

## **Security practices for online banking**

At the beginning of July I was researching security practices for .mu domains used by banks in Mauritius. I noticed that the only information found for the banks were that the domain names were registered and the names of the sponsoring registrar. I contacted several banks to enquire about their security practices on 2<sup>st</sup> July. The only response I received was from mcb.mu informing me that it would revert back to me in due course.

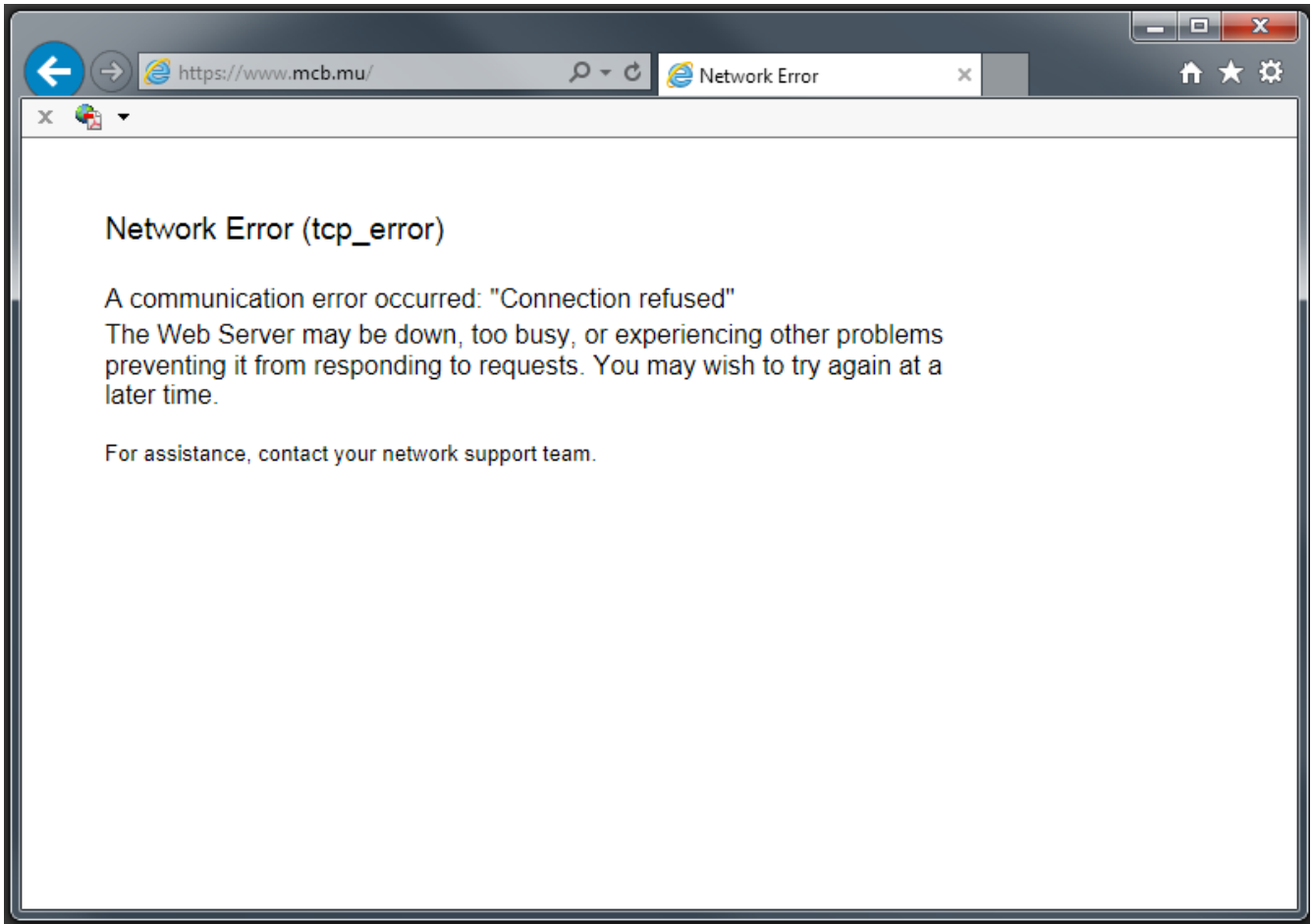
The Whois records for the following banks have been updated since I enquired about their security practices:

