

# **The Impact of Increasing Vessels Size and Alliance on Port Operations in Indian Ocean**

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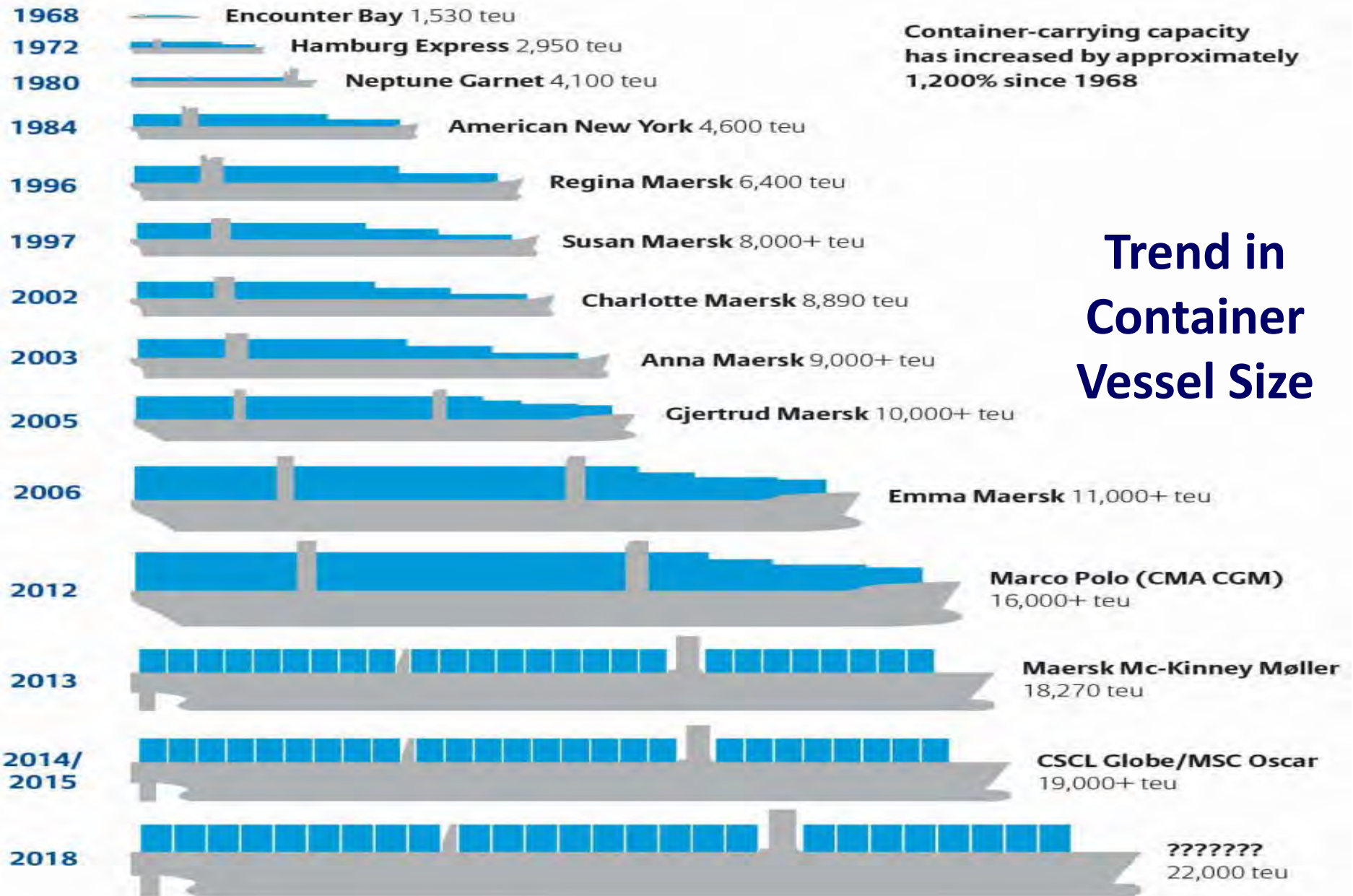
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# Agenda

- **Trends in the Size of Vessels**
- **Impacts and Challenges**
- **The Case at Port Louis**
- **Conclusions**



## 50 years of Container Ship Growth



**Trend in  
Container  
Vessel Size**

# Containership Market in 2016

- **Increasingly overcapacity of 10% in 2016**
- **Last time overcapacity during the global financial crisis in 2009**
- **Results:**
  - **Delay deliveries of some ships in order books,**
  - **A small number of orders could be cancelled altogether.**
  - **Sagging demand will force owners to de-commission elderly ships**
  - **Average age of ships sent for breaking is expected to be rather low**

Source: [www.joc.com/maritime-news](http://www.joc.com/maritime-news)



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# Cellular Fleet Delivery

- Vessel deliveries: **1.35 Mteu in 2016** ( record of 1. 72 Mteu in 2015)

