

## Book launch

# Ode to Aride island

Recently, a lavishly illustrated 150-page book about the island was launched at the British High Commissioner's reception on the occasion of the Queen's birthday. Managed by the Island Conservation Society of Seychelles (ICSS), the book can be ordered at the Island Conservation Centre.

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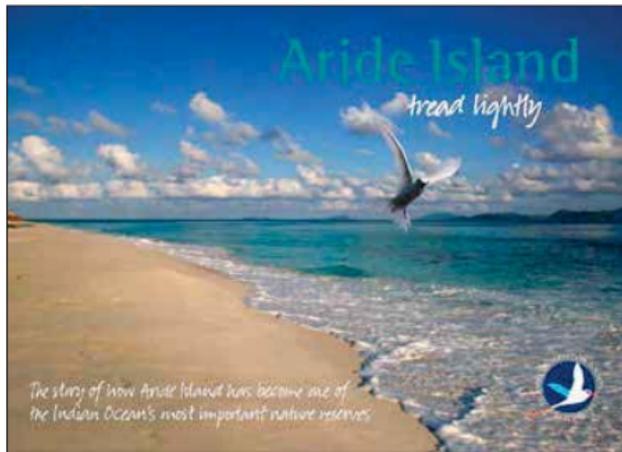
Amongst our trove of uniquely beautiful granitic islands and diverse wildlife, Aride island still stands out as one of the most unique, with stunning species and land-

scape. In celebration of the island's beauty, history and the ongoing work to maintain this ecosystem, "Aride Island - Tread Lightly" was launched.

The publication, which traces the history of Aride from a time when man's footprints pressed

heavily on the island to a time now when man now treads lightly - is a collaboration of the few involved with the island. Wardens, committee members and Seychellois staff, all write about life and work on the island, over its many years as a nature reserve, all the while describing the amazing wildlife which abounds on this small island. Aride is home to one million breeding seabirds, with more species than the other 40 islands combined. It also has endemic birds and endemic plants and a rich marine life. It is also one of the few remaining islands where the past remains visible, a piece of the world as it was before Man.

Available as of next month, you can nevertheless order your copy now for the discounted price of SCR350, until 31 July, when the publication will sell for its standard retail price of SCR475 at The Island Conservation Centre in Pointe Larue.



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