

BEACH AUTHORITY

Progress Report / Achievements April 2018 to March 2019

La Pointe Cassis Le Morne Village public beach

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From the General Manager



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It is my great honour and pleasure to place on record the fourth Progress Report/Achievement of the Beach Authority for the period April 2018 to March 2019. Since I assumed duty in March 2015, my vision has been to raise the Beach Authority to new heights of quality and excellence. This report highlights the Authority's critical decisions, overall performance and achievements during this period. Such achievements and successes would not have been possible without the steadfast commitment, support and trust of the Chairman, the Board, the staff and others within or associated with the Beach Authority including all stakeholders. I would like to express my gratitude to all of them.

The year has marked the continued efforts on laying down the foundations for the transformation of the Beach Authority into an improved centre of high standard for the wellbeing of the public at large. Optimisation of the workforce as well as the development of human capital has been further enhanced. Capacity building for several members of staff in different areas has been further intensified. Our main focus has been on reshaping and resourcing the Beach Authority with effective recruits. Employees are aware that a high standard of performance is expected from them and not merely doing their daily duties. In this respect, encouraging employees who have a very proactive mindset, are disciplined, keep job performance at the required standard and have a high sense of belonging to the Authority, has always been one of our key priorities.

Various projects have been implemented in line with our objectives and mission while promoting infrastructural development on public beaches. These projects include upgrading and construction of toilet blocks, creation of parking

areas and accesses on public beaches, installation of solar lighting and historical plates for sub offices as well as provision of other amenities such as litter bins, kiosks, fireplaces, informative panels, open showers, picnic tables and pétanque courts amongst other. All the projects initiated and implemented are closely monitored till completion with a collaborative mindset by the five major departments of the Authority, which are the Administrative/Human Resources, Procurement, Technical, Licensing and Finance.

Re-engineering the Beach Authority has been further pursued with the opening of three sub-offices in the three geographical zones (West, North and East) and a fourth one will be opened in the South shortly. In this respect the activities of the Beach Authority has been decentralised to give a better service delivery to the public as well as create additional jobs.

The Beach Authority continues on an upward trajectory, facing new challenges while meeting the expectations of all its stakeholders. It has collaborated fully with the Mauritius Telecom Ltd for the laying of the Mauritius and Rodrigues Submarine (MARS) cables at La Prairie public beach to procure internet connection through undersea fibre optic cable system. In this respect, the people of Rodrigues will enjoy the same level of connectivity as the inhabitants of Mauritius. During the year, our hard work resulted in the achievement of several important milestones to position the Beach Authority for the future. These milestones represent significant progress in strengthening our capabilities and executing and expanding our projects.

It is an undeniable fact that our Beaches are our major assets and need to be protected and kept clean that warrant a sustainable development. The Beach Authority has embarked, as

one of its priority projects, on the preparation of a Beach Management Plan (BMP) for six public beaches namely Mont Choisy, Pereybère, P.G Union Ribet (Mare la Raie), Belle Mare, Flic en Flac and La Prairie. The aims and objectives of the Beach Management Plan is to ensure that our beaches are always being embellished and upgraded while extending infrastructural development for the benefit of the general public. The Beach Management Plan is a fundamental part of the Beach Authority as it provides a framework for decision making processes with regard to the upgrading and proper management of public beaches in Mauritius over the long term. The BMP is a fitting element as it takes into account and where possible promotes and enhances the uses and functions of a beach. A validation workshop for the Beach Management Plans was organised by the Beach Authority at InterContinental Mauritius Resort Baclava Fort on 11 June, 2018 where all the stakeholders participated actively.

The Beach Authority is pursuing its sensitisation campaign to arouse awareness among the public on beach environmental issues including a greater motivation and commitment towards the protection of the environment and our beaches. An awareness campaign and exhibition was showcased by the Beach Authority during the Celebration of World Environment Day held at the Municipal Council of Port-Louis on 07 and 08 June, 2018. The theme used for the exhibition was "Beat Plastic Pollution" as plastic is causing much harm to the environment and the nature at large. The Beach Authority with the support of stakeholders carried out various clean up and embellishment campaigns in different regions of the country. To mark the World Ocean Day 2018, the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Division)

in collaboration with the Beach Authority, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Mauritius Oceanography Institute (MOI), Mauritius Police Force and Eco Sud organised a cleaning campaign at Blue Bay public beach on 09 June, 2018. No effort is being spared by the Beach Authority to maintain our public beaches clean and safe.

In the face of significant challenges, we made remarkable progress at the Beach Authority. Pest control has been implemented on a more frequent basis to get rid of nuisances such as ants and cockroaches which feed on left overs thrown away carelessly by some beach users. The Authority along with the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare (MSAW), Dog Control Unit, has carried out several interventions on public beaches to catch stray dogs as they represent a threat to the public and the tourist in general.

The Beach Authority has undergone a remarkable evolution in the past four years and will continue to promote sustainable development of public beaches through continuous hard work and relentless effort. A number of positive steps was undertaken by the Authority to better position itself for the future. I am confident that we are fully committed to strengthen our capabilities and to further evolve the Beach Authority going forward.

The challenges are great but I am confident that we can succeed in this journey together.



1.0 Introduction

The Beach Authority, a corporate body, falling under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development (Environment and Sustainable Development Division) was established following the enactment of the Beach Authority Act, 2002. The Authority started its operation as from June, 2002.

2.0 Mission, Vision and Functions of the Authority

> Mission:

Our mission is to make it possible for the general public, including tourists, to fully enjoy all amenities and facilities made available to them on all public beaches.

Vision:

To ensure an integrated approach in the proper control and management of public beaches both in Mauritius and Rodrigues and provide infrastructures and facilities for the benefit of the public and tourists.

> Functions:

In respect to the management of public beaches, the Beach Authority Act empowers the Authority with such functions as to further enhance most effectively its objectives, in particular relevant to the following:-

- (a) implement projects relating to -
 - (i) the conservation and protection of the environment of public beaches
 - (ii) upliftment and landscaping works on public beaches
 - (iii) infrastructural development, including provision of amenities for the use of the public and their maintenance on public beaches
 - (iv) provision of leisure facilities on public
 - (v) the enhancement of the quality of sea water
 - (vi) day to day cleaning of public beaches

- (b) regulate activities on public beaches and ensure the security and safety of users of public beaches
- (c) issue beach traders' licence for activities on public beaches as may be specifically reserved for that purpose
- (d) set standards and establish guidelines for beach management so as to enable users of public beaches to derive maximum enjoyment from clean, safe and well equipped beaches whilst safeguarding the environment

3.0 Roles and Functions of the Board

Division)

In accordance with section 7 of the Beach Authority Act 2002, the Authority is managed by a Board comprising of a Chairperson and other members from various stakeholders as enlisted below:

Chairman - Mr Roshan Singh Sowambar

Representative of Ministry of Local Government - Mr A. K. Parayag (Firm) and Outer Islands - Mrs A. Sookhun (Alternate)

Representative of Ministry of Social Security, - Mrs S. Samynaden (Firm)
National Solidarity, and Environment and - Mr D. Deenoo (Alternate)

Sustainable Development (Environment and Sustainable Development

Representative of Ministry of Ocean Economy, - Mr N. Bheemul (Firm from April to Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping December 2018)

- Mr R. Humath

- (Alternate from April to December 2018)

- (Firm as from January 2019)

Representative of Ministry of Youth and Sports - Mr A. Mamoojee (Firm)

- Mrs M. Noel-Dabeecharun (Alternate)

Representative of Ministry of Tourism - Mrs L. Sanspeur (Firm)

Mr R. Purusram (Alternate)

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Representative of Ministry of Housing and Lands - Mr S. Soborun (Firm)

- Mr S. Rumjan (Alternate)

Representative of Police Department - Mr D. Reddy Luthmoodoo (Firm)

- Mr K. Booneeady (Alternate)

Representative of Rodrigues Regional Assembly - Mr J. Thomas Genave (Firm up to

14 May, 2018)

- Mr J. A. Chang Siow (Firm as from

15 May, 2018)

Representative of Association of District Councils - Mr R. K. Jangi (Firm)

Member appointed by the Hon. Minister - Mr V. G. Bakee

- Mr M. O. Kholeegan

The role and functions of the Board are determined by the Beach Authority Act, 2002. The Board is the focal part of the Corporate Governance System and is ultimately accountable and responsible for the performance and affairs of the Authority. Its main responsibility is to determine the Authority's strategies, policies and values for the implementation of the objects of the Authority as defined in the Act.

3.1 Board Meetings and Special Board Meetings

During period April 2018 to March 2019, nine (9) Board Meetings and three (3) Special Board Meetings were held at the level of the Beach Authority.

4.0 Major Board's decisions from April 2018 to March 2019

4.1 Special Board Meeting held on 15 May, 2018 and Board Meeting held on 29 August, 2018

4.1.1 Reconstitution of Committees of the Board

The Board approved the reconstitution of the various committees in line with section 9 of the Beach Authority Act, 2002 as follows:

(i) Finance Committee

Chairperson - Mr O. Kholeegan, Board Member

Members - Representative of Ministry of Tourism

- Representative of Ministry of Local Government and Outer Islands

Representative of Parent Ministry

(ii) Staff Committee

Chairperson - Representative of Ministry of Housing and Lands

Members - Representative of Ministry of Local Government and Outer Islands

- Representative of Management, Beach Authority

(iii) Beach Trader Licence Committee

Chairperson - Representative of Ministry of Housing and Lands

Members - Representative of Association of District Councils

- Representative of Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources,

Fisheries and Shipping

- Representative of Parent Ministry

(iv) Audit Committee

Chairperson - Mr O. Kholeegan, Board Member

Members - Representative of Police Department

- Representative of Ministry of Youth and Sports

Co-opted member with financial background

(from Local Authorities)

4.2 Board Meeting held on 20 June, 2018

4.2.1 Validation Workshop for Beach Management Plans

The Board was apprised that the Beach Management Plans for the six public beaches, namely Mont Choisy, Belle Mare, Flic en Flac, Pereybère, P.G. Union Ribet and La Prairie were approved at the validation workshop held on 11 June, 2018 at InterContinental Mauritius Resort Balaclava Fort.

4.2.2 Recurrent and Capital Estimates for Financial Year 2018/19

The Board approved the Recurrent (Rs 49.5M) and Capital (Rs 30M) Estimates for Financial Year 2018/19.

4.3 Board Meeting held on 28 February, 2019

4.3.1 Authorisation to use public beaches

The Board gave its approval to maintain the present standing practices and policies for granting of authorisations for various activities to be undertaken on public beaches in line with the Beach Authority (use of public beach) Regulations, 2004.

The Board also approved that a technical committee comprising of all the stakeholders concerned be set up to examine and submit recommendations on all necessary amendments to be made to the present regulations under reference.

5.0 Administration / Human Resource Section

5.1 Administration section

5.1.1 Meetings attended by the Authority

• Meetings chaired by the Hon. Minister

The General Manager has attended several meetings under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development (Environment and Sustainable Division).

• Technical and Management meetings at the Authority

Technical and Management meetings chaired by the General Manager were regularly carried out at the level of the Authority, to ensure monitoring on the implementation of projects and follow up of all issues relevant to the Beach Authority. During period April 2018 to March 2019, four (4) technical and eight (8) management meetings were held at the level of the Beach Authority.

• Meetings at the Parent Ministry

Nine (9) management meetings were held during the period April 2018 to March 2019 and chaired by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development (Environment and Sustainable Division). Eight (8) meetings were held during the same period as regards to budget estimates for Financial Year 2019/2020. Sixty six (66) meetings were attended by Officers of the Authority regarding other issues such as Integrated Coastal Zone Management, accumulation of storm water on public beaches, public sector transformation, gender cell, amongst others.

Other meetings

Forty (40) site meetings have been attended by the Officers of the Authority regarding issues on public beaches. The Officers of the Authority have also attended sixty six (66) meetings with other Ministries and Departments namely Task Force, Citizen Advice Bureau, Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management with District Councils, abolition of slavery, amongst others.

5.1.2 Departmental Bid Committee (DBC)

The Departmental Bid Committee is responsible, inter-alia, for:

- vetting bidding documents for procurement below prescribed amounts, contract forms, terms and conditions, and addenda to bidding documents and clarification to bidders if any
- opening of bids
- referring bids to the Bid Evaluation Committee (BEC) for examination and evaluation; attending to request(s) from BEC for any clarifications arising at evaluation stage
- requesting for fresh evaluations, where necessary
- recommending bids on the basis of 'lowest evaluated substantially responsive bids' or the Accounting Officer for his approval (where the DBC is chaired by a person other than the Accounting Officer)
- reviewing and making appropriate recommendations to Accounting Officer on applications received for variations, addenda or amendments to on-going contracts
- clearing of bidding documents for projects above the prescribed amount by the DBC, prior to submission to the Central Procurement Board (CPB) for vetting
- arranging for debriefing of unsuccessful bidders upon request
- where necessary, consulting the CPB and/or Procurement Policy Office and/or State Law Office on intricate/contentious matters arising from the evaluation process.

The Departmental Bid Committee met on sixty four (64) occasions during the period 1st of April, 2018 to 31st of March, 2019 for vetting of various bid documents, evaluation and making recommendations for award of contracts.

Composition of the Departmental Bid Committee:

Mr. L. Chaytoo, Administrative Manager Chairperson

Mrs. M.B. Khodabocus, Ag. Accounting Member

Technician

Mr. N. Ramdhony, Assistant Procurement Member (up to 5 Nov, 2018)

and Supply Officer

Mr. R. Mohun, Procurement and Member (as from 6 Nov, 2018)

Supply Officer

Mrs. B. Heeroo, Assistant Procurement Member (as from 6 Feb, 2019)

and Supply Officer

Mrs. A Ramasamy, Executive Officer Secretary (up to 30 Oct, 2018)

Mrs. B. Proheea, Clerical/Higher Clerical Secretary (as from 1 Nov, 2018 to date)

Officer

5.1.3 Annual Report

Annual Report for January 2016 to June 2017 is presently under publication and will be circulated shortly. Annual Report for Financial Year 2017/2018 has already been prepared and approved by Board at its Meeting held on 31 October, 2018. The Audit Certificate is being awaited from the Director of Audit to proceed further with the report.