	2016 deliveries		2017 deliveries		2018 deliveries		2019 deliveries	
TEU nominal	ships	teu	ships	teu	ships	teu	ships	teu
18000-21000	13	250 830	25	504 288	29	555 808	7	130 300
13300-17999 *	21	304 036	19	267 000	14	196 850	2	28 000
10000-13299	27	293 950	27	306 680	16	202 400	2	23 600
7500-9999	33	306 405	2	18 800				
5100-7499	1	6 882	6	35 210	6	31 770	2	10 590
4000-5099	2	8 000	4	16 000				
3000-3999	7	25 178	11	40 400	6	22 400		
2000-2999	33	79 621	30	77 753	18	49 936	3	8 400
1500-1999	33	58 049	20	36 048	17	30 228		
1000-1499	19	20 947	20	24 200	7	9 420		
500-999	2	1 143						
100-499								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>1 355 041</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>1 326 379</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1 098 812</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>200 890</b>

# Existing Fleet

- Current idle container ship fleet: 1.35 M TEUs (6.8 % of the total fleet) requiring a few more years before the supply-demand imbalance recedes
- 2016 order book represents 20% of existing fleet

CELLULAR	01 January 2016 - Existing					01 January 2016 - Orderbook					O / E
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Size ranges	ships	teu	ships	teu	% Cht	ships	teu	ships	teu	% Cht	
18000-20000	35	656 524	6	115 344	17,6%	74	1 441 226	31	587 568	40,8%	219,5%
13300-17999	109	1 572 072	40	579 347	36,9%	56	795 886	36	507 428	63,8%	50,6%
10000-13300	193	2 278 542	83	985 824	43,3%	75	859 630	38	407 530	47,4%	37,7%
7500-9999	454	3 985 032	218	1 910 205	47,9%	35	325 205	30	278 205	85,5%	8,2%
5100-7499	510	3 148 660	262	1 614 985	51,3%	15	84 452	15	84 452	100,0%	2,7%
4000-5099	735	3 335 118	405	1 838 308	55,1%	6	24 000	2	8 000	33,3%	0,7%
3000-3999	262	908 010	151	527 372	58,1%	24	87 978	6	22 042	25,1%	9,7%
2000-2999	648	1 639 599	476	1 205 262	73,5%	84	215 710	38	94 014	43,6%	13,2%
1500-1999	581	992 755	304	521 711	52,6%	70	124 325	49	87 450	70,3%	12,5%
1000-1499	696	807 604	412	482 817	59,8%	46	54 567	23	30 911	56,6%	6,8%
500-999	748	556 171	429	326 681	58,7%	2	1 143	0	0	0,0%	0,2%
100-499	182	57 978	38	12 690	21,9%	0	0	0	0		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5 153</b>	<b>19 938 065</b>	<b>2 824</b>	<b>10 120 546</b>	<b>50,8%</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>4 014 122</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>2 107 600</b>	<b>52,5%</b>	<b>20,1%</b>

Source: Alphaliner Jan 2016

# Perspectives of 2016

- Demand side - traditional surge in volumes before Chinese New Year yet to happen
- 2016 will have lower rates on average than 2015.
- Price crude \$110 a barrel in 2012 slumped to under \$48 in Oct 2015
- The rush to order ever-larger ships slowing because they can't operate in many trades, including routes to Africa

Source: Drewry Research



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# Fleet Forecast

Fleet as at :	10000+ TEU vessels		2016		2017		2018		2019		Rise p.a. (3 years)												
TEU nominal	No. of vessels		398		469		528		539		teu terms												
18000-21000	Total TEUs		5.356M		6.434M		7.389M		7.571M		44,2%												
13300-17999 *	% of Total		26%		29%		32%		33%		14,2%												
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Rise 12 months	2015 >		8,5%		2016 >		4,5%		2014 >		5,6%		2017 >		3,9%		2018 >		-0,2%				

Source: Alphaliner Jan 2016



# Acquisitions & Alliances

- **Bigger container ships goes hand in hand with consolidation of the container shipping sector.**
- **Maritime sector - dominated by economies of scale**
- **Bigger firm size needed to afford bigger ships and fill them.**
- **Result: mergers and acquisitions and alliances.**



# Creation of Alliances

Creation of larger shipping line has:

- Enabled the deployment of ever larger container ships
- Increased the challenges on global container terminal industry
- Placed significantly greater demands on ports and terminals
- Driven up operating costs and capital expenditure requirements

Source: Drewry Research



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# Challenges for Owners/ Shippers

- **Owners - savings of bigger vessels dependent on extent ships are filled.**
- **Cost savings decreasing owing to low slow growth of world containerized seaborne trade, massive ordering & oversupply of new mega ships**
- **Shippers - prefer frequent/ reliable maritime transport links, but bigger ships reduce service frequency (service & cargo concentration)**
- **Mega ships reduced choice and limited supply chain resilience**
- **Hedge risks by parceling out goods in different ships not all in one ship.**

Source: The Impact of Mega Ships © OECD/ITF 2015



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# Impacts on Ports

- The emergence of such a hub-and-spoke network is connected to increasing vessel size
- Need expansion of infrastructure (bridge height, river width/depth, canals/locks) for higher peaks related to mega ships, more yard and berth capacity
- Depth depends on the tides and the load factor of the vessel
- Load factor depends on route configuration (port location in the vessel rotation)
- Dredging: costly/ sensitive issue with local opposition related to perceived damage to the environment and eco-systems.



