Agalega

The island is situated 1000 Km to the North of Mauritius at Latitude 57° S and Longitude 10° 33' E. It is divided into two parts, namely the North and the South islands (Fig 7.4). The North Island is finger-shaped and is about 12 Km long and 1.5 Km wide. The area of this island is 14.4 Km^2. The pear-shaped South island is 6 Km long and 3 Km wide. The area is 10.7 Km^2. Thus, the total area of Agalega comprising these two islands, separated by a shallow sea about 1.7 Km wide called" La Passe ", is about 25 Km^2.

The island is an atoll surrounded by coral reefs closed on the eastern part and opening up to 1 km on the south western point. Both the North and South islands are about 4 m a.m.s.l. The land is generally flat or slightly undulating.

In general, the source of water supply is from shallow dug wells and rainwater harvesting.
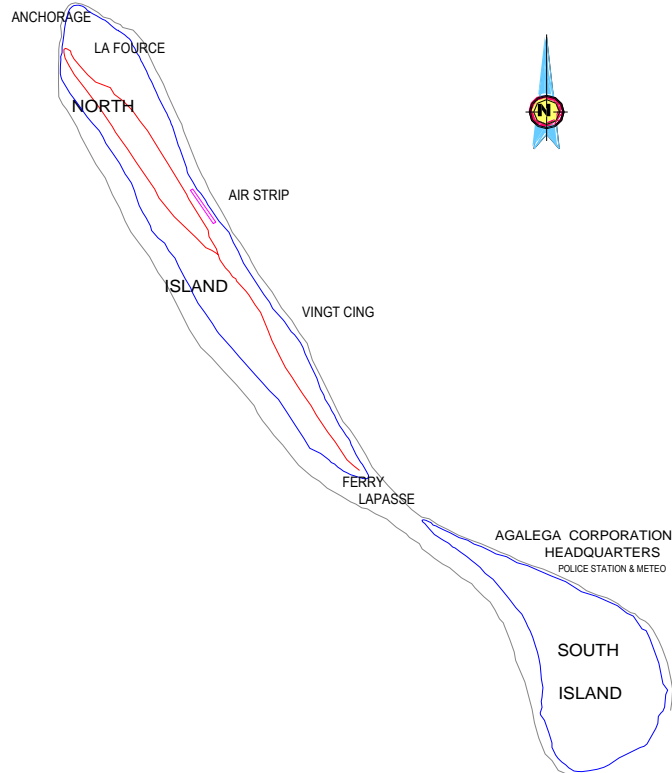

Fig. 7.4 Agalega Island

Precipitation

It rains throughout the year with the driest months being August and September with about 50 to 60 mm of rainfall. The mean annual rainfall is 1600 mm with a mean monthly rainfall ranging from 46 mm to 272 mm. Annual rainfall data for Agalega are provided in Table 7.4.

PERIOD	Rainfall (mm)
2006	2806
2007	1831
2008	1989
2009	1938
2010	1592

Table 7.4 Annual Rainfall Data (mm) for 2006-2010