5.1.4 Amendments to Beach Authority Act, 2002

In order to face the new challenges and tap opportunities for better quality and standard of amenities and services, and to fulfill its role more effectively, the Authority is developing itself into a more multifaceted organisation. This demands a review of the Authority's legal and institutional framework. It is precisely in this context that various amendments to be made to the Beach Authority Act, 2002 have been worked out and sent to the Parent Ministry. These amendments will further empower the Authority to enforce the relevant regulations (as appropriate) as well as enable it to generate other sources of revenue so as to become financially more sustainable and less dependent on Government grants. The main amendments contained in the Bill also relate to the empowerment of officers of the Authority and establish contraventions for non-compliance of regulations made under the main Act as well as to issue notice for any eyesore, littering or illegal structure on public beaches.

5.2 Human Resource Unit

5.2.1 Monitoring of Attendance and Leaves

Regular monitoring of attendance as per the established rules and regulations are being carried out.

Daily processing of sick, casual and vacation leaves are successfully completed and members of the staff are informed to take remedial actions for any shortcomings accordingly.

5.2.2 Mileage and Passage Benefit

- (i) Verification of mileage and overtime claims are processed on a monthly basis.
- (ii) Calculation of passage benefits for payment are done as and when required.

5.2.3 Performance Appraisal System

Performance Appraisal for period July 2018 to June 2019 is ongoing.

5.2.4 Additional and new posts to be filled

With a necessity to increase the human resources capacity of the Authority, the following new posts have been created and filled:

(i) Beach Enforcement Officers - 3 posts created and filled

To ensure better monitoring and enforcement of the regulations of activities on public beaches.

(ii) Beach Works Inspectors – 1 post created and filled

To ensure the proper handling and implementation of projects.

(iii) Supporting Staff

• 9 posts of Clerical Officer/Higher Clerical Officer created and filled.

Supporting staff with a capacity to carry out Clerical/Secretarial nature of work required to service the different operations carried out within the organisation were given due consideration.

(iv) Human Resource Officer

The lack of an appropriate and qualified person to deal with Human Resource matters was badly felt. Therefore a Human Resource Officer is employed on contract/part time basis for the smooth running of the Human Resource Section of the Authority. This measure is also enabling the Administrative Manager to dedicate more time on supervision and administrative matters at the level of the Authority.

(v) Accounting Technician

The Finance Section is headed by an Acting Accounting Technician since December, 2017. The latter is in charge of the finance section of the Authority. At present, the duties at the Finance Section are being performed with the assistance of two Clerical/Higher Clerical Officers. As the activities of the Authority have been continuously expanding, the Finance Section is called upon to cope with the increase in volume of financial transactions.

There has been a subtle shift from the mere control of finance to financial management resulting in the increase in the responsibility of the Acting Accounting Technician in volume and complexity. The post of Accounting Technician will be filled shortly.

(vi) Procurement and Supply Officer

With a view to ensuring the smooth running of the procurement section so that all operations are carried out efficiently and effectively, a new post of Procurement and Supply Officer has been created in November, 2018. A Procurement and Supply Officer has been employed on contract/part time basis. He is in charge of the control of all procurement matters relevant to the Authority and includes amongst others, the following:

- purchases and supplies of all stores and materials for all projects undertaken in-house on public beaches as well as goods, works and services for the Authority in general
- responsible for the sub-store at La Butte for storage and other warehouse operations
- storekeeping and stock control duties both at Head Office and sites of work.

(vii) IT Support Officer

A new post of IT Support Officer has been created and filled on 2 July, 2018 to carry out the following duties:

- a. To ensure:
 - preparation of specific and non-specific requirements for ICT projects
 - setting up and configuring computer systems and infrastructure deployment and site preparations
 - setting up of database, network and systems administration and setting up and managing users, groups and roles
 - quality assurance and evaluating computer system specifications for business requirements
 - provision of first level technical support on computer hardware and software
- b. To design, develop, maintain, implement and deploy IT systems, and train end-users thereon.
- c. To take preventive measures to ensure adequate capacity and availability of storage and computing systems and monitor performance to ensure optimum efficiency.
- d. To provide and maintain up-to-date documentation of implemented systems as regard to technical, user, procedure and operational manuals.
- e. To implement security measures to safeguard IT systems from threats and to ensure business continuity in collaboration with all stakeholders.
- f. To monitor performance of application software, operating system and daily and weekly back-up.
- g. To design and implement additional queries and reports on existing database.
- h. To ensure compliance with ICT standards, guidelines and methodologies.
- i. To be responsible for the updating and maintenance of the Website of the Authority.
- j. To promote the image of the Authority.

5.2.5 Schemes of Service

Schemes of service in respect of all new posts created (IT Support Officer, Project Officer, Human Resource Officer, Procurement and Supply Officer and Handy Worker) and approved post 2016 PRB Report by the Board have already been prescribed.

5.2.6 Youth Employment Programme (YEP)

During period April 2018 to March 2019, there were about eleven YEP Trainees who were posted in different Sections of the Authority.

5.2.7 Trainee Engineer Scheme

Three trainee engineers were posted on January 2017 under the scheme by the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations, Employment and Training in the technical section of the Authority.

5.3 Complaint Unit

After the launching of the Citizen Support Portal (CSP) by the Hon. Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development on 28 April, 2017, a complaint unit has been set up at the Authority on 02 May, 2017.

One hundred and fifty four complaints have been received and processed during the period **April, 2018 to March, 2019** as follows:

Table 1: Complaints received and actions taken during the period April 2018 to March 2019

Type	Number	Particulars	Status
Online	65	Plumbing, Electricity, Act of vandalism, Theft, Parking problems, Trading activities, Felling of trees, Wastes Collection, Illegal Dumping	37 - action already taken 3 - misdirected 5 - ongoing 20 - action already taken and transferred
Telephone	69		69 - action already taken
Type	Number	-	Status
Walk in	20		18 - action already taken
			2 - ongoing

5.4 Transport Section

Transportation is one amongst the vital activities of the Authority. Official transport is being provided for the conveyance of General Workers for repairs and maintenance of various amenities and transportation of materials to different sites of works and also for the conveyance of staff to attend site visits and meetings on public beaches.

In line with the Occupational Health and Safety Act, 2008, all vehicles are equipped with first aid kits to provide first aid intervention in case of injury which might occur while travelling.

Some of the vehicles are equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) tracking device which contribute to the effective monitoring and management of those vehicles.

Moreover, all drivers are continuously being sensitised so as to be more responsible towards their duties by taking care of the vehicles of the Authority and assuring safe journey of the passengers etc, which, in turn, contributes in reducing the number of accidents and bringing down the maintenance costs of the vehicles.

Table 2: Number of vehicles purchased by the Authority from 2005 to 2018

Year	Type of Vehicles purchased	Total
2005	Toyota (double cab)	1
2008	Nissan - Tipper Lorry (3.5 tons)	1
2015	Nissan Quashquai and Double cab pick up	2
2017	Nissan NV 200	2
2018	Mitsubishi L 200	3
2018	Mitsubishi Fuso	1
	TOTAL	10

6.0 Licensing Section

The licensing department is responsible for the overall issue of authorisation to use public beaches as well as dealing with all matters as regards to issue and renewal of beach traders' licences and follow up of monthly payment concerning tuckshops on public beaches.

- ➤ The licensing department has received the following applications during the period April 2018 till March 2019:
 - (i) 549 applications for use of public beaches out of which 474 applications have been granted and 75 applications have not been approved (due to too short notice, wedding ceremonies, absence of clearances from relevant stakeholders including Police, etc)
 - (ii) 163 new applications to trade on public beaches
- ➤ During period April 2018 to March 2019, the licensing department has received the following queries on authorisations to use public beaches or beach traders' licences:
 - (iii) 2096 incoming calls concerning information/queries about authorisations to use public beaches or on beach traders' licences
 - (iv) 1427 visitors called at the office either to seek information/queries or to collect approval for authorisation to use public beaches, payment for renewal of beach traders' licences as well as application for additional/change of trades

There is a Beach Traders' Licence Committee that examines and makes recommendations on issues pertaining to new applications received for change/additional trades, cases of non-compliance by traders to the conditions and criteria or regulations in force for issue of licence, contraventions established against traders by the Police, non-renewal of beach traders' licences.

It is to be noted that trading activities are closely monitored on a permanent basis by the officers of the Authority.

The Board has, on 27 February, 2018, decided neither to issue nor to entertain any new application of Beach Traders' Licence on public beaches from applicants until further notice.

The number of licences renewed for trades (other than mattresses and umbrellas) during the period April 2018 to March 2019 is shown in the table below:

Table 3: Beach Traders' Licence renewed (April 2018 to March 2019)

Trades	No. of Licences renewed
Selling of Fruits (other than Coconut)	45
Selling of Coconuts	26
Selling of Ice cream and Ice Lollies	46
Selling of Cooked Food	142
Selling of "Dholl Puri" and Cakes	31
Selling of Non-Alcoholic Beverages and Juices	85
Selling of Pre-packed Snacks and Confectionery (other than Canned Foods)	8
Selling of Ready-Made Garments	39
Selling of Handicraft, Artisanal and Fancy Products	55
TOTAL	477

6.1 Renting of mattresses and umbrellas on public beaches

New conditions were imposed by the Government for the renting of mattresses and umbrellas as follows:-

- (i) operators for the renting of mattresses and umbrellas should not be allowed to operate on **saturdays**, **sundays** and **public holidays**.
- (ii) measures be taken such that beach traders do not obstruct public beaches.

In view of the above, the Authority has taken the following actions:-

- (i) a notice has been issued in the press informing the public that the display of fireworks is not allowed on public beaches
- (ii) licence holders for the renting of mattresses and umbrellas have already been informed not to display the mattresses outright on the public beach, instead, stack the mattresses and umbrellas at a designated area and display same on the beach when rented to the public or the tourists, thus not obstructing the public beaches.

The Board of the Authority at its meeting held on 31 January, 2017, approved the setting up of a technical committee to review the 15% of beach frontage allocated for the renting of mattresses and umbrellas based on the extent of the beach, the beach erosion effect, number of beach users frequenting the beaches especially during **weekends** and **festive periods**, and the types of activities being carried out on each public beach.

The terms of reference of the Technical Committee were as follows:-

- (i) to carry out site visits and to assess all implications and submit fresh recommendations on the number of mattresses and umbrellas to be allowed for each public beach
- (ii) to look into the possibility of relocating traders renting mattresses and umbrellas from small public beaches to relatively larger public beaches

The recommendations of the Technical Committee were as follows:-

- (i) not to place any additional mattresses and umbrellas at Trou aux Biches (opposite Police Station) and (near Casuarina Hotel), Pointe aux Piments (near Fish Landing Station), Mont Choisy, Grand Baie, La Cuvette, Bain Boeuf, Flic en Flac and Belle Mare public beaches
- (ii) not to entertain any application for such trade at Pereybère public beach in view of the small beach frontage
- (iii) not to place any mattresses and umbrellas at Blue Bay public beach. Proposal be made to the existing trader to carry out the said trade at La Cambuse public beach

Trading activities on public beaches are closely monitored on a permanent basis by the Beach Enforcement Officers of the Authority.

The chart below illustrates the number of Beach Traders' Licences renewed for renting of mattresses and umbrellas on public beaches during period April 2018 to March 2019.

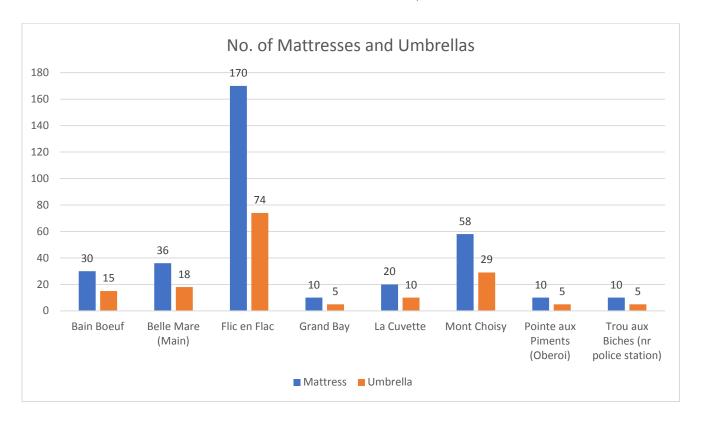


Figure 1: Beach Traders' Licences renewed for renting of mattresses and umbrellas on public beaches for period April 2018 to March 2019

6.2 Authorisations

In accordance with the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004, the Authority is empowered to control activities on public beaches as follows:

6.2.1 Authorisation to use public beaches

The said regulations provide that any person who wishes to hold on any public beach, any public gathering, public entertainment or any activity to which the public is convened, he shall make an application to the Authority.

The application shall be made in the form specified in the First Schedule at least 21 days before holding the said activity.

Authorisations are, thus, issued in the form specified in the Second Schedule for holding activities such as: religious, sports, camping, repairs of boats, social gatherings and activities of commercial nature. The form can be downloaded from the website of the Beach Authority.

After consideration of the application and any information submitted in relation to an application under regulation 3, the Authority may:-

- a) grant the application and issue an authorisation in the form specified in the Second Schedule subject to:-
 - (i) the payment of a deposit of 3,000 rupees
 - (ii) the payment of a daily fee of 1,000 rupees
 - (iii) such terms and conditions as the Authority may deem necessary.
- b) reject the application where it is satisfied that the applicant:-
 - (i) has knowingly made, in the application for an authorisation or in the course of any query, any statement, or furnished any information which is false or misleading in a material particular; or
 - (ii) is not otherwise a fit and proper person to be granted an authorisation.

