

Regional Cotton & Textile Executive Summit

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Regional EPZ , Freeports
Opportunities , supply & demand

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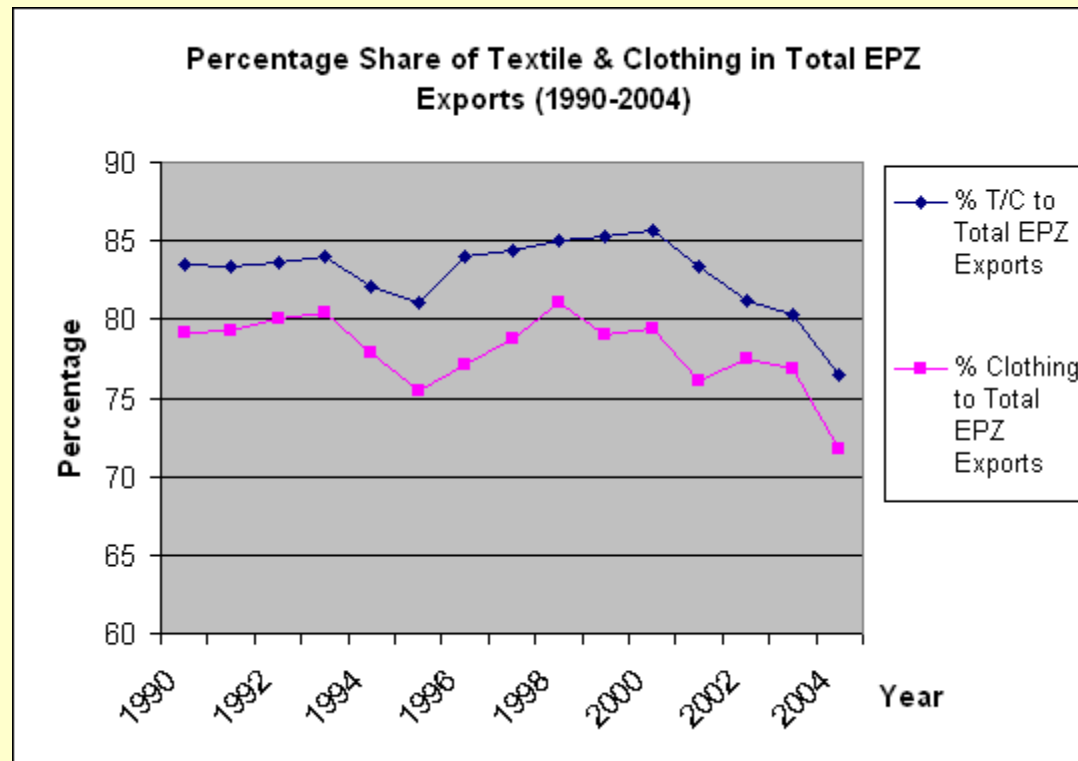
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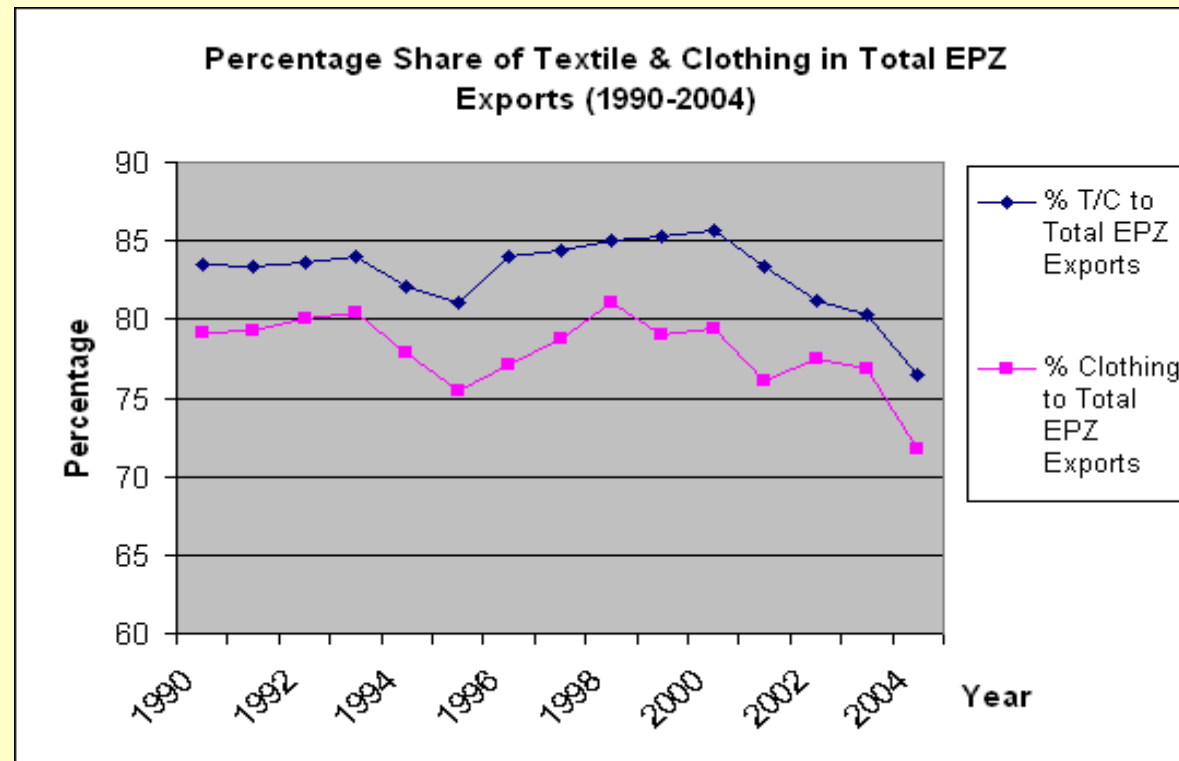
Textile Sector

