

Mauritius

Total no. of Botanic Gardens recorded in Mauritius: 2.
Approx. no. of living plant accessions recorded in these botanic gardens: c.2,000.
Approx. no. of taxa in these collections: c.1,500
Estimated % of pre-CBD collections: c.95%

Location: CUREPIPE
Founded: Unknown
Garden Name: Curepipe Botanic Gardens
Address: c/o The Conservator of Forests, Forestry Service, CUREPIPE.
Status: Municipal
Herbarium: No
Ex situ Collections:
Trees and shrubs, ornamentals. A small collection of native spp.
No. of taxa: 130
Special Conservation Collections: Contains the unique sole surviving specimen of the palm, *Hyophorbe amaricaulis* in the world and some other threatened natives including specimens of *Trochetia* spp. and *Dombeya* spp. Otherwise the collections include a variety of tropical ornamentals and woody trees and shrubs.

Location: PAMPLEMOUSSES
Founded: 1729.
Garden Name: Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam Botanic Garden (formerly the Royal Botanic Gardens, Pamplemousses)
Address: Pamplemousses
Status: State
Herbarium: No
Ex situ Collections:
Contains a wide collection of woody tropical plants, including about 25 palm species of such genera as *Acanthophoenix*, *Areca*, *Hyophorbe*, *Dictyosperma*, *Caryota*, *Livistona*, *Phoenix*, *Roystonea*, *Sabal*, *Latania*, *Washingtonia*. Other genera represented by several species include *Cassia*, *Bombax*, *Cinnamomum*, *Clusia*, *Diospyros*, *Erythrina*, *Eugenia*, *Ficus*, *Mimusops*, *Pandanus*, *Melia*, *Sideroxylon*, *Tectona*, *Terminalis* and *Vitex*. Many of the specimens in the Garden are mature and historic specimens having been planted during the last two centuries.
No. of taxa: 750
Rare & Endangered plants: 25-30 native species are cultivated, many of which are rare or endangered or of very restricted distribution. As Pamplemousses is situated in the lowlands of Mauritius, it is a site for the cultivation of lowland native plants for which most natural habitats have disappeared.