A status of various authorisations issued for use of public beaches from April 2018 to March 2019 is illustrated in the chart below:

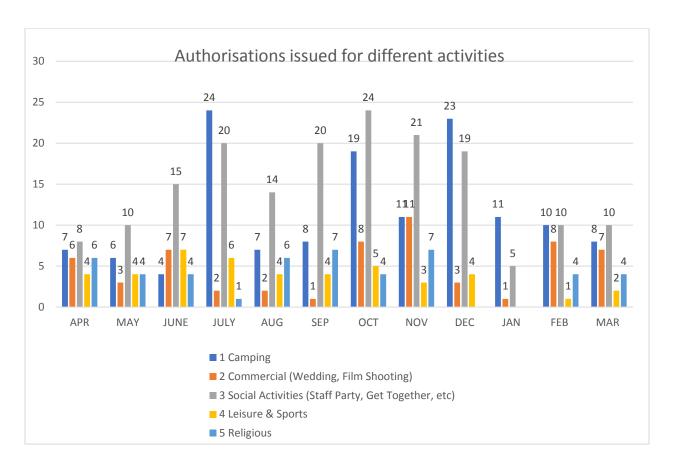


Figure 2: Types and the number of authorisations issued for period April 2018 to March 2019

6.2.2 Exemption from payment of fees for issue of authorisation to use public beaches

Since the regulations were promulgated in 2004, the Authority has exempted the public from the payment of the daily fee of Rs 1000 for camping, social, religious and leisure and sport activities. Only those involved in commercial activities, for example, film shooting and advertisements are charged a deposit and daily fee as prescribed in the regulations.

The Board at its sitting held on 28 February, 2018 has:

- maintained the standing practices and policies governing the issue of authorisations for various activities as follows:-
- i. Religious ceremony Exempted from payment of daily fee and deposit as per Section 6 (2) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004
- ii. Sports Activities (a) Payment of the Deposit and Daily Fee as per Section 6 (1) (a) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004 where a participation fee is claimed to the applicant
 - (b) Exempted from payment of daily fee and deposit as per Section 6 (2) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004 for activities organised by Ministries and Local Authorities
- iii. Repairs of Pleasure Crafts Payment of the Deposit and Daily Fee as per Section 6 (1) (a) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004
- iv. Repairs of Fishing Boats Exempted from payment of daily fee and deposit as per Section6 (2) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004
- v. Film Shooting Payment of the Deposit and Daily Fee as per Section 6 (1) (a) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004
- vi. Social Team Building, Get Together, Sensitisation campaign, Cleanup campaign, Family Gathering Exempted from payment of daily fee and deposit as per Section 6 (2) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004
- vii. Camping activities Payment of the Deposit only as per Section 6 (1) (a) (i) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004
- viii. Commercial activities Promotion of foodstuffs, Gala Dinner organised by companies Payment of the Deposit and Daily Fees as per Section 6 (1) (a) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004

- ix. Leisure Exempted from payment of daily fee and deposit as per Section 6 (2) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004
- x. Stocking of building materials Payment of the Deposit and Daily Fees as per Section 6 (1)(a) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004
- xi. All activities organised by the Ministries and the Local Authorities to be Exempted as per Section 6 (2) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004
- xii. Kite Surfing Payment of the Deposit and Daily Fees as per Section 6 (1) (a) of the Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004

Note: All deposit fees are refundable upon satisfactory report being obtained from the officers of the Beach Authority.

 the Board has also approved that a Technical Committee be set up to examine and submit recommendations on all necessary amendments that need to be made to the present Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004. Necessary action has been initiated accordingly and is under consideration at the level of the Authority.

Camping is the most common activity which needs to be properly monitored by the Beach Authority since it is an activity which is directly linked with the extensive use of public beaches. It also implies elements of security and safety to users of public beaches as well as issues relating to the protection of the environment. Moreover, applicants submit applications for use of public beaches for the said activity together for arrangements being made for toilet facilities at night. All applicants for camping activities are requested to effect a payment of a deposit of Rs. 3, 000/-which is refundable after the activity following reports from officers of the Authority ascertaining that no damage has been caused to the toilet and its amenities.

6.2.3 Repairs and Maintenance of boats on public beaches

The repairs of fishing boats on public beaches from registered fishermen are also being exempted from the payment of deposit and daily fees. The applicants for use of public beaches for repairs of Pleasure Craft are however required to effect payment of the deposit and daily fees.

All applications received in respect of repairs and maintenance of boats are dealt with in accordance with the present Beach Authority (Use of Public Beach) Regulations, 2004, as follows:

- (i) all pleasure crafts under twenty one feet of dimension to be towed out of public beaches for repairs. Those above twenty one feet may be authorized to use public beach for repairs upon payment of a deposit of Rs 3,000 (refundable) and a daily fee of Rs 1,000
- (ii) fishing boats registered with the Ministry of Fisheries are exempted from payment of deposit and daily fee to use public beach for their repairs.

All repairs/maintenance works are authorised to be carried out in a designated area determined by the Authority under specific conditions (relevant to security and safety etc) and are properly monitored by the Beach Enforcement Officers of the Authority and the National Coast Guard office.

A total of ten (10) repairs and maintenance of boats on public beaches has been authorised by the Beach Authority during the period April 2018 to March 2019.

The pie chart that follows depicts the number of boat repairs effected at Pointe aux Piments, Grand Gaube, Grand Baie, Cap Malheureux, Mont Choisy and Von Moltke public beaches during the period April 2018 to March 2019.

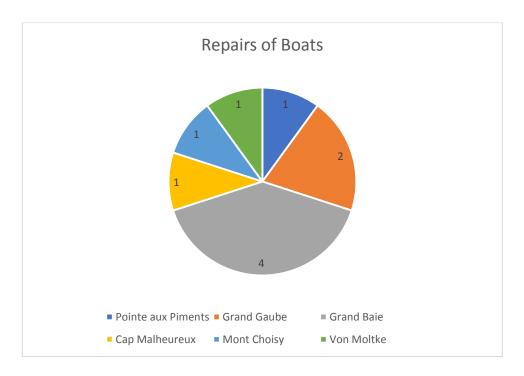


Figure 3: Number of boat repairs effected from April 2018 to March 2019

6.3 Renting of Tuckshops

With the coming into operation of the Beach Authority Act 2002, the Authority took control of all the assets on public beaches. Accordingly, the Authority took over certain buildings known as "Tuckshops" at La Cuvette, Blue Bay and Belle Mare public beaches (that existed since years and dates back as far as the time it was managed by the Local Authorities and the Ministry of Local Government).

The Authority also embarked in the construction of some new 'tuckshops' on other public beaches. Actually the number of tuckshops and other buildings on public beaches which have been leased to operators following appropriate bidding procedures are as follows:

Table 4: Buildings of Beach Authority on the different public beaches

Public Beaches	Buildings
Belle Mare	1 commercial building
Blue Bay	1 tuckshop and 2 commercial buildings
La Cuvette	6 tuckshops and 1 boat house
Pereybère	4 tuckshops
St. Felix	6 tuckshops
Albion	4 tuckshops

In line with the proposed construction of a resort and associated facilities at La Cambuse, the promoter has agreed to construct six (6) tuckshops at the said public beach. The construction works will start in September 2019 and are expected to be completed in December 2019.

6.4 Display of Fireworks on public beaches

The display of fireworks on public beaches is not allowed for safety and security of beach users pending the coming into force of appropriate regulations. In this context, the Authority issued a communiqué in the press and on the website of the Authority on 22 December, 2017 informing that the display of fireworks on public beaches is not allowed. The said communiqué is also published every year during the festive season.

7.0 Finance Section

7.1 Introduction

The Authority is financed through a grant allocated by the Government and also revenue generated by the Authority to sustain its recurrent and capital expenditures. The role and responsibility of the Head of Finance is to assist and advise the General Manager in the preparation of the budget, collection of revenue, processing and control of expenditure and preparation of financial reports, for the efficient and effective implementation of the Authority's policies and programmes.

7.2 Projects budgeted under financial year July 2017 – June 2018 and July 2018 – June 2019

The amount budgeted for the financial year July 2017 – June 2018 was **Rs 38.0 million** and that of July 2018 – June 2019 was **Rs. 40 million** (inclusive of Rs. 10 million under National Empowerment Fund for the implementation of Beach Management Plans). The status of the projects is enlisted in tables 5 and 6 as follows:

Table 5: Projects and their status under financial year July 2017 to June 2018

S/N	PROJECTS	Revised Budget (Rs)	Amount earmarked (Rs)	Balance (Rs)	Remarks
1	Implementation of Beach Management Plan (Phase 1): (i) Mont Choisy Public Beach - Rs 4M (ii) Belle Mare Public Beach - Rs 4M (iii) Flic en Flac Public Beach - Rs 4M	12,000,000	0	12,000,000	Awaiting Beach Management Plan for implementation
2	Upgrading of toilet blocks on public beaches at Grand Gaube (Paul and Virginie), Pointe aux Piments (FLS), Cap Malheureux, La Pointe (Petit Verger, Pointe aux Sables (Main Beach)	3,500,000	3,500,000	0	Works completed
3	Provision for Solar Lighting facilities at Pointe aux Piments (10), Bain Boeuf (10), Grand Gaube (4), Roches Noires (5), Poste Lafayette (6), Quatre Soeurs (10), Providence (4), Baie du Cap (8), La Pointe Cassis (5), Bois des Amourettes (2) public beaches	7,000,000	7,000,000	0	Works completed
4	Construction/Upgrading of Parking Areas and Provision of Beach Enclosure on Public Beaches - Pomponettes and Von Molke	2,000,000	2,000,000	0	Works ongoing
5	Provision of amenities on public beaches (fireplaces, picnic tables, litter bins, mini kiosks and informative panels)	3,500,000	3,500,000	0	Works completed
6	Felling of dry/dangerous trees on public beaches	500,000	500,000	0	Works completed
7	Procurement of one Double Cab Lorry 2.5T, Skid steer loader and one Water Tank Lorry (10,000 litres)	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	Procured 4 vehicles
8	Upgrading of sub-offices at Flic en Flac and Blue Bay	1,500,000	1,500,000	0	Works completed
9	Machinery and Equipment (Electrical, plumbing and Carpentry tools)	1,500,000	1,000,000	500,000	Procurement of equipment in progress
10	Minor Works	500,000	400,000	100,000	Works in progress
	Total	38,000,000	25,400,000	12,600,000	

Table 6: Projects and their status under financial year July 2018 to June 2019

The amount budgeted for the financial year July 2018 – June 2019 was **Rs 30.0 million** and projects were still under implementation level as follows:

S/N	PROJECTS	Revised Budget (Rs)	Amount Earmarked (Rs)	Balance (Rs)	Remarks
1	Infrastructural development at Riambel public beach (toilet blocks, parking & landscaping works)	3,900,000	3,900,000	0	Works in progress
2	Construction of a new toilet block at Flic en Flac public beach	2,500,000	2,500,000	0	Works in progress
2.1	Construction of sub office at St Felix	2,500,000	1,955,000	545,000	Tender awarded in May 2019
3	Upgrading of toilet blocks at Trou aux Biches (Near NCG), La Cuvette, Cap Malheureux, Palmar & Sable Noir public beaches	3,732,000	3,732,000	0	Works completed
4	Provision of parking facilities and beach enclosure on 2 public beaches – Palmar and Wolmar	4,255,000	4,255,000	0	Works in progress
5	Provision of 75 Solar lighting columns on 12 public beaches - Telfair (5), Pomponette (10), Riambel (6), P.G l' Embrazure (10), Von Moltke (5), Case Noyale (5), P.G Le Morne (2), Wolmar (5), Le Goulet (5), Butte a l' Herbe(5), Belle Vue Cugnet (7), Melville Islet Matapan (10)	6,000,000	6,000,000	0	Works in progress
6	Provision of amenities on public beaches (litter bins, Eco-bins, Fireplaces, Family pic-nic corners, mini kiosks, main kiosks, tables, benches informative panels and dangerous bathing panels)	4,113,000	1,663,000	2,450,000	Tender to be launched shortly
7	Other minor works - (any adhoc projects and emergency works)	3,000,000	2,896,000	104,000	Ongoing works
	Total	30,000,000	26,901,000	3,099,000	

7.3 Income collected during the period July 2018 – March 2019

Apart from the Government Grant, the Beach Authority also generates revenue through the renting of tuckshops, renewal of Beach Traders' Licence and use of public beaches as shown in table 7 below:

Table 7: Revenue collected during period July 2018 to March 2019

Details	Amount (Rs.)
Beach Trader Licence - Renewal	1,313,500
Use of Public Beach – daily fee	209,000
Fines and Penalty	49,740
Lease/Renting of Tuckhop	1,470,293
Other income	169,935
Renting of Commercial Building	75,000
Renting of Umbrella & Mattress	147,000
TOTAL	3,434,468

8.0 Procurement and Supply section

8.1 Public Procurement in General

Procurement is defined as the whole process of acquisition from third parties comprising of goods, services and construction works. Procurement encompasses every aspect of the purchasing process from determining the need for goods and services to buying, delivering and storing them in order to help achieve the organisation key objectives and output. It is responsible for a wide range of initiatives from the development of solicitation of bids to the evaluation of as well as working with appropriate suppliers. Ultimately, procurement has a significant impact on the smooth running of the organisation.

8.2 Roles and Responsibilities of the Procurement and Supply Section

To advise the General Manager on matters relating to procurement and supply management. Furthermore, to perform procurement, warehousing and stock control operations and maintain updated records of transactions in compliance with the provisions laid down in the Financial

Management Kit and regulations made under the Public Procurement Act, 2006 and other regulations in force, as appropriate.

