## PETITION TO SAVE THE « PLAINE DES SABLES » REUNION Island, Indian Ocean

In December 2007 and early January 2008, this extraordinary site called « Plaine des Sables », situated in the heart of the National Park, was secretly excluded from the area which was set to be listed as worldwide patrimony by the U.N.E.S.C.O. And all of this was backed by Reunion's National Park, who supposedly protects our natural heritage!

During 2008, the Reunion Region adamantly wants to carry out geothermic drilling in this area, yet according to research, there's only a fifty percent chance of finding resources there, which would only represent in the best case scenario about 3.5% of the available electrical power. Who could image a geothermic power station in this place, and even worse, all the electrical structures?

The Reunion Region refuses to look into the Salazie site (190°C to 2000 m) which could be an exploitable alternative, according to the same experts, by the Hot Dry Rocks technique.

This exceptional heritage site, with endemic species, is classed as the number one tourist site in the hearts of the Reunion population as well as an overwhelming amount of tourists, all the "Plaine des Sables" area forms a unique environment which must be conserved.

## In signing this petition, we demand

- that « Plaine des Sables » becomes an area worthy of U.N.E.S.C.O. worlwide heritage
- that neither drilling, nor geothermic power station construction should be allowed in this natural area

(For further information, feel free to visit our website <a href="http://citoyennedestpierre.viabloga.com/">http://citoyennedestpierre.viabloga.com/</a> Look in research motor, right column, type the word forages (that means drilling). There, you'll be able to download the petition and other documents.)

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"Plaine des Sables" excluded from the area which was set to be listed as worldwide patrimony! We demand that « Plaine des Sables » becomes an area worthy of U.N.E.S.C.O. worlwide heritage! Please, help us. Sign the petition.



Yellow circles: project of drillings and water reservoir for drilling in the heart of the Reunion National Park!