

Founded in 1992, the station was open in October 2009. It counts today:

- 250 adherents
- 50 members
- 30 agents



Financial elements:

Functioning budget: 2 100 000€

ARMEFLHOR benefits from financial support of European Union, Odeadom, French state, Conseil Général, Ecophyto and Onema.



Governance:

The board of directors, presided by Alain Dambreville is composed of the 8 following structures:

- 8 technical group presidents
- 1 represent of AROPFL (Group of farmers)
- 1 represent of the horticulturist union

- 1 represent of the agricultural department of La Réunion
- 1 represent of ARIFEL (Interprofessional group)
- 1 represent of the Conseil Général

Missions:

Study the technical, economical and human problems related to the development and improvement of the fruit, vegetable and horticulture sector in La Réunion;

- Draft and implement experimentations necessary to the professionals
- Follow the proceeding of the experimental programs
- Coordinate the activities of the diverse organisms that will intervene in the programs and offer a hand in that mean
- Transfer and broadcast the results and solutions obtained
- Give professional training to the farmers, employees and technicians
- Bring an expertise to the fruit, vegetable and horticulture production and in a larger way in the case of cooperation or partnerships
- Develop regional, national or international cooperation.



Authorizations:

Authorization Good Experimental Practices:

Authorization BPE-108 (vegetable cropping, pharmaceutical plants, fruits, tropical cropping) delivered by the DGAL the 9 of October 2012.

This authorization gives ARMEFLHOR the official acknowledgment of its trials of the Agriculture Ministry.

Member of the French network of the Animals and Vegetables sector institutes (ACTA): since June 2012, as member of ACTA⁴, ARMEFLHOR relays in a stronger way the technical tropical problematic of La Réunion at a national level and benefits of the expertise and the support of the best French specialists.

Coordinator of RITA Réunion:

The technical innovation and transfer networks (RITA) are a means to co-build and undertake R&D actions, experimentations, demonstrations and transmission between the different actors of the DOMs.

ARMEFLHOR coordinates this network.

Co- coordinateur of UMT SPAT

ARMEFLHOR has the authorization from the DGER to co-organize, with the Cirad¹, Technological Mixed Units "Plant health and agro-ecological production in tropical climates".



Organization:

The technical groups gather the professional needs and turn them in experimental programs.

1. Field vegetable group
2. Greenhouse vegetable group
3. Fruit group
4. Horticulture and pharmaceutical plants group
5. Organic agriculture group
6. Nursery and seed group
7. Programming and prospective group
8. Transformation group

Scientific and technical council:

Gives a consultative opinion to the board of directors on the needs of the professionals and turns them in experimentation programs proposed to the technical groups.

It is composed of:

- 8 represents of research institutes (Inra, Cirad...)
- 3 farmers represents
- 1 DAAF represent
- 2 ARMEFLHOR represents



Technical partners:

ARMEFLHOR works joint handed with the following organisms: Cirad¹, Aropfl², DAAF³, Agricultural Department³, ACTA⁴, CIREF⁴, Astredhor⁴, Iteipmai⁴, CTIFL⁴, ITAB⁴, Inra¹, Fdgdon⁴, Qualitropic³, Reunion University¹, ANSES³.



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- ¹ : Research center
² : Professional group
³ : Institution
⁴ : Technical institute