8.3 Procurement Methods

All the procurement of goods, works and services at the Authority should be performed in compliance with the Public Procurement Act 2006, regulations and in accordance to instructions contained in the Financial Management Manual Kit. The different procurement methods used at the Authority are:

- *Direct Procurement* (through the Informal Quotation);
- (i) in case of procurement of goods, where the value does not exceed Rs 500, 000/-provided that the total cost per single item does not exceed Rs 100,000/-
- (ii) where procurement of works, consultancy services and other services value does not exceed Rs 500, 000/-
 - Request for Sealed Quotation that is applied for the procurement of goods, works and other services from Rs 100,000/- up to Rs 5 M.
 - Open Advertised Bidding that is specifically for prescribed amount above Rs 5M and in exceptional cases where we have limited suppliers/contractors in the required field.

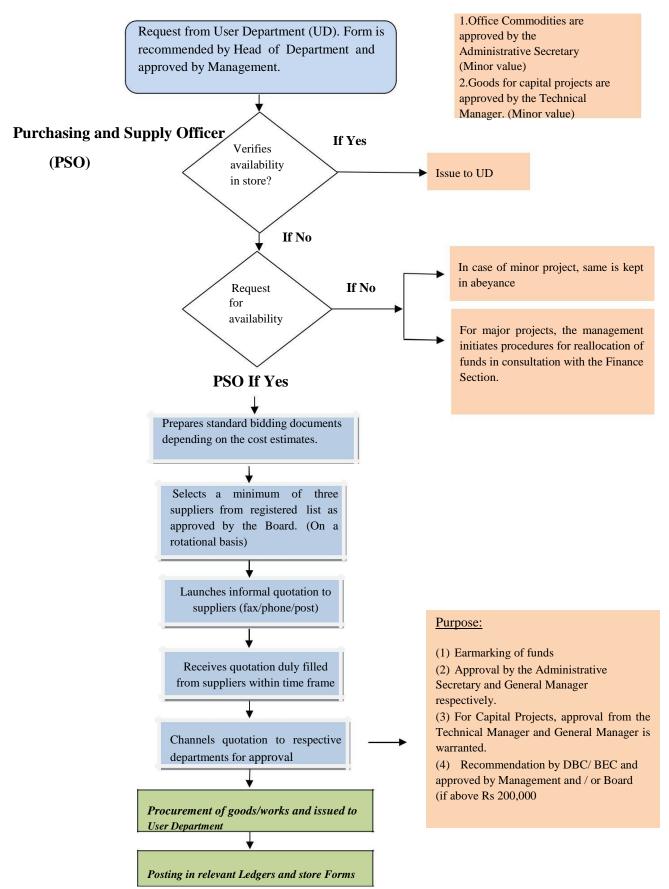


Figure 4: Chart showing the different steps involved in the procurement of goods/works/ services

Table 8: Bids launched and forwarded during the period April 2018 to March 2019

	FORMAL QUOTATIONS			
S. N	REFERENCE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	DATE ISSUED	CLOSING DATE
1.	BA/RFQ/37/2017-18	Procurement of Tools and Equipment	09/04/18	24/04/18
2.	BA/RFQ/39/2017-18	Procurement of a Portable Generator	09/04/18	24/04/18
3.	BA/RFQ/40/2017-18	Supply and fixing of Picnic Tables on public beaches	07/06/18	22/06/18
4.	BA/RB/41/2017-18	Procurement of brand new 4WD Double Cabin Pick Up Van and 2WD Double Cabin Pick Up Van	27/04/18 14/05/18	
5.	BA/EOI/42/2017-18	Expression of interest for the right of occupation of tuckshops at Albion public beach and a commercial building at Blue Bay public beach	03/05/18	21/05/18
6.	BA/RFQ/43/2017-18	Felling of trees, removal of stumps and other related works on public beaches	11/04/18	24/04/18
7.	BA/RFQ/44/2017-18	Design and built of solar lighting system on public beaches	21/05/18	05/06/18
8.	BA/RFQ/45/2017-18	Upgrading of toilet block at La Preneuse public beach	17/04/18	02/05/18
9.	BA/RFQ/46/2017-18	Construction of new toilet block at Pointe des Lascars public beach	10/05/18 25/05/18	
10.	BA/OAB/01/2018-19	Design and built of solar lighting system on public beaches	14/08/18	17/09/18
11.	BA/RFQ/03/2018-19	Insurance cover of buildings on public beaches	30 / 07 / 18	14/08/18
12.	BA/RFQ/04/2018-19	*		08/08/18
13.	BA/RFQ/06/2018-19	-		09/11/18
14.	BA/RFQ/07/2018-19			09/08/18
15.	BA/RFQ/09/2018-19	Supply of genuine toners and cartridges	10/09/18	18/09/18
16.	BA/RFQ/10/2018-19	Upgrading of toilet block at Cap Malheureux public beach	25/07/18	08/08/18
17.	BA/RFQ/12/2018-19	Upgrading of main access at Mont Choisy public beach	31/08/18	17/09/18

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S.N	REFERENCE	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	DATE	CLOSING	
10	DA/DEO/45/0010 10		ISSUED	DATE	
18.	BA/RFQ/15/2018-19	Supply of stationeries and office supplies	13/09/18	24/09/18	
19.	BA/RFQ/16/2018-19	Supply of reflective signboards	18/09/18	03/10/18	
20.	BA/RFQ/17/2018-19	Removal & carting away of lamp posts	24/10/18	24/10/18 06/11/18	
21.	BA/OAB/18/2018-19	Upgrading of toilet blocks on public 22/10/18 beaches		22/11/18	
22.	BA/RFQ/19/2018-19	Manufacture, supply & fixing of litter bins on public beaches	26/09/18	11/11/18	
23.	BA/RFQ/23/2018-19	Supply of printing items	15/10/18	26/10/18	
24.	BA/RFQ/25/2018-19	Supply & fixing of information panels and commemorative plates on public beaches		20/11/18	
25.	BA/RFQ/28/2018-19	Construction of mini-kiosks at Pomponette public beach	09/11/18	23/11/18	
26.	BA/RFQ/29/2018-19	Medical insurance scheme for staff	27/11/18 13/12/18		
27.	BA/RFQ/30/2018-19	Design, Editing and printing of Annual Report (for period January 2016 - June 2017)	29/11/18	13/12/18	
28.	BA/RFQ/31/2018-19	Insurance scheme on assets and staffs at Beach Authority	06/12/18	19/12/18	
29.	BA/OAB/33/2018-19			22/01/19	
30.	BA/OAB/37/2018-19	Refurbishment of parking at Wolmar public beach & Construction of parking area at Palmar public beach	08/02/19	05/03/19	
31.	BA/RFQ/39/2018-19	Construction of new toilet block at Flic en Flac public beach			
32.	BA/RFQ/40/2018-19	Upgrading of accesses at Rivière des Galets public beach	19/02/19	06/03/19	
33.	BA/RFQ/42/2018-19	Supply and commissioning of Laptops	08/03/19	20/03/19	

8.4 Enhancing the role of the Procurement and Supply Section

The way procurement is being carried out at the Beach Authority is slowly but surely undergoing significant improvement. The need to align procurement objectives with that of the organisation has become a necessity. Using tools like excel sheets and other relevant software is helping the procurement section to meet the needs and requirements of the Beach Authority effectively and efficiently.

It is safe to say that the future holds additional changes for procurement. The drivers that have increased procurements importance in the past (globalization, technology, sustainability) continue to shape the procurement and supply section. To meet these challenges, organisations need a proactive, strategic procurement function and well-trained procurement and supply management professionals.

9.0 Technical Section

The Technical Section of the Beach Authority is responsible for implementation of projects on public beaches as per policy guidelines in force. It is involved in assessing Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), preparation of Terms of Reference (ToR) and to represent the Beach Authority in other technical committees of different ministries/departments. Moreover, the Technical Section is responsible for the monitoring of scavenging contracts and repairs and maintenance of all amenities on public beaches. The activities undertaken and implementation of projects on public beaches by the Beach Authority are highlighted below:

9.1 Lighting Facilities through PV Solar Panels on public beaches

Enhancing safety and security on public beaches remain a priority of the Beach Authority. Lighting facilities on public beaches do not only enhance the security and safety of the beach users but also extend the leisure facilities after sunset. In the context of improving lighting on the public beaches through the use of renewable energy, Beach Authority has ventured on a Solar Lighting Project. Solar lights are environment-friendly as the panels are solely dependent on the sun energy. The new Solar Lighting columns which are six metres (6m) high are more reliable and cost effective in terms of running/maintenance as compared to the traditional underground electrical lighting network with three metres (3m) high lamp posts. It is to be noted that irresponsible beach

users tamper with the electricity from the inspection doors; the circuit breakers and other electrical accessories are also being stolen quite often.

Solar lighting system has been implemented in accordance with the green development concept set up by the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development (Environment and Sustainable Development Division).

Subsequently a total of one hundred and thirty seven (137) solar lighting columns have been installed on the following public beaches during the period **April**, **2018** to **March**, **2019**:

Table 9: Solar lighting installed on public beaches during period April 2018 to March 2019

S.N	PUBLIC BEACH	No. of units installed
1.	Flic en Flac	10
2.	P. G Mon Plaisir, Albion	5
3.	Rivière des Galets	5
4.	Le Morne Brabant (Pointe Sud Ouest)	5
5.	Pointe aux Piments	10
6.	Quatre Soeurs	10
7.	Bois des Amourettes	2
8.	Roches Noires	5
9.	Providence	4
10.	Poste Lafayette	6
11.	Telfair	5
12.	Pomponette	10
13.	Riambel	6
14.	P. G. l'Embrazure	10
15.	Von Moltke	5
16.	P. G. Le Morne	2
17.	Case Noyale	5
18.	Wolmar	5
19.	Le Goulet	5
20.	Butte à l'Herbe	5

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S.N	PUBLIC BEACH	No. of units installed
21.	Belle Vue Cugnet	7
22.	Islet Matapan and part of P. G. Melville	10
TOTAL		137

> Solar lighting on public beaches



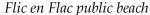
Rivière des Galets public beach



Telfair public beach

> Solar lighting on public beaches







Von Moltke public beach

9.2 Provision of Amenities on public beaches

With a view to satisfy the increasing demand of the beach users, the Authority has made provision for several additional amenities on all public beaches. Three (3) new toilet blocks, one hundred and thirty (130) litter bins, fifty (50) picnic tables, eco bins, three (3) informative panels and historical plates for sub offices were constructed/installed on several public beaches namely Pointe des Lascars, Pomponette, The Vale, Palmar, Belle Mare, Telfair, Von Moltke, Le Morne (near ex-Berjaya) amongst others.

9.2.1 Construction of new toilet blocks on public beaches

The Beach Authority has undertaken the construction of three (3) new toilet blocks on the following public beaches under the financial year 2018/2019 and 2019/2020:

- Rivière des Galets
- Belle Mare
- Pointe des Lascars

➤ New toilet block at Rivière des Galets public beach:



New toilet block at Rivière des Galets public beach

> New toilet block at Belle Mare public beach:



New toilet block at Belle Mare public beach

➤ New toilet block at Pointe des Lascars public beach:



New toilet block at Pointe des Lasars public beach

9.2.2 Provision of litter bins on public beaches

Litter bins play a vital role in waste management and also help in sensitising beach users to keep the environment clean and to dispose their wastes in a proper manner. One hundred and thirty (130) litter bins made of galvanised iron sheets and cladded with wood composite plastic bars have been placed on the following public beaches:

Table 10: Litter bins placed on public beaches during period April 2018 to March 2019

S.N	PUBLIC BEACH	No. of Bins installed
1.	Pomponette	8
2.	P. G. Virginia	2
3.	Palmar	2
4.	Belle Mare	2
5.	P. G Melville and Part of Islet Matapan	2
6.	Baie du Tombeau	2
7.	Telfair	2
8.	Blue Bay	5
9.	Trou aux Biches (opposite Aquarium)	2
10.	Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station)	2
11.	The Vale	2

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S.N	PUBLIC BEACH	No. of Bins installed
12.	Bain Boeuf	2
13.	P. G. Union Ribet	3
14.	Terracine	4
15.	Case Noyale (near Football Playground)	3
16.	Wolmar	4
17.	Pointe aux Piments (near Fish Landing Station)	3
18.	La Pointe Cassis Le Morne Village	2
19.	Roches Noires	5
20.	Von Moltke	5
21.	The Vale	2
22.	Cap Malheureux	1
23.	Pointe des Lascars	3
24.	Grand Baie	3
25.	Melville	3
26.	Grand Gaube	2
27.	La Cuvette	3
28.	Poste Lafayette (near Police Memorial)	4
29.	Poste Lafayette	4
30.	Palmar (near Ambre Hotel)	2
31.	Palmar (near Surcouf Hotel)	1
32.	Palmar (main beach)	3
33.	Pointe aux Piments (Pointe Oberoi)	3
34.	Pointe aux Piments (between Le Meridien and Victoria Hotel)	3
35.	Pointe aux Piments (near Fish Landing Station)	10
36.	Pointe aux Piments (opposite Aquarium)	6
37.	Pointe aux Piments (near Cemetery)	10
38.	Pereybère	3
39.	Trou aux Biches (opposite Casuarina Hotel)	2
	TOTAL	130

> Installation of litter bins on public beaches

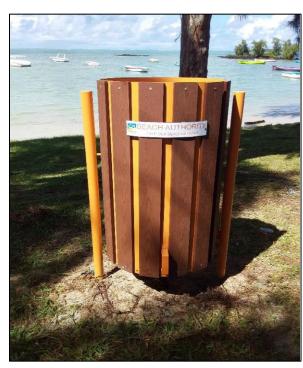




Installation of litter bin at Grand Gaube public beach



Installation of litter bin at Roches Noires public beach



Installation of litter bin at Melville public beach

9.2.3 Supply and installation of picnic tables on public beaches

The picnic tables made of 100% recycled plastic materials are durable and attractive as sitting areas on public beaches. The benefit of recycled plastic picnic tables are that they do not rot, warp, splinter or crack. The picnic tables can accommodate 4 to 6 persons at a time. Such picnic tables have been installed at the following public beaches:

Table 11: Picnic tables installed on public beaches during April 2018 to March 2019

S.N	PUBLIC BEACH	No. of Picnic tables installed
1.	Terracine	2
2.	Surinam	2
3.	Pomponette	4
4.	Rivière des Galets	4
5.	Ruisseau des Créoles	2
6.	Baie du Cap	2
7.	P.G. l'Embrazure	4
8.	La Pointe Cassis Le Morne Village	1
9.	Le Morne (Pointe Sud Ouest)	2
10.	Le Morne (near Ex-Berjaya Hotel)	2
11.	Le Morne (near Dinarobin Hotel)	4
12.	Tamarin	2
13.	P.G Anna	2
14.	Albion Mon Plaisir	1
15.	The Vale	2
16.	Grand Baie	2
17.	Pointe des Lascars	2
18.	Von Moltke	2
19.	Palmar	5
20.	Remy Ollier	2
21.	Pointe aux Sables (main)	1
	TOTAL	50

> Installation of picnic tables on public beaches



Installation of picnic table with recycled plastic at Palmar public beach



Installation of picnic table with recycled plastic at P. G. Anna public beach

9.2.4 Installation of Eco Bins on public beaches

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Rotaract Club of Rivière du Rempart, Eco Green Power Co.Ltd, the Beach Authority (BA) and the Currimjee Foundation on the **04**th **of July, 2018** for the Installation of Eco Bins at Bras d'Eau and La Cambuse public beaches.