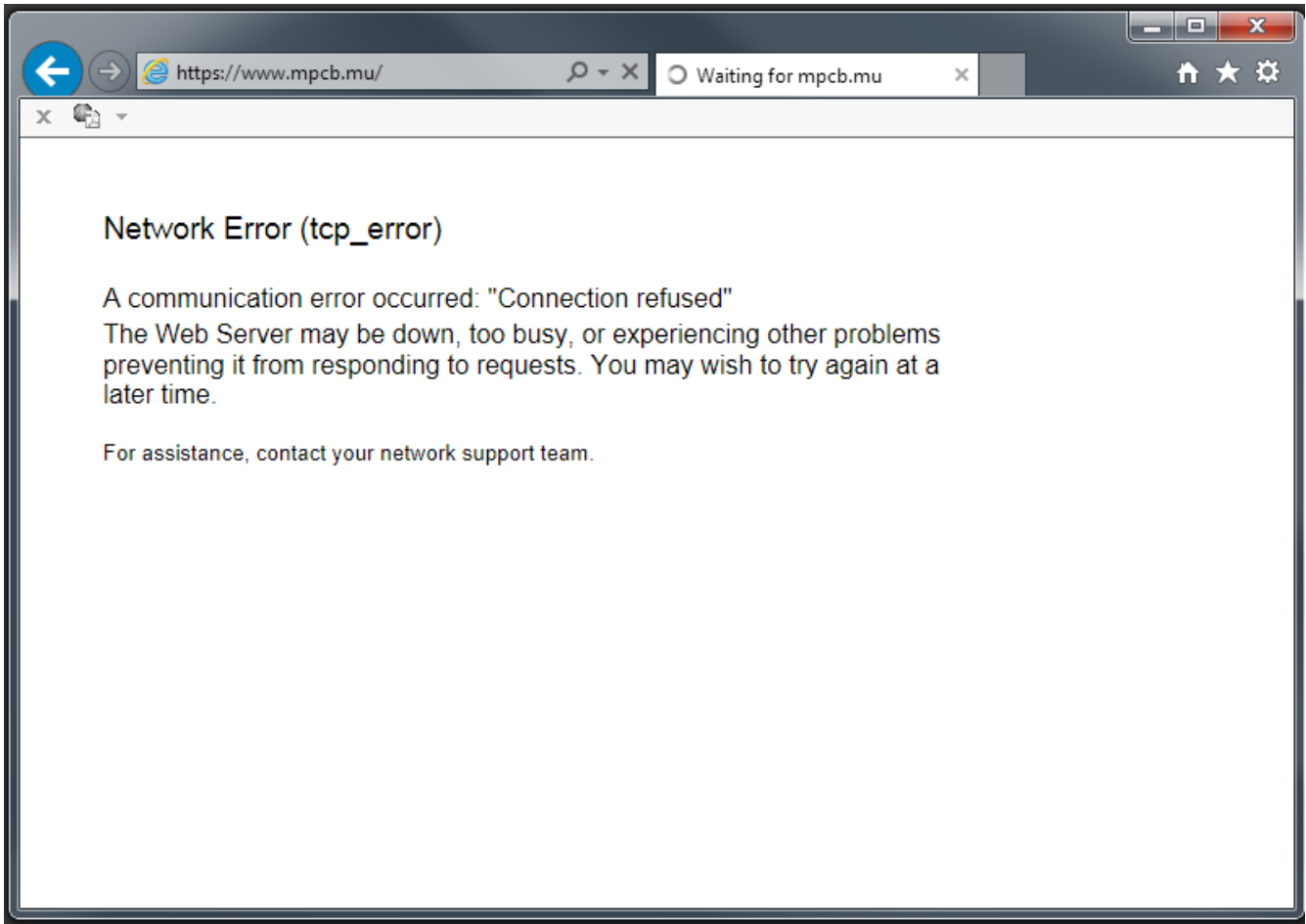
Domain Name: mcb.mu  
Registrant Name: The Mauritius Commercial Bank Ltd  
Registrant Organization:  
Registrant Street: Sir W. Newton  
Registrant City: Port-Louis

Domain Name: mpcb.mu  
Registrant Organization: Mauritius Post and Cooperative Bank Limited  
Registrant Street: 1, Sir William Newton Street  
Registrant City: Port Louis

Domain Name: abcbanking.mu  
Registrant Name: ABC Banking Corporation ltd  
Registrant Organization:  
Registrant Street: 7 Duke of Edinburgh  
Registrant Street: Place d'armes  
Registrant City: Port Louis

I visited the following bank web sites by accessing them through https for security reasons.

