

**MINISTRY OF AGRO-INDUSTRY, FOOD SECURITY,
BLUE ECONOMY AND FISHERIES
(Blue Economy and Fisheries Division)**

The Ministry of Agro-Industry, Food Security, Blue Economy and Fisheries (Blue Economy and Fisheries Division) has been apprised that a Southern Sea Elephant has been observed along the Mauritian coastline at Les Salines.

2. The animal is **not sick, injured or stranded**. Southern Sea Elephants are wild marine mammals which occasionally visit the shores of Mauritius to rest during moulting period. During such periods, these animals require adequate space and should not be disturbed.

3. Members of the public are informed that marine mammals are protected under the Fisheries Act 2023. Accordingly, it is **strictly prohibited** to approach, touch, feed, chase, attempt to move, or otherwise harass the sea elephant in any manner.

4. **Any person found harassing or interfering with the Southern Sea Elephant shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine of up to Rs25 million and imprisonment for a term not exceeding two (2) years.**

5. The Ministry is closely monitoring the situation in collaboration with the relevant authorities. An appeal is made to the public to respect the animal's natural behaviour and allow it to rest undisturbed.

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