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
EPZ ent.	518	522	506	506	501
Employment	90,682	87,607	87,204	77,623	68,022
Exports	30,961	34,743	34,405	33,423	34,403
Of which TC		28,937	27,918	26,851	26,378
direct	25,504	28,099	26,540	25,268	24,752
Thru Freeport		838	1,378	1,583	1,626

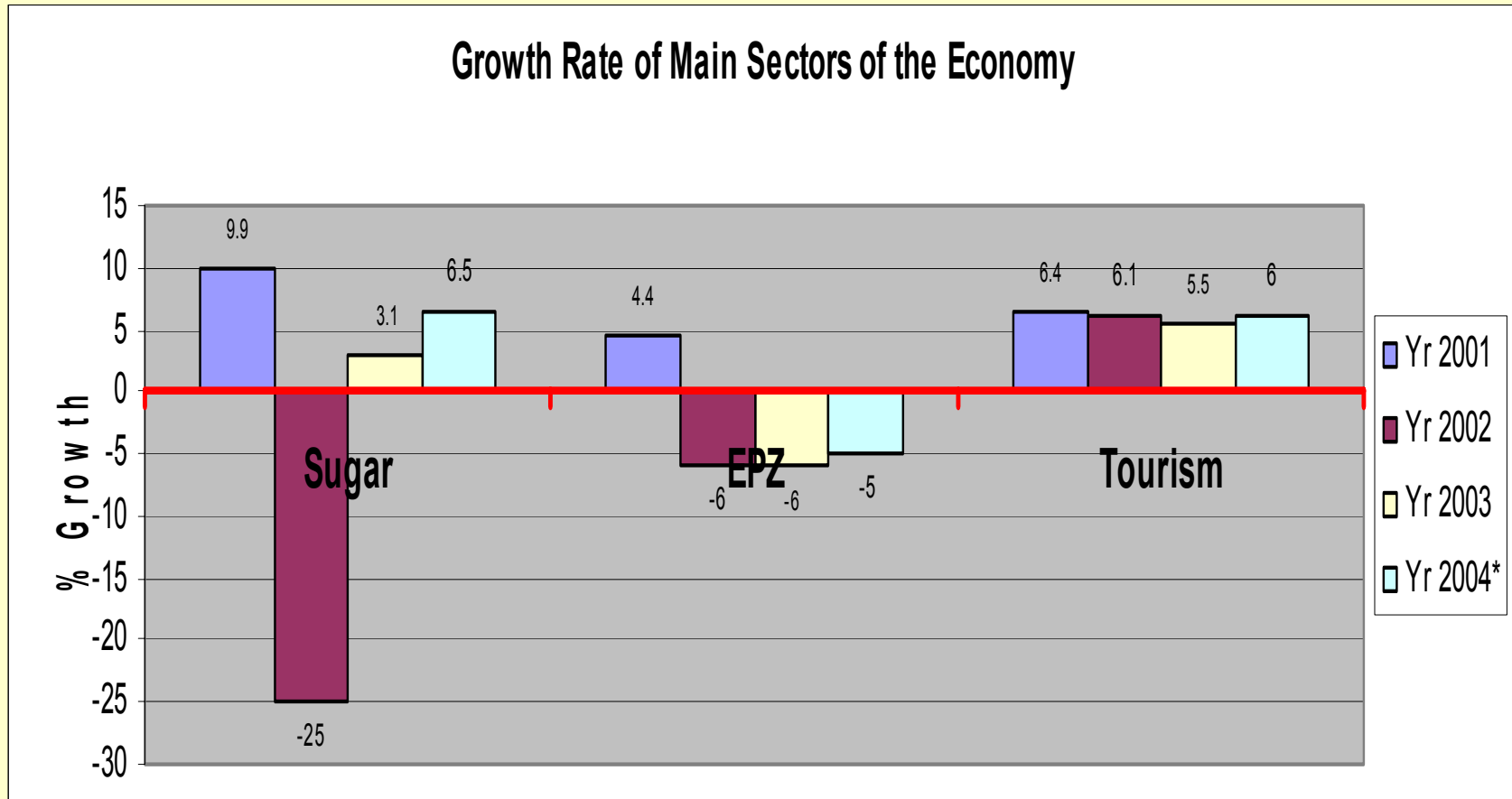
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