# Port Infrastructure

- **Air-draft:** stacking more containers on deck, which diminishes the possibility to access terminals located behind bridges
- **Quay walls:** heightened, strengthened and lengthened to accommodate the largest ships and their exercised forces when berthed and moored.
- **More quay wall bearing capacity to support higher/ larger cranes, container handling equipment and Stacks**
- **Impact of tug assistance within navigation channels**
- **Resulting effect on the two way traffic**



# Bigger ships Bigger peaks

- This is the result of decline of call frequency (less weekly services) and higher call size: more cargo loaded and unloaded per ship in the same port.
- No. of container moves increases with larger ships.
- Peaks in (a) ship to shore handling, (b) yard operations and (c) for the interface between the yard and hinterland transport
- Larger ships pose challenges to cranes in terms of outreach and height





# Challenges for Terminal operators

- **Mega-ships require min crane width for handling 23 container rows**
- **Investing in super-post-Panamax cranes to expedite handling operations.**
- **Short port-stay requires higher berth productivity**
- **Assuming constant crane productivity in the short term, achieve higher berth productivity by deploying**
  - **more cranes,**
  - **more yard equipment,**
  - **to avoid terminal congestion.**



# Port Louis Harbour





# PORT PLAN

port limit

Mauritius Container Terminal  
560 m x 14.0 m

TERMINAL III

Petroleum Jetty

TERMINAL II

Cruise Jetty  
124 m x 10.8 m

CRUISES JETTY

FISHING BERTH

TROU FANFARON  
FISHING PORT

- Scarcity of land in the Port Area and the Proximity of Residential Areas.
- Total area within Port Limits – 330 ha
- Water Front and proposed waterfront project: 47 ha
- Area for port operation and port based industries: 233 Ha
- Area of port Terminals I, II & III : 50 ha