Signature of Memorandum of Association (MoU)

(From left to right) Mr. Pascal FLEUR, Manager of Currimjee Foundation, Mr. Aditya Prakash BEERSEE, Project Coordinator at Rotaract Club of Rivière du Rempart, Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of the Beach Authority, Mr. Leckraj CHAYTOO, Administrative Manager of the Beach Authority, Mr. Yudhisthir LUCHOOMUN, President of Rotaract Club of Rivière du Rempart and Representative of Eco Green Ltd, Mr. Ramdawar SEWBALAK, Managing Director at Eco Green Ltd.

• Two (2) Eco-bins were donated by the Rotary Club of Rivière du Rempart and installed at Bras d'Eau public beach.





Eco-bins donated by the Rotary Club of Rivière du Rempart and installed at Bras d'Eau public beach

• One (1) Eco-bin was donated by the Currimjee Foundation and installed at La Cambuse public beach.



Eco-bin donated by the Currimjee Foundation and installed at La Cambuse public beach

9.2.5 Installation of informative panels and historical plates at sub offices

Informative panels have been placed at Flic en Flac, Belle Mare and Pereybère sub offices with a view to properly guide the public as regards to the establishment of sub offices on public beaches. Historical plates highlighting the history of the sub offices have also been placed at the sub offices.

> Informative panels placed at sub offices:



Informative panel placed at Flic en Flac Sub Office



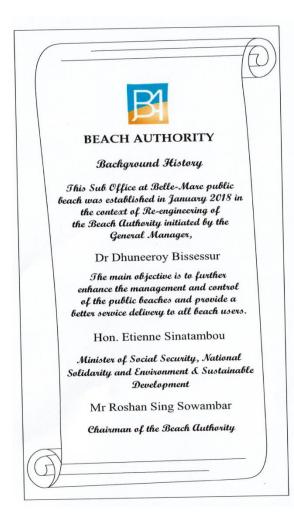
Informative panel placed at Belle Mare Sub Office

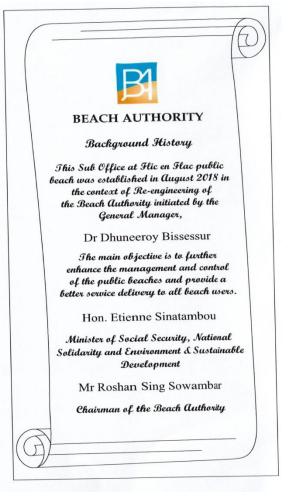
➤ Informative panels placed at sub offices:



Informative panel placed at Pereybère Sub Office

➤ Historical plates placed at sub offices:





Historical plates fixed at Belle Mare and Flic en Flac sub offices

9.3 Upgrading of parking areas and access on public beaches

Vehicular access on the beach dynamic zone is one of the causes contributing to beach erosion. Accordingly, with a view to preserve the coastal zone, parking areas and accesses to public beaches are being upgraded to facilitate vehicular access as well as to restrict movement of vehicles to the beach frontage.

9.3.1 Upgrading of parking area at Von Moltke public beach



Before



After

9.3.2 Upgrading of access at Mont Choisy public beach



Before



After

9.3.3 Upgrading of access at Le Goulet public beach





9.3.4 Upgrading of access at P. G. L'Embrazure public beach





9.4 Upgrading of existing toilet blocks on public beaches

To provide better toilet facilities to beach users, the Authority has undertaken the upgrading of existing toilet blocks at the following public beaches:

- La Preneuse
- La Cambuse
- Pointe aux Sables (main)
- Grand Gaube
- Palmar (near Ambre Hotel)
- Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station)
- Cap Malheureux
- Petit Verger
- Sable Noir
- La Cuvette
- Palmar (main)

9.4.1 Upgrading of toilet block at La Preneuse public beach

Fixing of signage for opening hours in aluminium composite panel



New signage for opening hours of toilet block at La Preneuse public beach

> Fixing of new pre-painted iron sheeting



Before



After

> Installation of new sanitary wares and accessories



Before



Supply and fixing of urinals with separators including bottle traps and flushing mechanism



Supply and fixing of new Water Closet (WC) and tiling works

> Installation of new sanitary wares and accessories

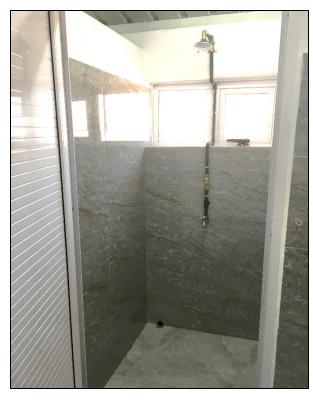




Before



Fixing of wash hand basin and fixing of mirror



Fixing of new shower head

Fixing of new powder coated aluminium doors and window panes





Fixing of new powder coated aluminium window doors



Fixing of new powder coated aluminium window panes

9.4.2 Upgrading of toilet block at La Cambuse public beach

➤ Removal of existing iron sheeting and construction of roof truss with new prepainted iron sheeting



Before



After

➤ Upgrading of reinforced concrete beams and columns on front terraces



Before



After

> Reinstatement of existing soakaway



Before



After

➤ Installation of rainwater pipes and gutters around the toilet blocks



Before



After

➤ Pressure cleaning and painting of interior and exterior walls of the toilet block





Before After

➤ Provision of new signboards for opening hours



Before



After

9.4.3 Upgrading of toilet block at Pointe aux Sables (main) public beach

➤ Painting of interior and exterior walls as well as roof of toilet block



Before



After

Supply and fixing of new powder coated aluminium doors





Before

After

➤ Construction of worktop for placing of wash hand basin and placing of mirror as well as soap dispenser



Before



After

> Supply and fixing of ceramic and mosaic tiles on wall and anti-skid floor tiles as well as replacement of shower head





Before

After

> Supply and fixing of new urinals with separators and Water Closet (WC)



Supply and fixing of urinals with separators including bottle traps and flushing mechanism



Supply and fixing of new Water Closet (WC) and tiling

9.4.4 Upgrading of toilet block at Grand Gaube public beach

➤ Painting of interior and exterior walls as well as roof of toilet blocks



Before



After

Supply and fixing of new urinals with separators



Supply and fixing of urinals with separators including bottle traps and flushing mechanism

> Supply and fixing of new Water Closet (WC)





Before After

➤ Construction of worktop for placing of wash hand bassin, mirror and soap dispenser



Fixing of wash hand basin mounted on a concrete platform and fixing of mirror

9.4.5 Upgrading of toilet block at Palmar (near Ambre Hotel) public beach

Removal of existing roller shutters, supply and fixing of new roller shutters made of galvanised steel with swing roll up for male and female units







After

> Removal of existing damaged iron roof sheeting and supply and fixing of new rion roof sheeting





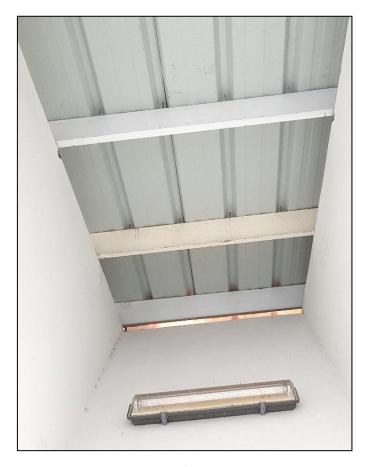


After

> Repair of existing metal rafter



Before



After

9.4.6 Upgrading of toilet block at Trou aux Biches public beach (in front of Police Station)

➤ Painting of toilet block, replacement of window openings and provision of fog lights



Before



After

> Supply and fixing of new urinals with separators and Water Closet (WC) and tiling works



Supply and fixing of urinals with separators including bottle traps and flushing mechanism



Supply and fixing of new Water Closet (WC) and tiling works

> Supply and fixing of new powder coated aluminium doors







> Upgrading of open showers



Before



After

9.4.7 Upgrading of toilet block at Cap Malheureux public beach

➤ Painting of toilet block and paving of bricks





Before

After

Painting of toilet block, iron roof sheeting and replacement of window openings



Before



After

➤ Replacement of existing metal doors with powder coated aluminium doors





Before

After

➤ Replacement of Water Closet (WC) and tiling works



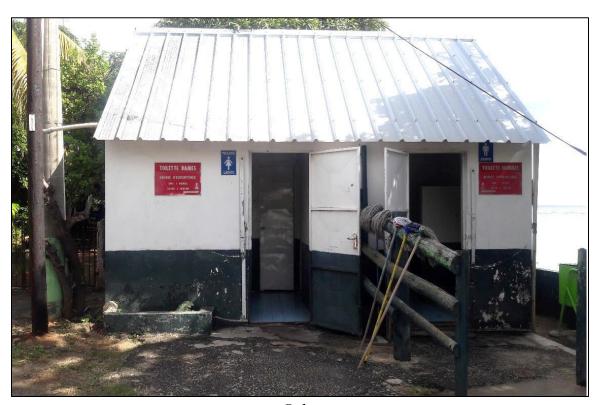
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After

9.4.8 Upgrading of toilet block at Petit Verger public beach

> Painting of toilet block and paving of bricks



Before



After

➤ Painting of internal iron roof





Before After

➤ Replacement of Water Closet (WC), tiles and shower head



Supply and fixing of new Water Closet (WC) and tiling works



Supply and fixing of new shower head and tiling works

➤ Construction of worktop for placing of wash hand bassin and mirror



Fixing of wash hand basin mounted on a concrete platform and fixing of mirror

> Painting of corrugated iron sheet roof



Before



After

9.4.9 Upgrading of toilet block at Sable Noir public beach



Upgraded toilet block at Sable Noir public beach



Supply and fixing of new wash basin



Supply and fixing of new Water Closet

9.4.10 Upgrading of toilet block at La Cuvette public beach



Upgraded toilet block at La Cuvette public beach



Supply and fixing of new Water Closet



Supply and fixing of new wash basin mounted on a concrete platform

9.4.11 Upgrading of toilet block at Palmar public beach





Upgraded toilet block at Palmar public beach



Fixing of wash hand basin mounted on a concrete platform and fixing of mirror



Supply and fixing of urinals with separators including bottle traps and flushing mechanism



Supply and fixing of new Water Closet 78

9.5 Amenities on public beaches

The most widespread activities on the public beaches relate to leisure and recreation. In a view to satisfy the increasing demand of the beach users on all public beaches, the Authority is implementing projects relevant to the provision of sufficient amenities to allow them to enjoy comfortably and have a nice time at the beach.

9.5.1 Construction of open showers at Pereybère public beach



Newly constructed open showers at Pereybère public beach

9.5.2 Construction of pétanque court at Ruisseau des Créoles public beach



Pétanque court at Ruisseau des Créoles public beach

9.5.3 Construction of pathway at Pereybère public beach





Before After



Pereybère public beach (sunset)

9.5.4 Public Private Partnership Programme

With a view to implement more projects regarding embellishment of public beaches, the Beach Authority has had recourse to the public private partnership. In this respect several stakeholders were contacted.

The Beach Authority has embarked on a programme to seek the assistance of stakeholders to embellish public beaches.

9.5.4.1 <u>Laurelton Diamonds Ltd at Pomponette public beach:</u>

Laurelton Diamonds Ltd, through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme, has contributed in the embellishment of the environment of Mauritius by assisting the Beach Authority in upgrading the Pomponette public beach with basic amenities such as four (4) picnic tables, eight (8) litter bins and two (2) mini-kiosks.

A handing over of relative documents was carried out at the seat of the Authority in September, 2018.



From left to right: Dr D. BISSESSUR, General Manager of the Beach Authority, Mr. S. RENGASAMY, Plant Director and Mrs. V. MALIE, Human Resource Manager of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd

> Amenities placed at Pomponette public beach

Two (2) mini-kiosks, four (4) picnic tables and eight (8) litter bins and have been funded by Laurelton Diamonds Ltd through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project.