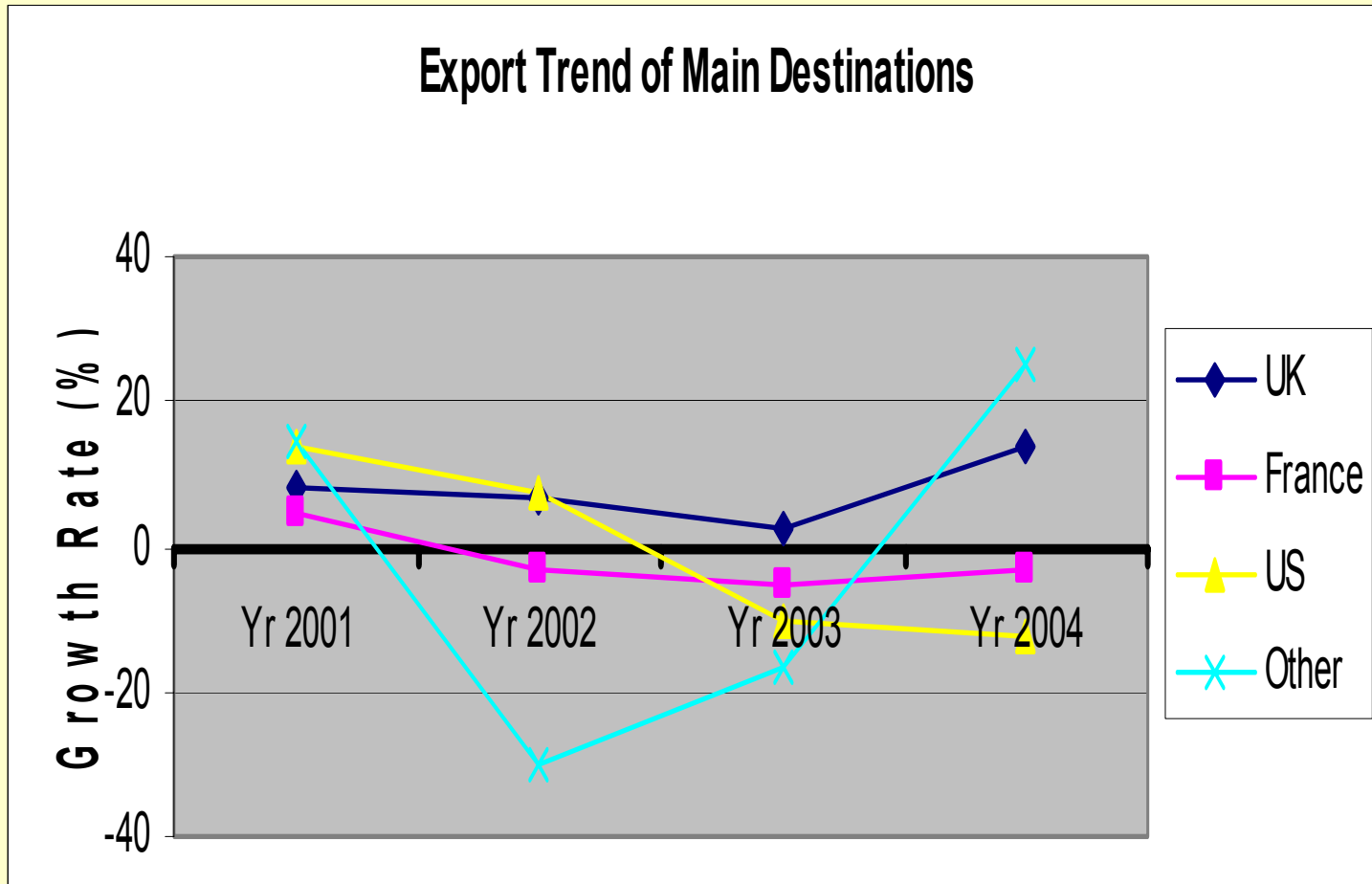
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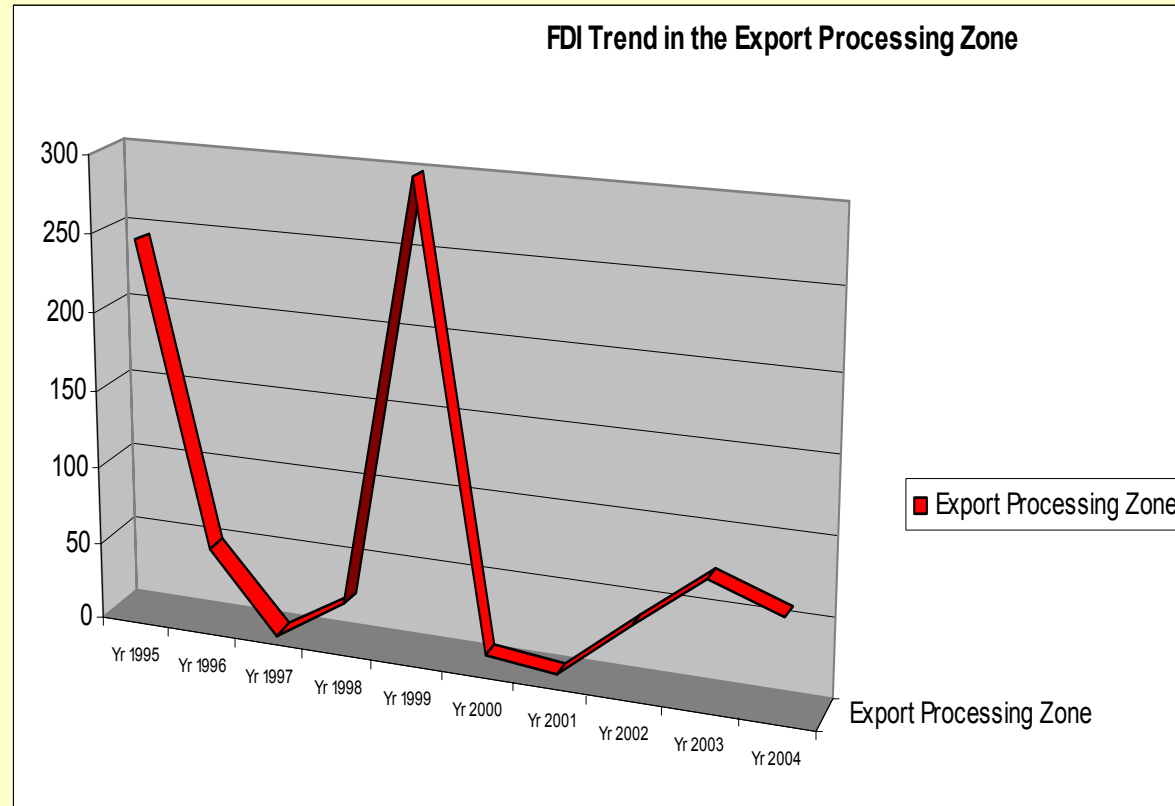
Growth rate of main sectors of the economy



