dillum, and His Excellency, Prof. Robert Wtterwulge, Mauritius Consulate in Belgium, also visited the Mauritius Pavilion.

Furthermore, H.E Mr H. Dillum, Prof. Robert Wtterwulge and Mr Oupendranath Amoroo from Enterprise Mauritius had meetings with Mr Maurice Vermeesch, Vice Chairperson and Head of the "Eastern Africa Chapter" of the Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture Belgium-Luxembourg-Africa-Caribbean and Mr. Dominique Delattre, Director Middle East & Africa at the Wallonia Export-Investment Bureau (L'AWEX) to seek potential investors for investment opportunities in the Mauritian blue economy.

Meeting was also conducted with Mr Laurent de Potter, in charge of International Relations Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech – University of Liège where further discussions took place regarding research and product development for the Agro Sector.



Seafood tasting on the Mauritian Pavilion at Seafood Expo Global



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Visit to Mauritian Pavilion of H.E H.Dillum and Prof.Robert Wtterwulge



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