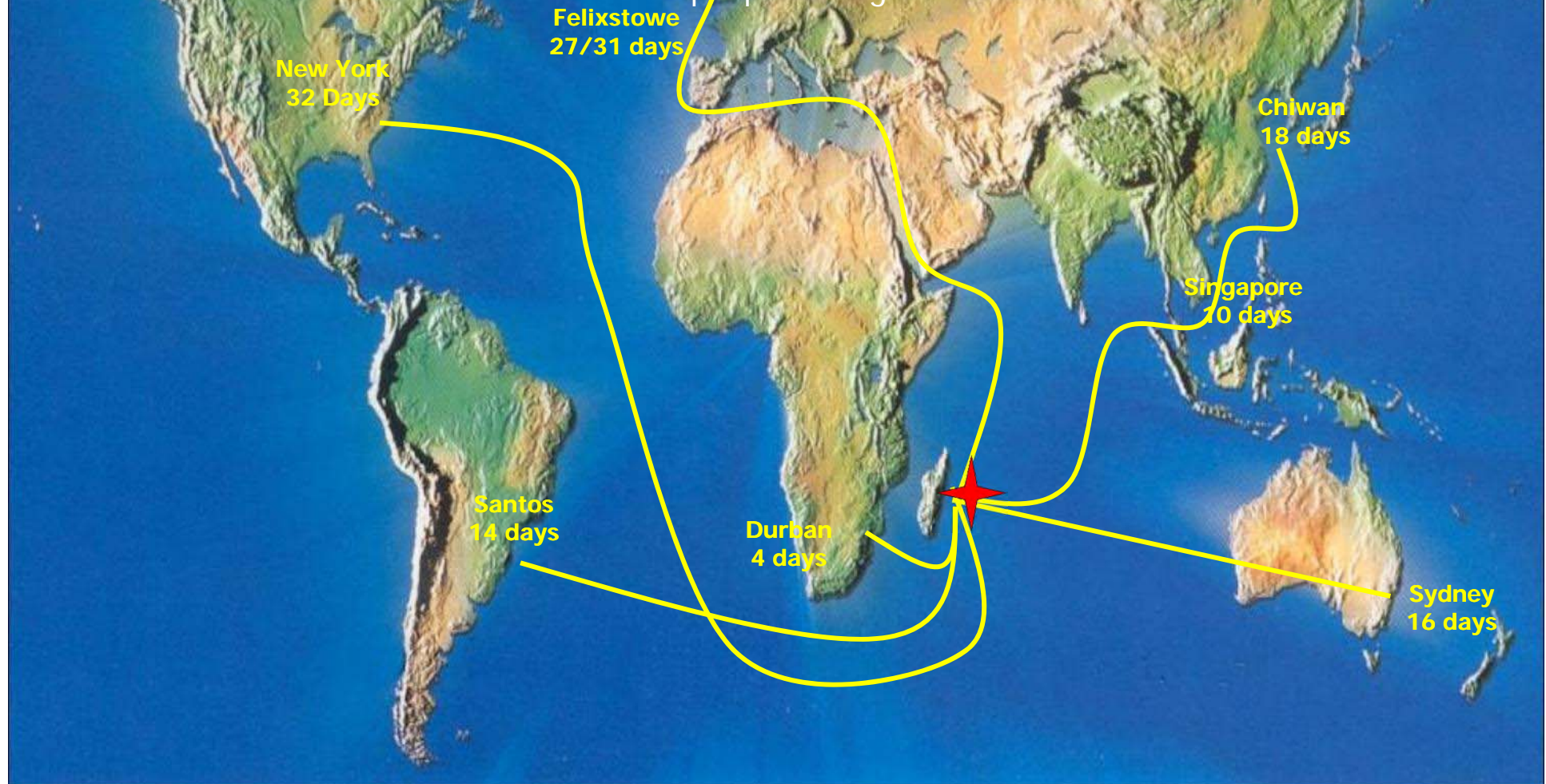
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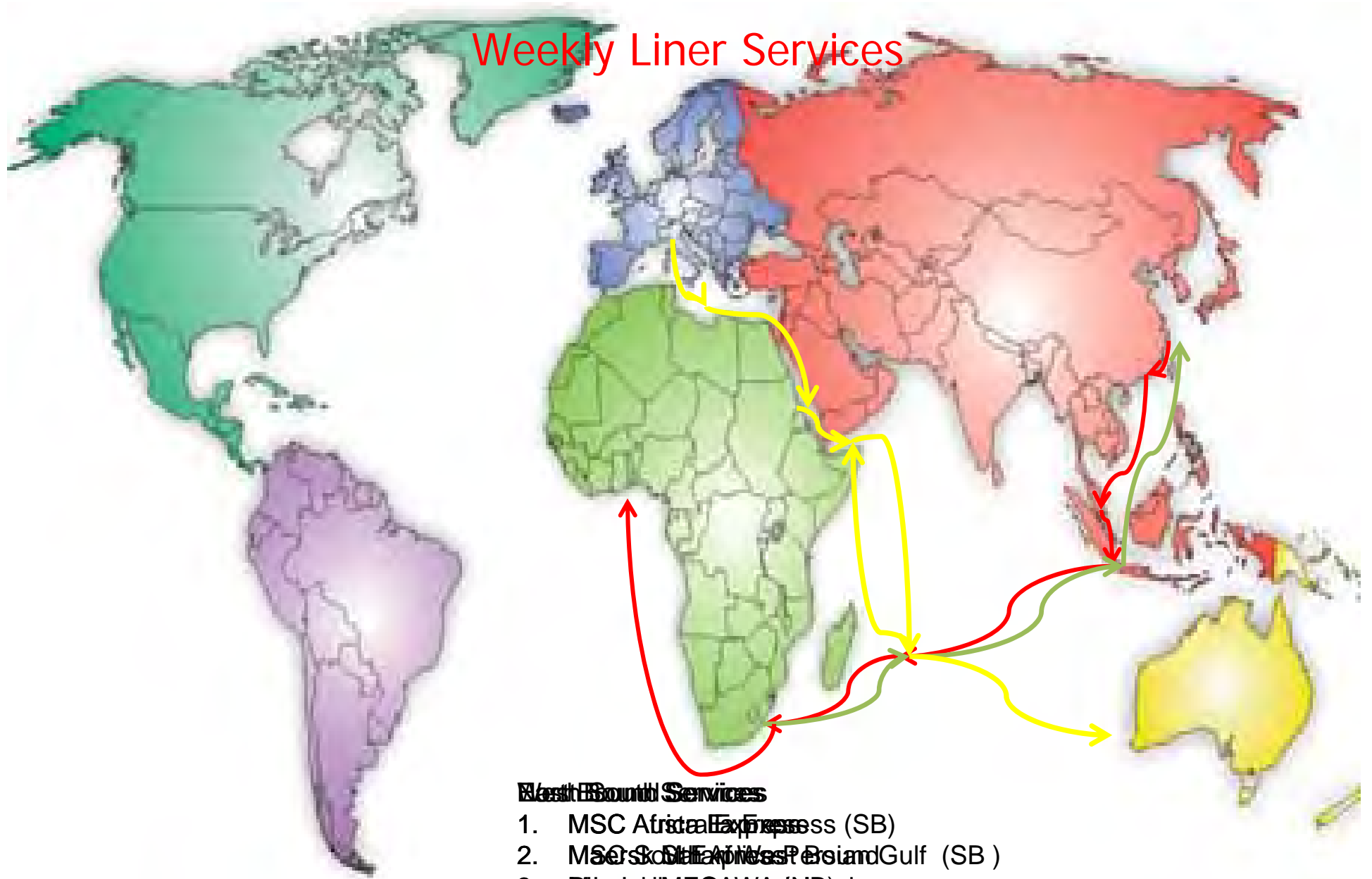


# Sensitivity of Port Louis Harbour

1. Strategically located at the crossroad of main maritime routes b/w Far East & Africa and Europe & Australia
2. Country's only maritime gateway for External trade (99%)
3. Contribute 2% to the country's GDP
4. Vital connection for Indian Ocean islands & peripheral regions