Export trend to main destinations

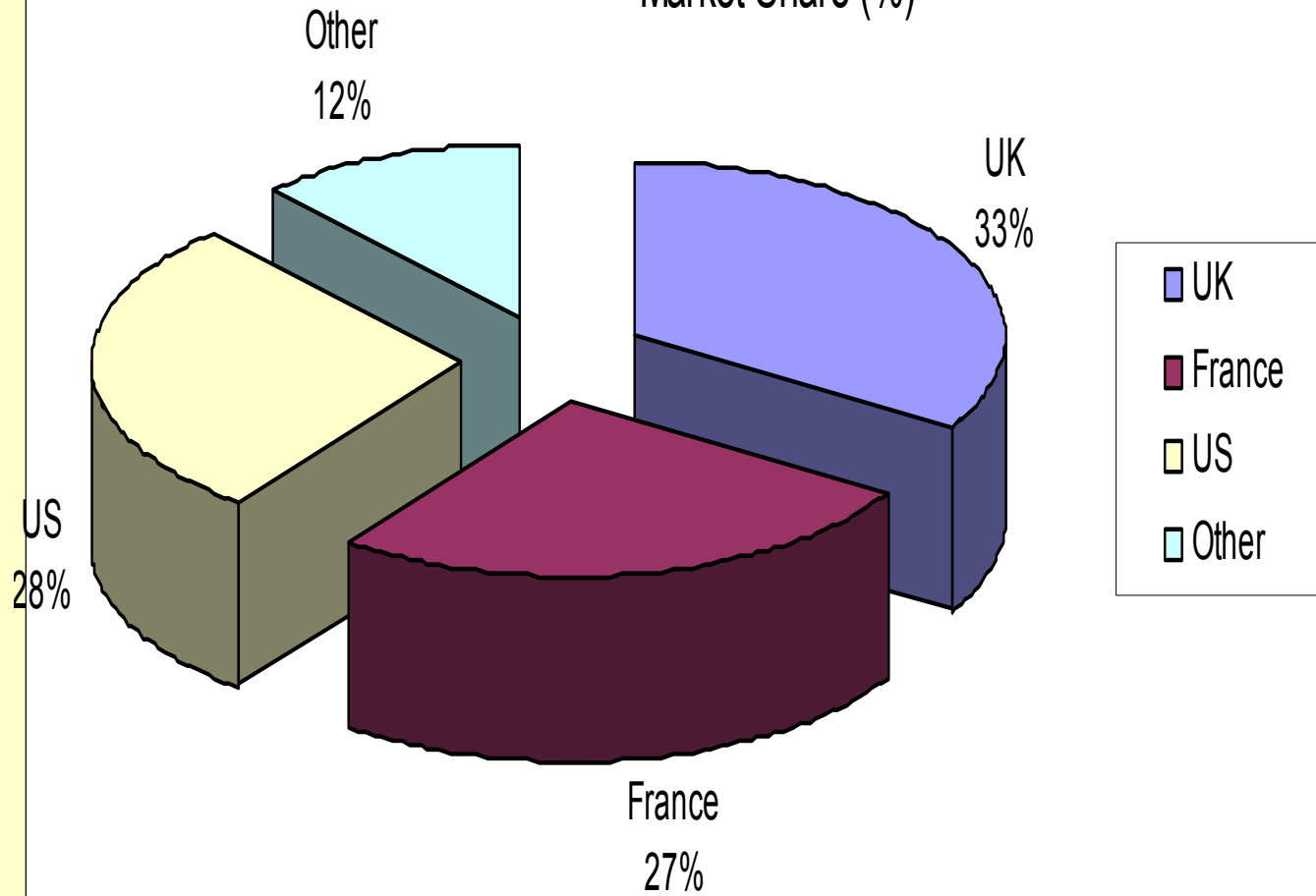


FDI trend in the EPZ



Source: BOM (Monthly Statistical Bulletin)