Mini kiosk with treated pine poles benches at Pomponette public beach



Litter bin at Pomponette public beach



Picnic table (with recycle plastics) at Pomponette public beach

9.5.4.2 Upgrading of amenities at Tamarin public beach by Veranda Tamarin Hotel

The Veranda Tamarin Hotel in collaboration with Beach Authority has completed some rehabilitation works for the upgrading of existing amenities at Tamarin public beach under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project.



New stone masonry benches at Tamarin public beach



Upgrading of stone masonry fireplaces at Tamarin public beach



Painting of wooden parapets and concrete bollards at Tamarin public beach

9.5.4.3 Construction of a Water Fountain at Saint Felix public beach:

The Lions Club of Savanne in collaboration with the Beach Authority and the Employees Welfare Fund (EWF) has constructed a water fountain at Saint Felix public beach. An Inauguration Ceremony was organised by the Lions Club Savanne in collaboration with the Beach Authority and the Employees Welfare Fund (EWF) on 03 October, 2018 to commemorate the construction of the water fountain.



Unveiling of the water fountain by Mr. Emmanuel Ng Cheong Tin (Governor of Lions CMJ), Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur (General Manager of BA), Mr. N. Soobratty (Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development) and Mr. Dineshrao Babajee (Chairman of EWF)



Water fountain at Saint Felix public beach

9.5.5 Upgrading of public beaches

Upgrading works have been carried out on the following public beaches during the period April 2018 to March 2019:

- Grande Rivière Sud Est
- Pointe aux Sables
- La Pointe Cassis Le Morne Village
- Le Bouchon
- Rivière des Créoles

> Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach

(i) Painting of block wall



Before



After

(ii) Painting of toilet block



Before



After

(iii) Painting of benches and bollards



Before



After

(iv) Painting of main kiosk



Before



After

➤ Pointe aux Sables public beach

(i) Painting of concrete bollards



Before



After

(ii) Painting of mini-kiosk







After

(iii) Painting of lever arms and bollards



Before



After

(iv) Repair and painting of damaged concrete bollards and pine poles



Before



After

(v) Repair and painting of fountain



Before



After

➤ La Pointe Cassis Le Morne Village public beach

(i) Cleaning of public beach and pathway



Before



After

(ii) Levelling of ground base of solar lighting pole



Before



After

(iii) Levelling of parking area



Before



After

➤ Le Bouchon public beach

(i) Fixing of new roller shutters



Before



After

(ii) Upgrading of kiosk





Before

After

- > Rivière des Créoles public beach
- Painting of toilet block and pine poles (i)





After

(ii) Painting of kiosk



Before



After

(iii) Painting of litter bins



Before



After



Before



After

(iv) Painting of benches



Before



After

Vandalism on public beaches – repairs and maintenance of lighting systems on public beaches

As an ongoing exercise, the Beach Authority ensures that repairs and maintenance of lighting system, including those damaged through acts of vandalisms, are regularly carried out on public beaches. The purpose is to keep our amenities in good conditions for the benefit of all the public in general.

➤ Repair and maintenance of inspection door of lamp post at St. Felix public beach





Before After

Repair and maintenance of damaged lamp at Telfair public beach





> Repair and maintenance of inspection door of lamp post at Blue Bay public beach





Before After

> Repair and maintenance of inspection door of lamp post at Flic en Flac public beach



Before



After

➤ Prompt action taken at night to repair the burnt lamp post at Flic en Flac public beach





Before After

9.7 Mauritius and Rodrigues Submarine (MARS) Cable Project

The Government has decided to procure internet connection through undersea fibre optic cable system in its National Budget 2016/2017. With the deployment of the Mauritius and Rodrigues Submarine (MARS) Cable Project, Rodrigues Island will benefit from the same level of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) development as is currently available in Mauritius. The project is being undertaken by the Mauritius Telecom Ltd.

In this context, the landfall in Mauritius for the laying of the Mauritius and Rodrigues Submarine (MARS) cables is at **La Prairie public beach.**



Landfall for the Mauritius and Rodrigues Submarine (MARS) cables at La Prairie public beach



Laying of the Mauritius and Rodrigues Submarine (MARS) cables at La Prairie public beach

9.8 Re-engineering of the Beach Authority

In quest for excellence and with a view to cope with the continuous changing environment as well as to ensure a good service delivery, three sub offices have already been set up in the three geographical zones around the island namely at Pereybère (North), Belle Mare (East) and Flic en Flac (West) public beaches and are fully operational. A fourth sub office is presently under construction at Saint Felix (South) public beach and works are expected to be completed by August, 2019.



Sub Office at Pereybère public beach



Sub Office at Flic en Flac public beach



Sub Office at Belle Mare public beach



Coconut tree planted in 2015 at Belle Mare public beach has started to blossom

9.9 Pest Control on public beaches

Public beaches are prone to nuisances being caused by pests including ants amongst others which feed on the left overs thrown away on the public beach by some beach users. The Beach Authority has undertaken pest control on a more frequent basis to phase out such nuisances for better security and comfort of beach users.



Presence of ants on public beaches



Spraying of pesticides by Handy Worker of the Beach Authority at Blue Bay public beach



Spraying of pesticides by General Worker of the Beach Authority at Flic en Flac public beach

Pest Control on public beaches



Spraying of pesticides by General Worker of the Beach Authority at Mont Choisy public beach



Spraying of pesticides by Handy Worker of the Beach Authority at Bain Boeuf public beach



Spraying of pesticides by Handy Worker of the Beach Authority at Pereybère public beach

Pest Control on public beaches



Spraying of pesticides by General Worker of the Beach Authority at Wolmar public beach



Spraying of pesticides by Handy Worker of the Beach Authority at Belle Mare public beach



Spraying of pesticides by General Worker of the Beach Authority at P. G. Anna public beach

9.10 Control of stray dogs on public beaches

The presence of stray dogs on public beaches is a source of nuisance and represents safety hazards to the beach users. To ensure the comfort and security of beach users, arrangements have been made by the Beach Authority with the Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare (MSAW) Dog Control Unit to carry out interventions regularly on the public beaches. The table below illustrates a return on the control of stray dogs on public beaches from October 2018 to December 2018.

Table 12: Collection of dogs on public beaches by Mauritius Society for Animal Welfare during period October to December 2018

S.N	Public Beaches	Month/Year			
		October 2018	November 2018	December 2018	Total number of dogs caught
1.	Flic en Flac	9	10	13	32
2.	Albion	3	5	-	8
3.	Le Morne	3	9	-	12
Total number of dogs caught		15	24	13	52

9.11 Monitoring of Trading Activities on public beaches

Enforcement of Regulations and monitoring of trading activities on public beaches

All activities on public beaches in respect to enforcement, including crack down operations, were monitored by the Enforcement Unit with the assistance of the Police Department. During the period April, 2018 to March, 2019, about 405 contraventions were established for non-compliance of regulations in force.

A return of contraventions for the period April, 2018 to March, 2019 is at ANNEX 3.

Enforcement has been strengthened by carrying out special operations (Crackdown Operations) in collaboration with all the stakeholders (Mauritius Police Force, Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection and Mauritius Revenue Authority. Contraventions were established against illegal traders as well those who do not comply with the regulations in force.

> June 2018:

Crack-down operation was carried out at Le Morne public beaches in collaboration with personnel from National Coast Guard following various complaints received regarding horse riding activities at Le Morne public beaches. During the operation, no horse riding activity was observed from Le Morne (near Dinarobin Hotel) to Le Morne Brabant public beaches.

December 2018:

Crack-down operations were carried out at Mont Choisy, Trou aux Biches, La Cuvette and Flic en Flac public beaches in collaboration with the Police Force. The results of the Crackdown Operations were as follows:

- (i) three (3) contraventions for 'Driving motor vehicle on public beach' at Mont Choisy public beach
- (ii) one (1) contravention for 'Trading without licence' at Mont Choisy public beach
- (iii) no tampering with lighting system at Flic en Flac public beach



Beach Enforcement Officer, Officer in Charge of Pereybère sub office enforcing law regarding illegal trading activities at Mont Choisy public beach.





Personnel of the Beach Authority repairing lighting system at Flic en Flac public beach

February 2019

Crack down operations were carried out at Grand Baie and Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station) public beaches on **6 February**, **2019** with the collaboration of the Police Force. During the Crackdown Operation no contraventions were established.







Verification of Beach Trader Licence at Trou aux Biches public beach (in front of Police Station)

10.0 Ongoing projects

10.1 Amenities on public beaches

10.1.1 Construction of new parking area at Pomponette public beach

The construction of parking area at Pomponette public beach, which will help to prevent vehicular access along the public beach front, was ongoing and is expected to be completed by end **April**, **2019**.

The project consisted of the construction of a parking area for 28 vehicles and includes:

- a french drain for evacuation of rain water
- placing of kerbs
- fixing of composite plastic poles in the perimeter of the parking area and along the road to prevent vehicular access to the beach front
- landscaping works





New parking area at Pomponette public beach

10.1.2 Construction of mini-kiosks at Pomponette public beach

The construction of two mini-kiosks under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project funded by Laurelton Diamonds was expected to be completed by **mid-May**, **2019** and included:

- concrete columns and floor
- metal sheet and timber roof
- treated pine pole benches



Construction of mini-kiosks at Pomponette public beach

11.0 Events

11.1 Life-saving and Beach Patrol Programme on public beaches

The Beach Authority regularly organises the life-saving and beach patrol programmes on special occasions such as Easter Monday, Assumption day, and Ganga Snan in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to ensure safety and security of beach users as far as it is practicable. The contributions of various stakeholders are listed in table 14.



Meeting held at the seat of the Authority in the context of Ganga Snan Festival under the Chairmanship of Dr. D. BISSESSUR (General Manager of the Beach Authority),

Staff of the Beach Authority and other stakeholders

Table 13: Contributions of various stakeholders in the life saving and beach patrol programmes during special activities on public beaches

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Beach Authority	a) Act as coordinator of Life Saving and Beach Patrol Programme b) The following equipment/ facilities were provided to Life Savers:- (i) Goggles (ii) Marquise (iii) T-Shirts (iv) First Aid Kits (comprised of basic medical supplies in order to effectively attend any emergency or casualties) (v) distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users c) Payment of stipend to Life Savers d) The Beach Enforcement Officers monitored the various services provided by relevant scavenging contractors on public beaches
Ministry of Social Security,	
National Solidarity, and	Provision for transport facilities for conveyance of Life
Environment and Sustainable	Savers
Development (Environment	
and Sustainable Development	
Division)	
Police Department (National Coast Guard and Special Mobile Force)	Ensure safety and security of beach users, such as, enforcement of regulations, patrols and close watch out on dark spots (dangerous zones not suitable for bathing) e.g., at Le Goulet, Tamarin, Flic en Flac, Le Morne, etc), traffic control at public beaches
Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping(Fisheries Division)	Provision of patrol boats and personnel at Le Goulet, Anse La Raie, Belle Mare and Le Morne public beaches
Ministry of Health and Quality	Provision of ambulance services on strategic locations on
of Life	public beaches
Municipal Council of Port	Provision of transport facilities for conveyance of Life
Louis	Savers
Central Water Authority	Provide water tankers and cater for standpipes on highly frequented public beaches
Life Saving Groups:	Life Saving assistance to beach users on several public
Royal Life Saving Society,	beaches
Pereybère Swimming Club,	
Club Aquatique de Port Louis,	
Surf Life Association and	
Flacq Swimming Association	



Representatives of Ministry of Health and Quality of Life – Provision of ambulance at Mont Choisy public beach in the context of Ganga Asnan festival



Provision of water tankers and catering for standpipes at P. G. Le Morne public beach in the context of Easter Monday festival



Representatives of Life savers from Flacq Swimming Association at Belle Mare public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users at Flic en Flac public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users at Belle Mare public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users at Pomponette public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags at Butte à l'Herbe public beach





Distribution of plastic bin bags at Palmar public beach





Distribution of plastic bin bags at La Cuvette public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags at Blue Bay public beach





Distribution of plastic bin bags at La Cambuse public beach





Distribution of plastic bin bags at Pointe aux Piments public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags at Bain Boeuf public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags at Tamarin public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags at Riambel public beach

11.2 Celebration of the 51st Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius at the Authority

The 51st Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius was celebrated at the Head Office of the Beach Authority on 11 March, 2019 and members of Staff including those from all sub offices were present. During the ceremony Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, the General Manager of the Authority, gave a brief about the Mauritian history and made a special tribute to our elders who have toiled and struggled very hard and transformed Mauritius into an idyllic country.

Our colourful national flag was also hoisted at Belle Mare, Flic en Flac and Pereybère sub offices.



National Flag at Flic en Flac sub office

Our Country Our Pride!

Notre Pays Notre Fierté!

Hamara Desh Hamara Shaan!

➤ Celebration of the 51st Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius at the Authority



National Flag at Pereybère sub office



National Flag at Belle Mare sub office

11.3 Celebration of Ganesh Chaturthi Festival on public beaches

Every year, the Beach Authority mobilises its staff on several public beaches around the island to ensure safety and security of devotees, in particular, during the immersion ceremony. A meeting was held on **31 August**, **2018** in the Board room of the Authority with relevant stakeholders namely Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity & Environment & Sustainable Development (Solid Waste Management Division) and Scavenging Contractors, with a view to ensure smooth running of the Ganesh Chaturthi festival on public beaches.



Meeting held with the representatives of Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development (Solid Waste Management Division) and relevant Scavenging Contractors under the Chairmanship of Dr. D. BISSESSUR, General Manager of the Beach

OUR BEACHES:

A PLACE OF PEACEFUL RELAXATION AND SERENITY



Beach Authority - Le Bouchon public beach



Beach Authority - Flic en Flac public beach





Beach Authority – Belle Mare public beach

12.0 Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign on public beaches

The Beach Authority has embarked on a sensitisation campaign aiming at arousing awareness among the public on beach environmental issues including a greater motivation and commitment towards the protection of the environment and our beaches.