# Weekly Liner Services

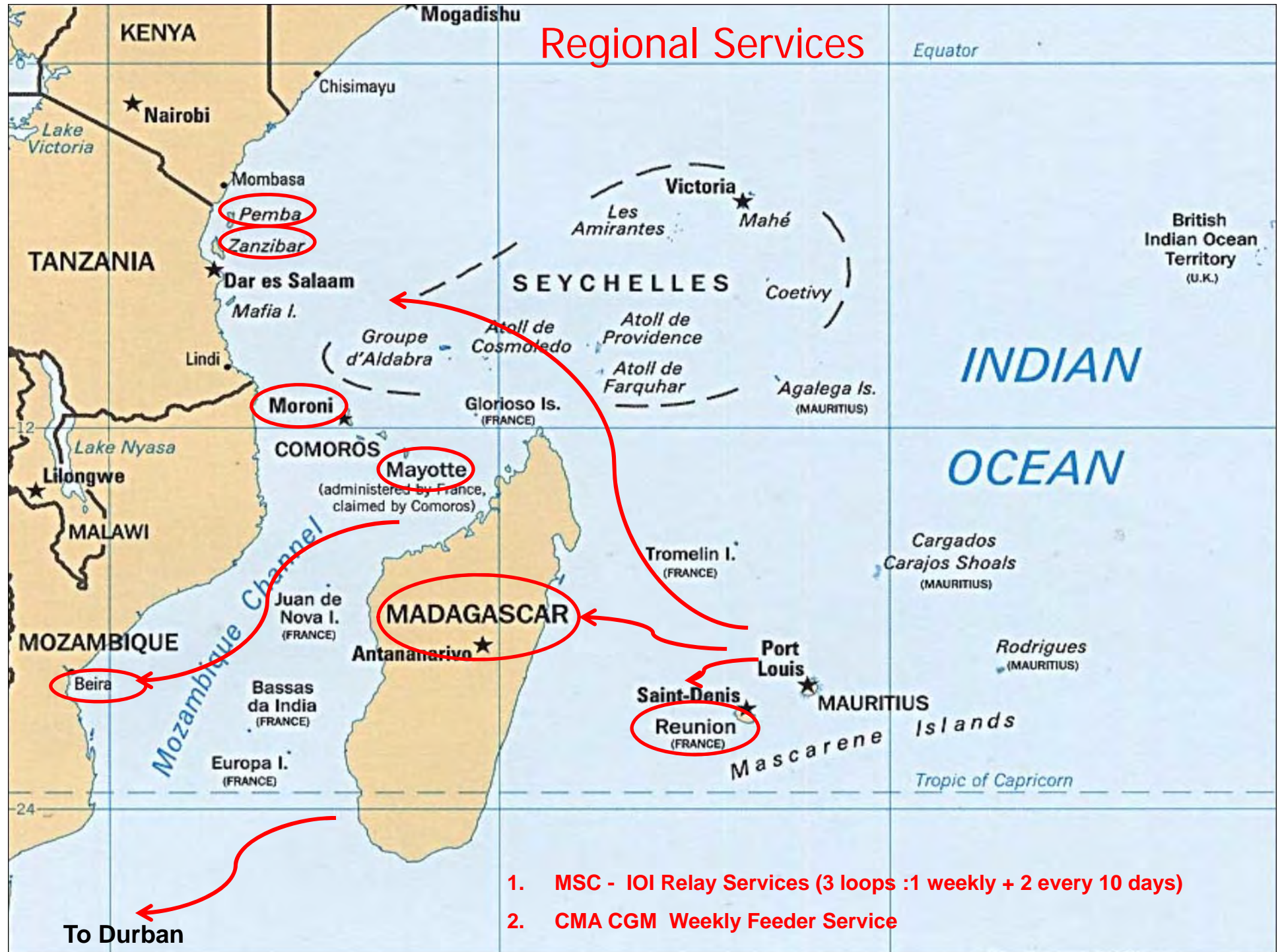


## West Bound Services

1. MSC Africa Express (SB)
2. MSC S. Africa Express (SB)
3. Maersk MEOWA (NB)
4. Maersk IOI (SB)



# Regional Services











1. MSC - IOI Relay Services (3 loops :1 weekly + 2 every 10 days)
2. CMA CGM Weekly Feeder Service

To Durban



# Containerships at Port Louis

		Length	Draft	TEU
First (1956-1970)	 Colossus Class	135 m	< 9 m < 30 ft	500
	 Converted Tanker	200 m		800
Second (1970-1980)	 Cellular Containership	215 m	10 m 33 ft	1,000 – 2,500
Third (1980-1988)	 Panamax Class	250 m	11-12 m 36-40 ft	3,000
		290 m		4,000
Fourth (1988-2000)	 Post Panamax	275 – 305 m	11-13 m 36-43 ft	4,000 – 5,000
Fifth (2000-2005)	 Post Panamax Plus	335 m	13-14 m 43-46 ft	5,000 – 8,000
Sixth (2006-)	 New Panamax	397 m	15.5 m 50 ft	11,000 – 14,500

Six Generations of Containerships Since the beginning of containerization in the mid 1950s, containerships undertook six general waves of changes, each representing a generation of containership:

# Situation in South West Indian Ocean

- Introduction of one megaship requires additional investment because of cascading effects in our region
- 11,000+ TEUs vessels already mobilised in South West Indian Ocean ahead of development in the region.
- But calling with a reduced draft as most ports do not have dredged depth of more than -14.0 m
- Capacity of these large vessels not optimised and no benefits from economies of scale
- Coega: only port capable to accommodate the 11,000+ TEUs vessels

