



# CHILD ONLINE PROTECTION

## MAURITIUS



- National Legislation
- National Strategy or Policy
- UN Convention
- UN Protocol
- Institutional Support
- Reporting Mechanism

### BACKGROUND

**Total Population:** 1 314 000

(data source: [United Nations Statistics Division](#), December 2012)

**Internet users**, percentage of population: 41.39%

(data source: [ITU Statistics](#), December 2012)

**Internet users age 15-24:** 119 001

**Internet user age 25-74:** 167 117

(Composition by age available for the country answered ITU survey; data source: internal ITU statistics, December 2010)

### NATIONAL LEGISLATION

- [Sections 248, 251 and 288](#) of the Criminal Code.
- [Section 18\(m\)](#) and [46\(h\)\(i\)](#) of the Information and Communication Technologies Act, 2001.
- Sections 13A and 15 of the Child Protection Act, 1995 (not available in pdf or html).
- [Section 22](#) of the Computer Misuse and Cybercrime Act, 2003 (Amends the Child Protection Act.)

## NATIONAL STRATEGY

- [Child Safety Online Action Plan](#).

## UN CONVENTION

- Acceded to the [Convention on the Rights of the Child](#), with no declarations or reservations to articles 16, 17(e) and 34(c).

## UN PROTOCOL

- Signed and ratified, with no declarations or reservations to articles 2 and 3, the [Optional Protocol to The Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography](#).

## INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

- The Mauritian [ICT Authority](#) is responsible for regulating harmful and illegal online content. It has a procedure of [content-filtering](#) related to child sexual abuse websites.
- The National Computer Board ([NCB](#)), operating under the Ministry of Information and Communication Technologies ([MICT](#)) and part of the Cybersecurity Emergency Response Team ([CERT-MU](#)), has issued a [Child Safety Online Action Plan](#).
- The NCB maintains a [website](#) dedicated to promote child safety online.
- The CERT-MU has a dedicated space to the information [of young people](#) and [parents](#).

## REPORTING MECHANISM

- The Mauritian ICT Authority provides an [online form](#) to report child sexual abuse images.
- The NCB also provides an [online form](#) to report cases related to children issues at Child Development Unit

**These reporting mechanisms are not part of the INHOPE network.**