Market Share (%)



International Agreements & Textile

- AGOA LDC status - Sept 2007
- Cotonu agreement - Jan 2008
- SADC - Jan 2012
- COMESA - Dec 2004 (not yet promulgated)

Measures Taken

- High Powered Committee on the Textile and Clothing Sector
- TEST Textile emergency Support Team .
- World Bank Mission

Prospects for the Textile Clothing Industry

- Setting up of “*Enterprise Mauritius*”
- Strategy-
 - Restructuring , Re-engineering
 - Marketing & Branding Mauritius
 - Upgrading the connectivity of
Mauritius

Mauritius Freeport
Regional Logistics, Marketing
& Distribution Platform

Creation of the Mauritius Freeport in 1992

To diversify the Mauritian economy

- **To strengthen the services sector**
- **To position Mauritius as a regional logistics and marketing centre**

MAURITIUS FREEPORT **A COMMERCIAL FREE ZONE**

Fenced area in or adjacent to the port or airport, within which goods sourced from overseas may be landed, stored, undergo minor transformations and re-exported without payment of duties.

Freeport Activities

Warehousing

- **Breaking Bulk**
- **Sorting, Grading, Cleaning, & Mixing**
- **Labeling, Packing & Repackaging**
- **Light Assembly, Minor Processing**
- **Ship building & repairs**
- **Maintenance of ships & aircrafts**
- **Quality Control & Inspection services**
- **Freight Forwarding Services**

Financial Incentives

Duty-Free and VAT free for goods and equipment imported into Freeport zones

- **Exemption from Corporate Tax for trading activities**
- **100% foreign ownership**
- **Free repatriation of profits**
- **No foreign exchange control**
- **Reduced port handling charges**
- **Percentage of turnover sales to the local market**
- **Access to Offshore banking facilities**

Mauritius Freeport Infrastructure

- 45 ha of reclaimed land
- 19,000 m² of Container Yard
- 52,000 m² of Dry Warehouses
- 50,000 m³ of Cold Rooms
- 6,500 m² of Processing Space
- 3,500 m² of Offices
- 2,000 m² of Exhibition Space

Mauritius Freeport in 2004

	1993	2004
Legal framework	Freeport Act '92	Freeport Act '04
Freeport Zones	1	13
Freeport Zone total area	2 ha	50 ha
Infrastructures available	5,000 m ²	110,000 m²
Direct Investment	< 1 m USD	> 80 m USD
No. Logistics Providers	1 (Govt)	8 (private)
No. Freeport Operators	10	350
Local companies using the Freeport	0	180
Value of goods (FOB USD)	< 1 m USD	> 500 m USD
Tonnage of goods	70 tonnes	230,000 tonnes
No of containers handled	5	10,000

Airport Logistics Centre

- **Existing – Freeport zone of 2,500 m² in the airport compound for low volume & high value activities**
- **Project – Air Cargo Logistics Centre 23ha to be developed**

Opportunities & challenges

- 1) Logistics Hub
- 2) Seafood Hub
- 3) Duty free Paradise

Indian Ocean Ports, Logistics & Shipping

Hilton Mauritius Resort And Spa ,
Mauritius

28th and 29th June 2005

This event takes place in conjunction with
the 31st Council Meeting of the Port
Management Association of Eastern and
Southern Africa (PMAESA).