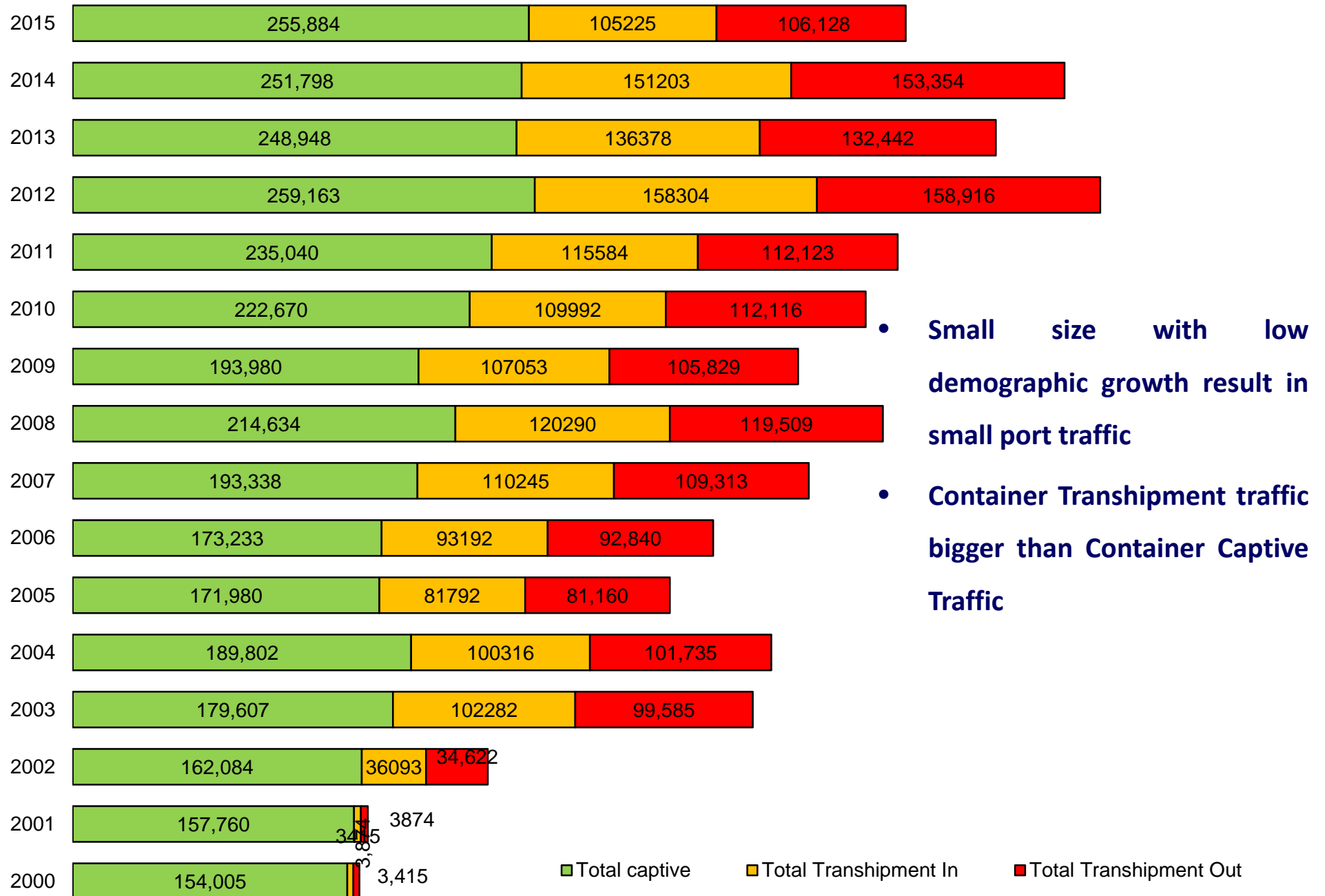


# Limitations at Port Louis

- Dredged depth in the navigational channel: -14.5 m
- Dredged depth at the Mauritius Container Terminal quays: -14.0 m
- 5 Post Panamax Ship-to Shore Cranes having an outreach of 16 containers across only but 8000+ TEUs vessels have 17 containers across.
- Restricted stowage of containers to avoid turning of vessels
- With the ongoing berth extension project, limitations in accommodating big ships of LOA 300+ m



# Container Throughput at Port Louis



# Perspectives of the Economy

- Small economy with no hinterland or direct connection to other markets
- Resulting in limited port facilities, equipment and infrastructure.
- Port Development Projects not always economically / financially viable.
- Funding of projects not easy to be secured in that case
- Transshipment activity highly volatile, investing for Transshipment is risky
- Growth in Captive Container Traffic follow trend of GDP growth.
- To survive we need Modern Infrastructure, Efficient service, Security of cargo and Competitive port charges





An aerial photograph of a port development project. In the foreground, a city skyline with various skyscrapers and buildings is visible. The middle ground shows a large body of water with several ships, including a large white ferry, and various port infrastructure like piers and cranes. In the background, a large body of water extends to the horizon. The text "Port Development Projects" is overlaid in the center in a large, white, sans-serif font.