Our main actions aim at upgrading, embellishing, protecting the environment and preventing environmental beach degradation. To sensitise the public about the **do's** and **don'ts** pertaining to promote good practices and conservation and protection of our beaches, flyers and plastic bin bags are distributed to beach users on a regular basis.

Moreover, to shape our younger generation to be more responsible regarding the importance of safety and cleanliness of our beaches, flyers will be distributed in schools.

The Beach Authority carried out various Clean Up and Embellishment campaigns in different regions of the country in collaboration with several stakeholders.

Northern Region



Clean-Up Campaign at La Cuvette public beach in collaboration with Veranda Grand Baie Hotel and Spa on Saturday 09 March, 2019



Clean-Up Campaign at Trou aux Biches public beach (near Police Station) in collaboration with Rotaract of Triolet on Sunday 24 February, 2019



Clean-Up Campaign at Pointe aux Piments (near Fish Landing Station) in collaboration with Top FM team on Saturday 16 March, 2019



Wastes collected at Flat Island
(Cleaning campaign in collaboration with personnel of National Coast Guard,
Ministries of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Division) and Agro
Industry and Food Security (Forestry Services))

Eastern Region





Tree Plantation by Hon. M. GOBIN (Attorney General and Minister in Charge of Environment and Sustainable Development) and Hon. R. RAMPERTAB (Parliamentary Private Secretary responsible for constituency number 9) in the presence of Mr. R. SOWAMBAR (Chairman of the Beach Authority) and Dr. D. BISSESSUR (General Manager of the beach Authority) at Belle Mare public beach on Thursday 28 December, 2018

Western Region



Launching of clean-up campaign by Hon. E. SINATAMBOU, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development in the presence of Dr. D. BISSESSUR (General Manager of the Beach Authority) and representatives of the European Union at Pointe aux Sables public beach on Thursday 18 October, 2018

Distribution of bin bags and flyers to beach users on public beaches

• April 2018





Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Mont Choisy and Flic en Flac public beaches

• May 2018





Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Belle Mare public beach

• June 2018





Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users at Flic en Flac public beach

• July 2018



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Baie du Cap public beach

• August 2018





Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Belle Mare and Flic en Flac public beaches

• September 2018



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Pomponette public beach

• October 2018



Distribution of plastic bin bag to beach user at Pointe aux Sables public beach

November 2018





Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Tamarin and Pointe aux Piments public beaches

• December 2018





Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Mont Choisy and Belle Mare public beaches

• January 2019





Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Anse La Raie and Pereybère public beaches

• February 2019





Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Belle Mare and P.G Union Ribet public beaches

• March 2019



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Blue Bay public beach

> Cleaning of shoreline



Cleaning of shoreline at Wolmar public beach by staff of Gamma Group and students of Flic en Flac Government School



Cleaning of shoreline at Rivière des Galets public beach by members of National Youth Civic Service of Savanne

> Cleaning of shoreline



Cleaning of shoreline at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery) by Staff of Aldrex Suppliers Ltd



Cleaning of shoreline at Von Moltke public beach by Students of Universal College

13.0 Celebration of World Environment Day at Municipal Council of Port Louis

The Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development organised an exhibition on the occasion of World Environment Day from **07 to 08 June, 2018** at the Municipal Council of Port-Louis in collaboration with Solid Waste Management Division, the **Beach Authority**, University of Mauritius and private companies.

The theme of this year was to "Beat Plastic Pollution" as plastic is causing much harm to the environment and the nature at large. The objective of the exhibition was to create awareness amongst the public.

In this respect, an awareness campaign and exhibition was showcased by the Beach Authority. The school children and members of the public were sensitised on the negative impacts of plastic pollution on our public beaches and the measures being taken by the Beach Authority to beat plastic pollution on public beaches.



Banners installed to sensitise the visitors regarding the negative impacts of plastic pollution on our public beaches and the measures being taken by the Beach Authority to beat plastic pollution on public beaches



Visitors appreciating the sensitisation banners



School children visiting the stand of the Beach Authority

13.1 Celebration of World Ocean Day at Blue Bay public beach

To mark the World Ocean Day 2018, the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Division) in collaboration with the **Beach Authority**, Ministry of Youth and Sports, Mauritius Oceanography Institute (MOI), Mauritius Police Force and Eco Sud organised a cleaning campaign at Blue Bay public beach on **09 June**, **2018**.

Arrangements were made with the relevant Scavenging Contractor (Mauriclean Ltd) to provide additional workforce and for the carting away of wastes collected after the cleaning of Blue Bay public beach and lagoon.



Presence of Honourable Premdut KOONJOO, Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping together with Mr. A. BEEPUTH, Ag. Senior Beach Enforcement Officer of the Beach Authority at Blue Bay public beach in the context of World Ocean Day 2018



Cleaning of Blue Bay public beach by personnel of Mauriclean Ltd (Scavenging Contractor)



Divers from the Ministry of Ocean of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Division) at Blue Bay public beach

13.2 Celebration of World Environment Day at Flic en Flac public beach

To mark the World Environment Day, the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development in collaboration with the **Beach Authority**, Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, Ministry of Local Government and Outer Islands, Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, Black River District Council, Mauritius Police Force and NGOs organised a Clean-Up Campaign at Flic en Flac public beach on **24 June**, **2018**.

The objective of the Clean-Up Campaign was to clean the beach and the lagoon as well as to sensitise the beach users at Flic en Flac public beach.

The activities comprised of the following:

- > speech
- cleaning of lagoon and public beach
- sensitisation campaign (Distribution of flyers and plastic bin bags)
- ➤ donation of two (2) Eco-bins to the Beach Authority by the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development



Address by Honourable Etienne Sinatambou, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development in the presence of Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, General Manager of Beach Authority

Cleaning of lagoon and public beach



Wastes retrieved from Flic en Flac lagoon by Divers of Mauritius Scuba Diving Association



Cleaning of Flic en Flac public beach by staff of Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development

Sensitisation campaign (Distribution of flyers and plastic bin bags)





Distribution of flyers and plastic bin bags to beach users by staff of Beach Authority

➤ Donation of two (2) eco-bins by the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development





Handing over of Eco-bins to Beach Authority by the Honourable Etienne Sinatambou, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development in the presence of Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority)

14.0 Validation Workshop for Beach Management Plans on public beaches

Validation workshop for Beach Management Plans (BMP) was organised by the Beach Authority at Intercontinental Mauritius Resort Baclava Fort on **11 June**, **2018**. Several stakeholders from different Ministries, Non Governmental Organisations and private sector were present on that day.

The programme comprised of the following:

- registration of participants
- welcome address by Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of the Beach Authority
- address by Mr. Nazir SOOBRATTY, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development
- presentation on the Technical Aspects of the Beach Management Plans by Mr. N. KHEDAH, Technical Manager of the Beach Authority
- presentation on Amenities, Infrastructure, Landscaping and Visual Aesthetics by Mr Dharmanand SOOREDOO, Director of Mega Design Ltd
- presentation on Coastal Zone and impacts of Climate Change by Mr Anthony WAIN, Landscape Architect of Mega Design Ltd
- presentation on Security and Safety aspects by Mr Tegaragen SEENEEVASSEN, Services Engineer of Mega Design Ltd
- interactive working session with participants

The Beach Management Plans for the six public beaches were validated by all relevant stakeholders concerned.

• Welcome address by Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of the Beach Authority

The General Manager welcomed and thanked everybody for their presence. During his speech, the General Manager stated that: "the Beach Authority is a parastatal body created in 2002, and is under the aegis of the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development. It is responsible for the control and management of proclaimed public beaches in Mauritius and Rodrigues. The public beaches play an important role in the Socio-economic development of our country. They are our showcase, our identity, our common

space and our pride. He also added that we feel privileged to have inherited the god gifted idyllic beaches with clear blue turquoise lagoons. It is our duty to maintain them as such and leave this legacy to the future generations.

In this fast developing and stressful world, people are looking for suitable places to entertain and relax and the public beaches fit the purpose. We are fully conscious that in the years to come the Beach Authority will face multi-faceted challenges and it is our responsibility to initiate a Beach Management Plan to ensure that the beaches are always being embellished and upgraded with all relevant amenities in the interest of all beach users including tourists. The Beach Management Plan is of vital importance to the Beach Authority as it provides a framework and guidance for the decision making process regarding management and upgrading of public beaches. In this respect, the Beach Authority has embarked on a project for the preparation of Beach Management Plans for six public beaches based on specificities and geographical considerations, namely Mont Choisy, Pereybère, P.G Union Ribet (Mare la Raie), Belle Mare, Flic en Flac and La Prairie. The BMP is a fitting element that will contribute significantly to transform our public beaches into an entertaining place of excellence. In short, it outlines the consideration and action to be taken in future. It takes into account and, where possible promotes and enhances the uses and functions of a beach".

The General Manager ended his speech by saying that we have no doubt that this workshop will be inspiring, innovative, informative, enriching and fruitful to one and all.



Welcome address by Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of the Beach Authority

Address by Mr. Nazir SOOBRATTY, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development

During his speech, Mr. Nazir SOOBRATTY mentioned that: "for a Small Island Developing State like Mauritius, the public beaches are our important coastal assets and ecosystems. They are of prime importance for our inhabitants recreation and leisure, main attraction of our Tourism Industry and coastal development. With the advent of industrialisation and development, coupled with global warming and climate change effects, our public beaches are constantly under pressure and are being subject to constant degradation and erosion. We have no other choice than to consider the protection, preservation and conservation for our beaches as well as the security and safety of the beach users as a priority.

The Beach Authority, with the undeniable support received from Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development, has embarked as one of its priority projects on the preparation of a Beach Management Plan for each of the six public beaches, namely at Mont Choisy, Pereybère, P.G Union Ribet (Mare la Raie), Flic en Flac, Belle Mare and La Prairie. The services of a consultant namely Mega Design Ltd has been retained. The Beach Management Plan provides an integrated, consistent framework and guidelines including beach management practices with a view to achieve sustainable development of our public beaches. The overall aims and objectives of the Beach Management Plan are to help during the management of public beaches to think strategically and innovatively for managing our coastal resources over a long period of time so as to achieve a sustainable development in the context of industrialization, global warming, climate change and population growth.

The Permanent Secretary also mentioned that nearly all of the proclaimed public beaches falling under the jurisdiction of the Beach Authority are fully accessible to the public. Government is fully committed to ensure that our beaches are free from all obstructions and nuisances so that the public has access to it at all times".

Mr. Nazir SOOBRATTY ended his speech by saying that: "the discussions at the workshop are critical in supporting decision makers and planners in formulating policies and best practices towards sustainable development of our public beaches and wished all the working groups involved in this workshop a very fruitful discussion regarding the Beach Management Plan for the public beaches concerned".



Address by Mr. Nazir SOOBRATTY, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development

• Presentation on the Technical Aspects of the Beach Management Plans by Mr. Mahen Navin KHEDAH, Technical Manager of the Beach Authority



• Presentation on Amenities, Infrastructure, Landscaping and Visual Aesthetics by Mr. Dharmanand SOOREDOO, Director of Mega Design Ltd (consultant)



• Presentation on Coastal Zone and impacts of Climate Change by Mr. Anthony WAIN, Landscape Architect at Mega Design Ltd



• Interactive working session with participants



Mr. Vincent ROGERS, Chairman of Compagnie de Mont Choisy Ltee



Mr. Dharamraj DEENOO, Deputy Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development (Board Member of Beach Authority)



Mr. G. PYNDIAH, Representative of Association du Development Durable (NGO)



Mrs. Coonjan JUGROOP, Chief Executive of District Council of Savanne



Mr. Vikash TATAYAH Ag. Executive Director, Mauritius Wildlife Foundation



Mr. Mohammad Oumar KHOLEEGAN from City Council of Port Louis (Board Member of the Beach Authority)



Mr. D. Reddy LUTHMOODOO from the National Coast Guard (Board Member of Beach Authority)



Mr. Roshan RAMESSUR, Representative of Vice-Chancellor of University of Mauritius



Dr. Pramod CHUMUN, Program Manager of Eco Sud



Mr. A. SOOKUN, Head of Public Infrastructure Development at District Council of Pamplemousses



Miss Henna RAMDOUR Environment Officer from Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development



Mr. D. ELLAYAH, Inspector from National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Centre



Mrs. Moobinah KHODABOCUS, Master of Ceremony, Ag. Accounting Technician of the Beach Authority, Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of the Beach Authority, Mr. Nazir SOOBRATTY, Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development (addressing the floor), Mr. Dharamraj DEENOO, Deputy Permanent Secretary at Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development, Mr. Roshan Singh SOWAMBAR, Chairman of the Beach Authority, Mr. Mahen Navin. KHEDAH, Technical Manager of the Beach Authority (from left to right)



Invitees



Participants and Staff of the Beach Authority

• Elevation Plan of Beach Management Plan for Mont Choisy public beach



Beach soccer



Food court



Footpath and glade



Camping area

• Elevation Plan of Beach Management Plan for Mont Choisy public beach



Vigilance tower



Open gym



Parking area



Toilet block

15.0 Press Articles - Feedback

The Beach Authority has received numerous positive feedbacks for the good work done from several sources. Some of the press articles testifying the laudable initiatives of the Beach Authority are as follows:

L'Express - Thursday16 August, 2018



L'Express - Friday12 October, 2018



16.0 Work Acclamation

Appreciations were received from several stakeholders including socio-cultural organisations as follows:



Universal College 07.06.18

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Date: 07 June 2018

From: The Manager Universal College

To: The General Manager
Dr D. Bissessur
Beach Authority
5th & 6th Floor Penesoula Building,
2A Falcon Street, Caudan
Port Louis

Dear Sir,

Re: Thanksgiving Letter

This is to thank you and your institution for the tremendous help extended to my school through giving us the permission and providing us with plastic bags & gloves for the clean-up of Von Molké beach at Roches Noires to mark Environment Day Celebration on 05.06.2018.