A 2 days Conference features 23 world-class conference speakers on global transportation and logistics attended by a prestigious gathering of 250 senior executive delegates from the world's leading shippers, cargo owners, shipping lines, freight forwarders, logistics companies, importers/exporters, ports, terminal operating companies, railway operators, airports, port equipment and services suppliers from the USA, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

**The Conference will be conducted in
English and French.**

Seafood Hub

- **1.9 M Km² of Exclusive Economic Zone**
- **Indian Ocean – the 2nd world largest stock of tuna fish**
- **Modern Logistics Infrastructure**
 - **Cold Rooms according to International Norms & Standards**
 - **Value Added Processing Activities**
- **Preferential Access to EU Market**
- **Open Policy for Fishing Licenses**
- **Ancillary Services**
 - **Ship Repairs, Bunkering Services**

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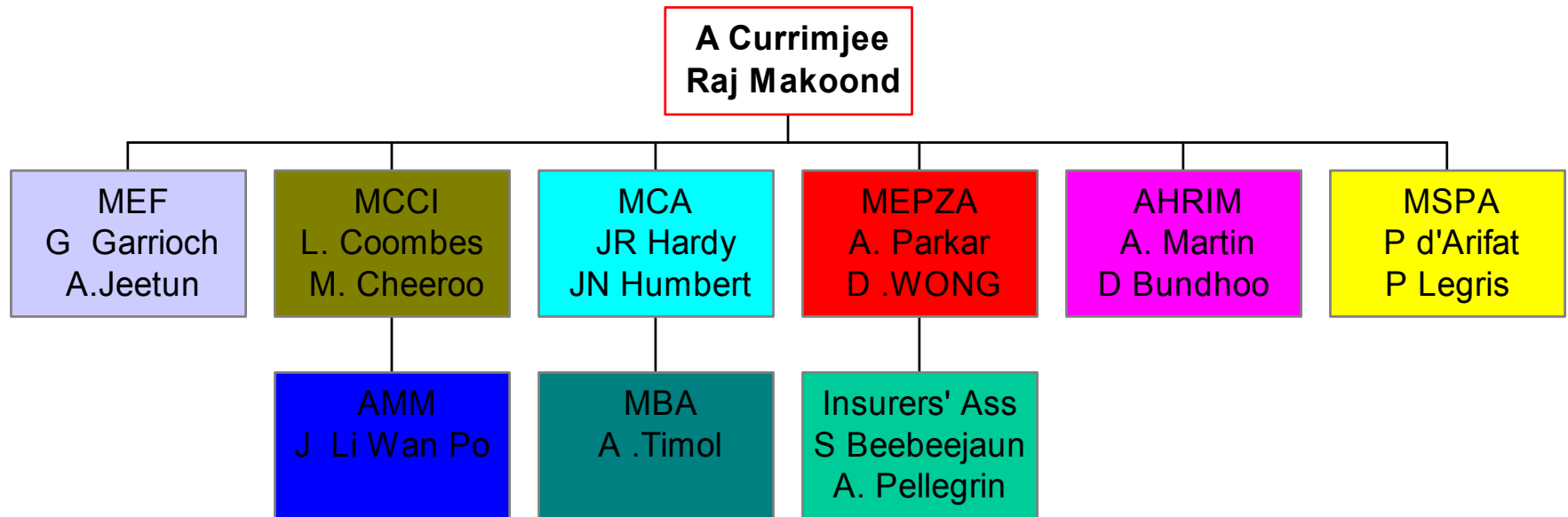
The Seafood Hub: an emerging as an industry

- comprises a centre for transshipment, processing, storage, distribution and re-exportation of high value-added seafood product
- Government has moved fast to facilitate investment in that sector. Close to half a billion rupees are being invested, creating more than 1,000 direct employment.
- the One-Stop-Shop Service which has been operational since the beginning of this month at Mer Rouge.

One Stop Shop Service Dedicated to Seafood Industry

- **Seamless services through the one stop shop open 7 days a week**
- **The one stop shop comprises the following Ministries/Departments to facilitate business activities in the Industry**
 - **Ministry of Fisheries**
 - **Ministry of Health**
 - **Customs and Excise Dept**
 - **Passport and Immigration Office**
 - **Veterinary Services**

Joint Economic Council



MEPZA Fast Facts

- Established in 1976
- Has a global database of 100 EPZ firms
- Handles queries of members regularly
- Organises regular training programs
- 1999 National Unity Award Winner
- Key role player within the region in the Africa Growth & Opportunity Act campaign since 1995



Thank you

Questions ?