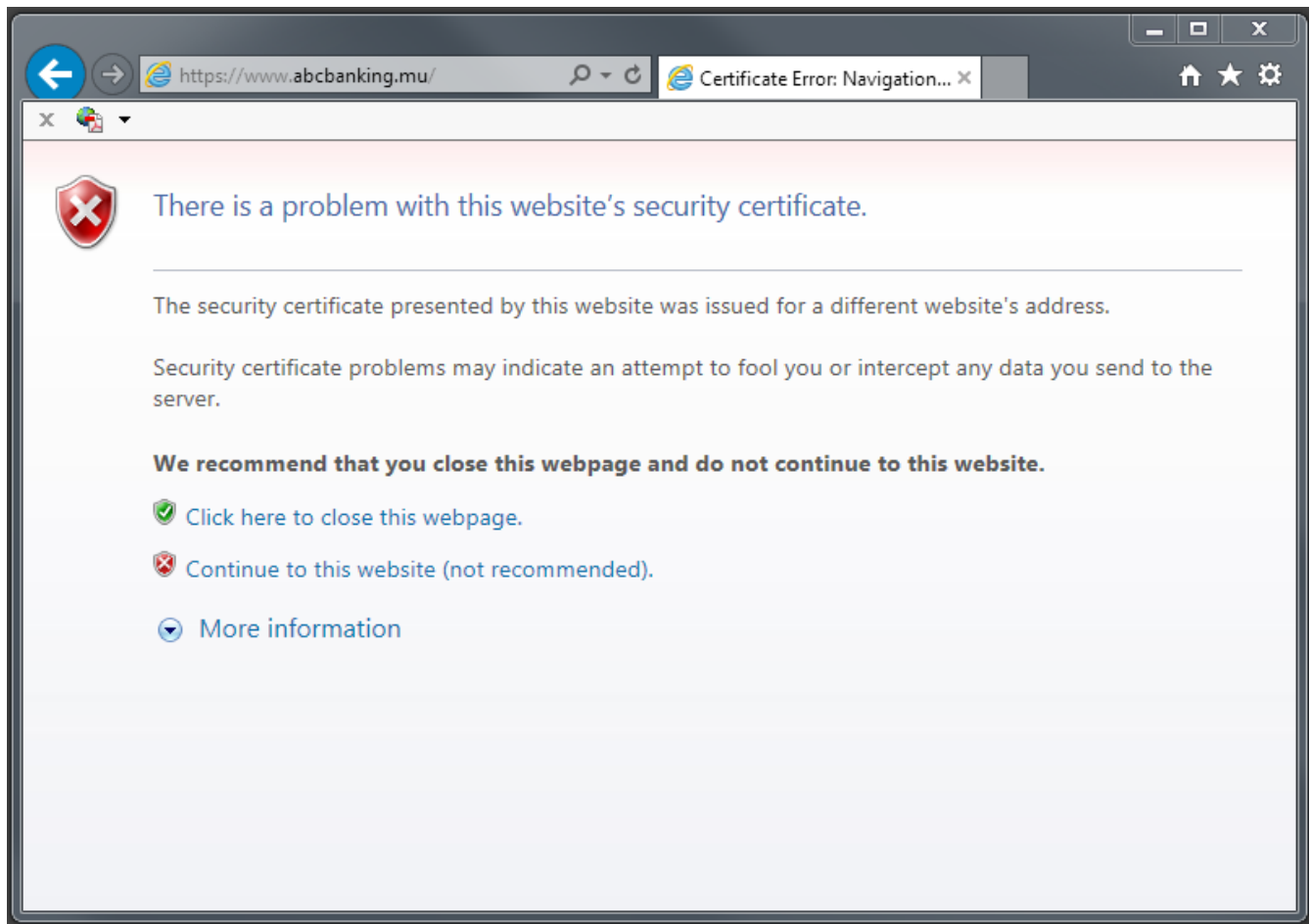




## Network Error (tcp\_error)

A communication error occurred: "Connection refused"  
The Web Server may be down, too busy, or experiencing other problems preventing it from responding to requests. You may wish to try again at a later time.