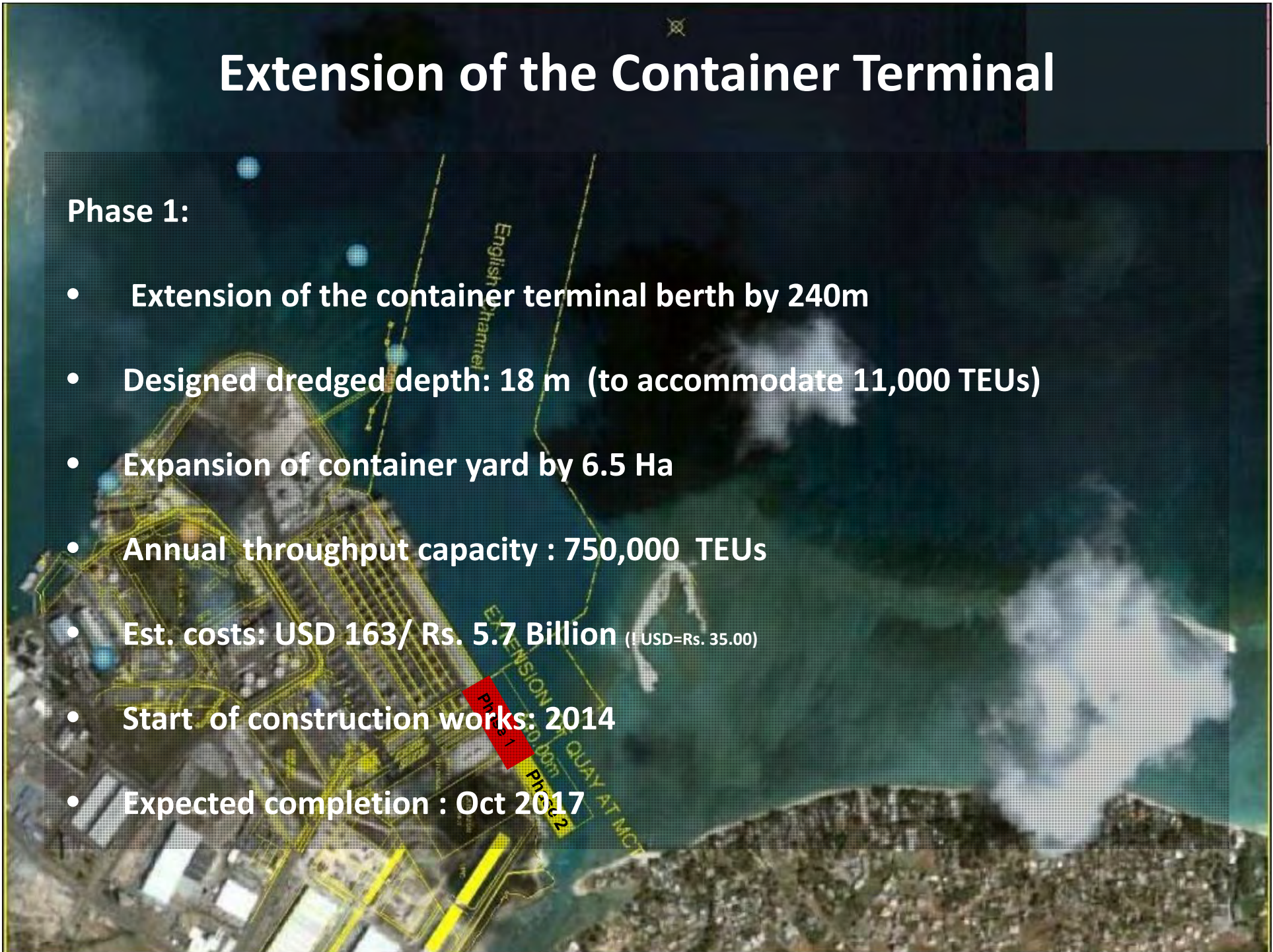
# Port Development Projects



# Extension of the Container Terminal

## Phase 1:

- Extension of the container terminal berth by 240m
- Designed dredged depth: 18 m (to accommodate 11,000 TEUs)
- Expansion of container yard by 6.5 Ha
- Annual throughput capacity : 750,000 TEUs
- Est. costs: USD 163/ Rs. 5.7 Billion (1 USD=Rs. 35.00)
- Start of construction works: 2014
- Expected completion : Oct 2017





## Alignment of the Rails

- The existing rails will be replaced by one capable to accommodate larger cranes having reach of 22 across.
- The present rails is located at 7.5 m from the quay face.
- The new rails will be fixed at 5 m from quay face thus increasing the boom length of existing cranes to reach the 17<sup>th</sup> row of containers.
- The 5 cranes will be shifted to the New rails in phases.



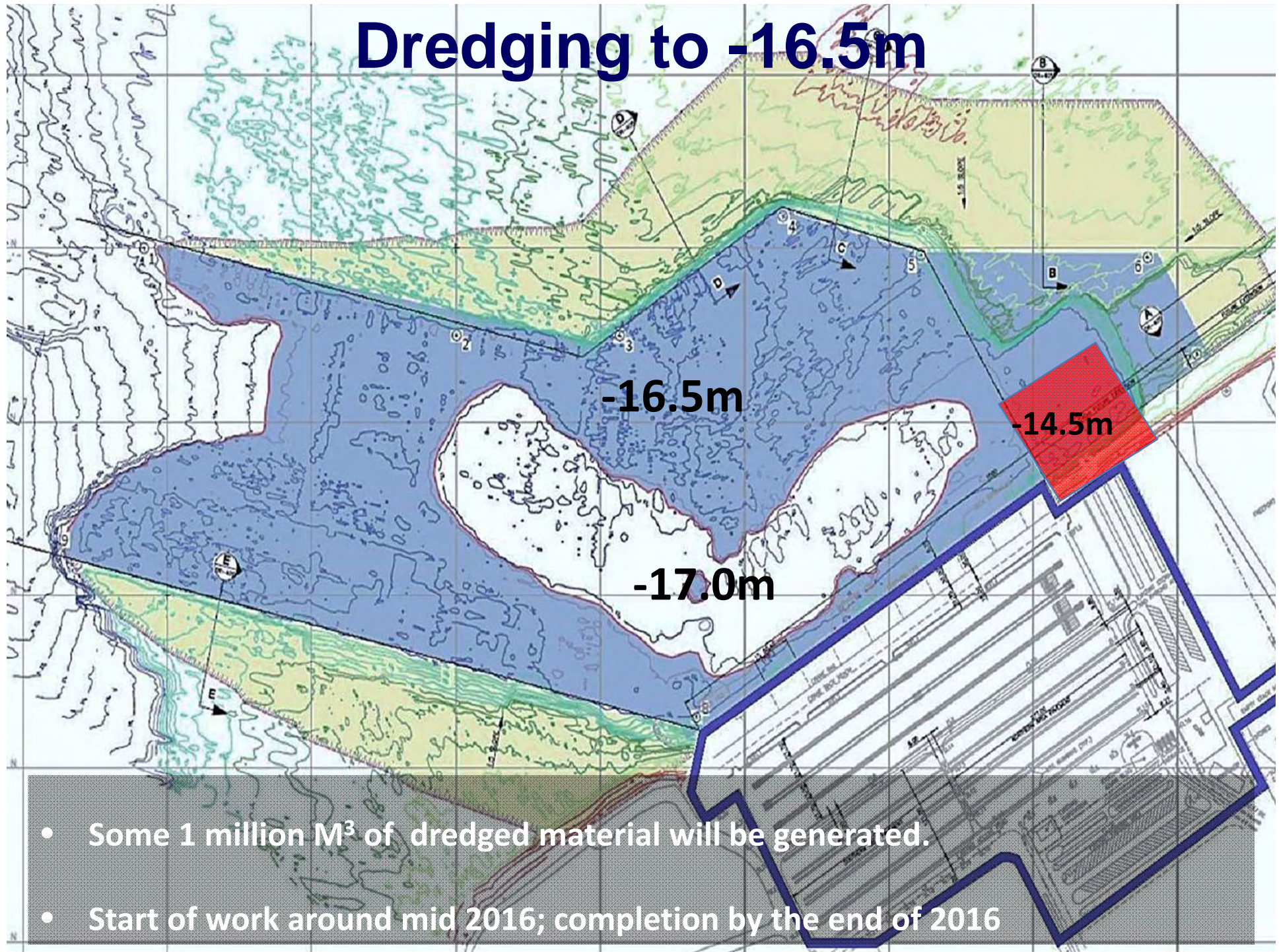
# Marine and Civil works

- Expansion of the container stacking area completed by Feb 2016.
- Completion of the 240m length berth extension Apr 2016
- The Existing Quay will be strengthened to enable deepening of the seabed alongside the berth to -18 m.
- The strengthening of the existing quay expected to be completed in Oct 2017.





# Dredging to -16.5m



- Some 1 million M<sup>3</sup> of dredged material will be generated.
- Start of work around mid 2016; completion by the end of 2016



# PROPOSED BUND WALL AT FORT WILLIAM & FORT GEORGE

Dredged materials used for  
land reclamation at Fort  
George and Fort William

FORT GEORGE  
SITE

MOORING BUOYS

FORT WILLIAM  
SITE





# Breakwater and Island Terminal – Long Term

- Construction of 2 km breakwater + Reclaimed land: 60 Ha
- Re-alignment and Dredging of the navigation Channel to -18 m
- Container Terminal : Quay length: 1 km, Container yard: 40 Ha
- Throughput capacity: >1 M TEUs
- Pre-Qualifications exercise for techno-economic feasibility study launched in July 2015
- RFP will be sent to shortlisted consultancy firms in 2016
- Completion of the study expected by mid 2017

PROPOSED LEE BREAKWATER

PROPOSED MAIN BREAKWATER

English Channel

EXTENSION OF QUAY AT BRIDGE



# Port Louis Harbour – Long Term



# Conclusions

- **Ports investment costs of accommodating megaships v/s economic benefits (port income, savings to local shippers/importers/exporters)**
- **Align port tariffs to recoup major costs of megaship like dredging costs**
- **Improve port productivity by Innovation, technical development, workforce training , labour reform practices**
- **Optimise usage of infrastructure, e.g. by truck appointment systems and incentives for port truck moves during night / weekends.**
- **Release peaks at port terminals via dry ports where space is constrained.**





# Thanks for Your Attention

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