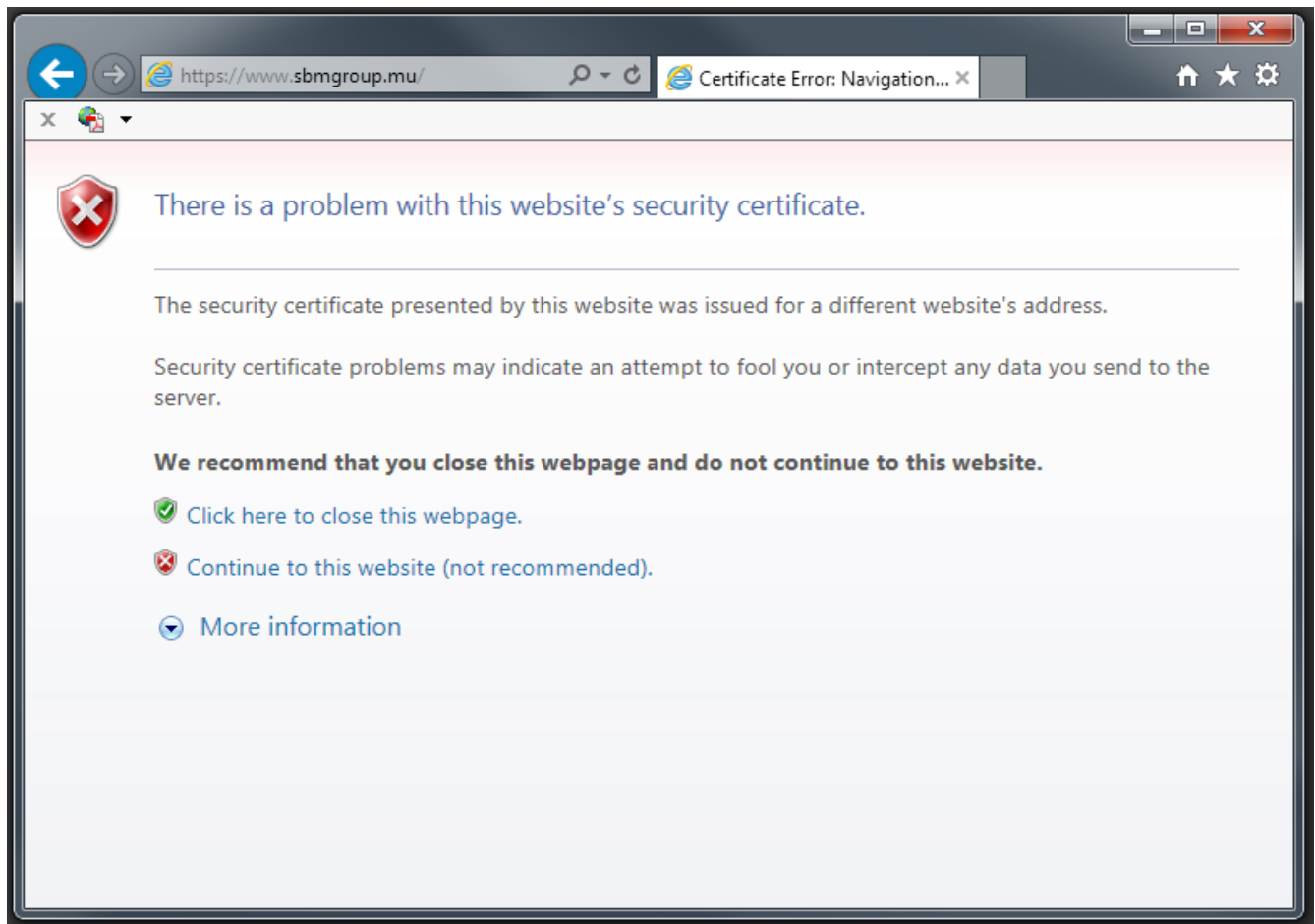
For assistance, contact your network support team.



[www.mcb.mu](http://www.mcb.mu) and [www.mpcb.mu](http://www.mpcb.mu) were not accessible through https. The web browser displays a message about a problem with the website's security certificate for [www.abcbanking.mu](http://www.abcbanking.mu).

The Whois records for [bankone.mu](http://bankone.mu), [barclays.mu](http://barclays.mu) and [sbmgroup.mu](http://sbmgroup.mu) do not provide any information about the domain registrant name or registrant organization.

I visited [www.sbmgroup.mu](http://www.sbmgroup.mu) by accessing it through https.



The web browser displayed a message about a problem with the website's security certificate. The warning provided by the web browser is as follows:

“Security certificate problems may indicate an attempt to fool you or intercept any data you send to the server.”

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