This event (which started in presence of the MBC-TV for coverage) met with a resounding success.

Hoping for your continued support and collaboration in future in matters related to the protection of our beach and marine ecosystems.

Yours faithfully

Mr Sunjaye Bhowon

Manager .

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Ronnie François 12.06.18

6/13/2018

beachauthority@intnet.mu inbox Message

from: Ronnie François <rfrancois@govmu.org> subject: World Oceans Day 2018 Cleanup date: Tue, 12 Jun 2018 11:36:08 +0000 to: Ronnie François <rfrancois@govmu.org>



Dear All,

We thank you sincerely for your active participation in the cleanup activity at Blue Bay Marine Park, Pointe d'Esny - Ramsar Site and Pointe Jérome on Saturday 09 June 2018 and, for making the activity a success.

We hope to have your usual collaboration in any such forthcoming events.

Thank you.

Best regards,

R. François

on behalf of the Assistant Director of Fisheries (Mrs. M. Hurbungs)

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CARING FOR YOUR WELL-BEING

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02 October 2018

The General Manager Beach Authority 2nd Floor, GM Tower 7 Malpin Street Port Louis

Dear Sir,

Invitation for Official Inauguration Ceremony

The Employees Welfare Fund (EWF) expresses its heartfelt thanks to you for all the support and collaboration you extended in the realization of the St. Felix Recreational Park Project.

As you may be aware, the project also provided for the installation of a fountain for potable water which was, unfortunately, not completed.

Hence, following a request by the Lions Club of the District of Savanne, the Employees Welfare Fund (EWF), after seeking the consent of Beach Authority, agreed to their proposal for the construction of a concrete fountain for members of the public to have access to potable water. This initiative of Lions Club is aligned with the visit of the District Governor of Lions Mauritius.

The Lions Club of Savanne has scheduled the official inauguration of the fountain on Wednesday 03 October 2018 at 16hr00 by the District Governor in the presence of Hon Etienne Ghislain SINATAMBOU, the Chairman and General Manager of EWF and you.

Accordingly, the EWF and the Lions Club of Savanne invites you to grace the above event by your esteemed presence.

With anticipated thanks.

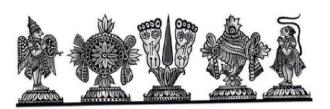
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EWF

The Sri Prasanna Srinivasa Aalayam (22.10.18)



THE SRI PRASANNA SRINIVASA AALAYAM RAJIV GANDHI ROAD, GOODLANDS

Shrimathe Ramanujaya Namaha Registration No: 148033

22 October 2018

The Manager
Beach Authority
2nd Floor
GM Tower near Caudan Round About
7, Maupin Street
PORT LOUIS



Dear Sir,

RE: SPECIAL THANKS ICW SRI LOKA SHANTI KALYANAM AND TEPOTSAVAM (BOATING FESTIVAL) AT THE PUBLIC BEACH OF MON CHOISY

The Sri Prasanna Srinivasa Aalayam of Rajiv Gandhi Road, Goodlands wishes to thank you heartily for your collaboration and assistance in its 6th annual Sri Loka Shanti Kalyanam (Celestial marriage of Lord Venkateshwara along with his consorts Sri Devi and Bhu Devi) and Tepotsavam (Boating festival) held on Saturday 20 October 2018 at the public beach of Mon Choisy.

Your involvement was indeed remarkable and it contributed immensely for the success of the event.

We wish you all the very best and hope to have your collaboration again in the future.

Thanking you for your usual collaboration and support.

Yours faithfully

Devendra Appaya Chairperson

Miss & Mr Able 06.11.18



06.11.2018

Dr Bissessur General Manager Beach Authority

Dear Dr Bissessur

We would like to thank you for giving us the authorization permit for St Felix public beach.

We would like to thank Mrs Boodnah for all the efforts she has been doing for Miss & Mr Able Pageant.

Thank you again for your collaboration

Yours faithfully

For Mrs Peerbaye Shahnaz Miss & Mr Able Team



Tap Water Resolution 06.11.18



Mr. Seebrun Rocky 01.12.18 beachauthority@intnet.mu inbox Message from: Seebrun Rocky <rockytaxi@gmail.com> 200 s 'ect: Ganga Asnan Celebration C: Sat, 1 Dec 2018 12:18:47 +0400 to: <beachauthority@intnet.mu> Attention: Mr. Lutchman Respected Sir, I wish to extend my vote of thanks to you and your team for the clearance obtained for the smooth running of the cultural show on 23rd November 2018 at Melville Grand Gaube (near campement Duval) respecting ganga Asnan Celebration. Relying on your usual understanding and cooperation. Regards, Rohit Seebrun **Event Organiser** https://mymail.myt.mu/Session/116149-7IOFdmeC1vjf6gmkvT1t/Message.wssp?Mailbox=INBOX&MSG=63264&PrintVersion=&Mailbox=Mailbox

District Council of Grand Port 10.12.18



THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF GRAND PORT

My Ref: DCGP/Wel/B09/B14/18

Date: 10.12.18

The General Manager Beach Authority 5th & 6th Floors, Peninsula Blg, 2A Falcon St, Caudan, P.Louis, Mauritius

Dear Sir

Inter District & Inter Village Beach Volleyball Tournament 2018 at La Cambuse Public Beach – Access to beach

Please refer to the Authorisation No: BA/86/2/GPSv13 (No621 (a)/2018) dated 09 October 2018 and letter with Ref: DCGP/Wel/B09/B14/18 dated 6th October 2018 regarding "Access to La Cambuse public beach"

The District Council of Grand Port wishes to express its gratitude towards the Beach Authority for the prompt reply for authorizing this council for the above mentioned.

This council also highly appreciates your gesture to grant our vehicles access to the public beach for unloading and loading of materials.

Thank You.

Yours faithfully,

S. Teeluck Chief Executive * SIN PL

All Correspondence should be addressed to the Chief Executive

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HINDI SPEAKING UNION

(Established by Act 33 of 1994)

Under the aegis of Ministry of Arts & Culture, Rep. of Mauritius

HSU/BA/HKM/18/3

Mr D.Bissessur General Manager Beach Authority 19 December 2018

Dear Sir,

HINDI KI MASTI - MONT CHOISY 16 December 2018

I wish to extend to you my heartfelt gratitude for the laudable support to the Hindi Speaking Union in making the Hindi Ki Masti a resounding success.

We expect the same unflinching consideration in our future endeavors.

Thanking you once again.

Your faithfully,

R.Suresh Ramburn MBE

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17.0 Way Forward

The Beach Authority manages and controls 141 public beaches (129 in Mauritius and 12 in Rodrigues). It is expected that additional beaches would be proclaimed as public beaches. Subsequently, the load of work of Authority will increase requiring more resources.

A better service delivery will be ensured as the activities of the Beach Authority are now fully decentralised, through the setting up of sub offices in the four geographical zones of the island namely Pereybère (North), St. Felix (South), Belle Mare (East) and Flic en Flac (West) public beaches. Various works will be carried out in house on a region wise basis by a team of qualified Handy Workers and General Workers posted at those sub offices. It is expected that the four sub offices will soon provide additional services to the public such as, attending complaints, receiving visitors, examining and processing of Beach Trader's Licence, amongst others. Such initiative will obviously enable the Beach Authority to be more efficient and effective in the control of all the activities being carried out on our public beaches.

Amendments to the Beach Authority Act, 2002 have been proposed to further empower the Authority to enforce the relevant regulations (as appropriate) as well as enable it to generate other sources of revenue so as to become less dependent on Government grants. The proposed main amendments will enable the Authority, amongst others, to:

- a) put up new structures on public beaches for commercial purposes
- b) enable the Authority to enter into agreement with private parties for lease of the commercial premises on public beaches
- c) amend the regulations so that the Authority may issue licences to enable the operation of the commercial premises
- d) strengthen the enforcement capacity of the Beach Enforcement Officers for regulating all activities on the public beaches (to take contraventions along with power of seizure, amongst others)

Healthy and safe beaches are not only paramount to our quality of life but also protect people and property along the coasts from unjustified human activities and natural processes like storms. The Beach Authority will ensure a systematic and integrated

approach for an effective control and management of our public beaches so as to achieve a sustainable development in the context of industrialisation, global warming, climate change and population growth. In this respect, the Beach Authority has initiated a Beach Management Plan (BMP) that is of vital importance for the Beach Authority as it provides an integrated framework for decision making process to ensure better management and upgrading of beaches.

In line with Government's plan towards a fully fledged digital society requiring increased use of ICT in public administration, the Procurement Policy Office introduced the e-Procurement System (e-PS) in 2015, bringing about a massive reform in public procurement. The e-PS web based application hosted by the Government Online Centre (GOC), enables public bodies and suppliers to electronically conduct procurement proceedings. The implementation of e-PS at the Authority will promote the principles of public procurement such as competition, integrity, transparency and accountability whilst reaping the benefits of efficiency, effectiveness as well as reduction in delays and costs.

Today, the accelerating pace of technological changes is the most creative force in the financial services ecosystem. A scheme for the Authority to provide more convenient solutions to Beach Traders' is to use secure online service for payments. Beach Traders will have the option to use the online pre-filled application form to renew their licences and thereafter make e-payment. This technology serves a major role in providing facilities and assistance to our public. The Authority will experience an innovative development in the world of technology to achieve self-sustainability.

Over the years, the role of the Beach Authority has expanded both in terms of nature of projects, resources and complexity of the duties and responsibilities of its staff at various operational levels. The actual capacity in terms of number and existing grades and levels are still inadequate for the Authority to fully meet its objectives. In general, there is a need to reinforce the capacity of the workforce with necessary knowledge and skills so as to increase the operational effectiveness at the Authority. The Authority, therefore, intends to recruit additional personnel in the different sections to be able to cope with the heavy workload. The Authority has recommended the creation of the

following new posts in the context of the forthcoming Pay Research Bureau Report 2020:

- ➤ Administrative Officer
- ➤ Internal Control Officer
- Documentation Officer

One of the priorities on the agenda remains the security and safety of all users frequenting our public beaches. PV solar panels are already in use on some public beaches and to promote the eco-friendly use of energy, the Beach Authority intends to implement solar lighting system on all the 129 proclaimed public beaches as the panels are solely dependent on the sun energy. Furthermore, the solar lighting system will help to reduce acts of vandalism on public beaches as irresponsible beach users do often tamper with electricity from the inspection doors and steal the circuit breakers and other electrical accessories. The new Solar Lighting columns that are 6m high are safer, more reliable and cost effective in terms of operation/maintenance as compared to the traditional underground electrical lighting network with 3m high lamp posts.

Vigilance Towers will be installed on the six public beaches namely Mont Choisy, Flic en Flac, P.G Union Ribet (Mare la Raie), La Prairie, Belle Mare and Pereybère under the Beach Management Plan to enhance safety and security and safety measures on the public beaches. The towers will be manned by well-equipped and trained personnel.

The Beach Authority, in collaboration with the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Division) and the Mauritius Police Force (National Coast Guard) intends to explore the possibility for the demarcation of some additional swimming zones with the appropriate buoys and floats on public beaches. Mooring zones for boats and pleasure crafts on public beaches will be envisaged with the collaboration of the Ministry of Tourism and Tourism Authority to ensure safety and security of beach users.

Public Private Partnership will be further enhanced to implement some of the projects pertaining to cleaning and embellishment of the public beaches and lagoons as the resources made available to the Authority are not sufficient.

The Beach Authority has witnessed consistent growth in both community momentum and ground of action over the past years. In order to keep pace with the growing demands of the public, more emphasis will be laid on Clean-Up campaigns and projects for further upgrading, embellishment and maintenance of the proclaimed public beaches. So far no stone has been left unturned to fully implement the praiseworthy initiative of the Prime Minister, Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth regarding the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign launched on 5 March, 2017.

A beach clean-up campaign does not only clean and embellishes but also promotes unity among the public. It allows individuals and communities to come together regardless of their different interests, and address the issue of marine litter on our public beaches and its impact thereon. Cleaning beaches and coastal areas is a first trigger for people to start understanding the huge pressure we are putting on our marine environment. We are thankful to all the stakeholders who are collaborating with the Beach Authority. What we have developed together is much more than a clean-up, it is the long-term adoption of a coastal stretch, a promise to care for the future.

In line with its mandate, the Beach Authority will continue to ensure that all public beaches around the island are clean and maintained throughout the whole day such that beach users do enjoy a safe and ecstatic environment whilst going to public beaches. To sensitise the public about the **do's** and **don'ts** pertaining to promote good practices and conservation as well as the protection of all public beaches, the distribution of flyers and plastic bin bags to beach users will be continued.

Several cases of nuisances being caused by pests (rats and ants) have been followed by prompt actions initiated at the level of the Authority. Damages are being caused to the beach environment by rats, ants and stray dogs. The Authority envisages to effect pest control and stray dogs' catching operations (in collaboration with stakeholders) more frequently on affected public beaches with a view to abait such nuisances for better security and comfort of our beach users.

The scope and span of activities of the Beach Authority are expected to increase further in the near future through the proclamation of additional public beaches including

those entrusted after beach protection works being carried out by the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development which will be handed over to the Beach Authority for management purposes. Therefore, more resources will be required to implement additional projects.

The achievements during the period April 2018 to March 2019 is yet another positive milestone in the history of the Beach Authority.



Ruisseau des Créoles public beach

For cleaner, greener and safer public beaches

ANNEX 1

Beach Authority

Life Saving and Beach Patrol Programme

One of the objectives of the Authority is to ensure, as far as it is practically possible, the security and safety of all users frequenting public beaches.

As an ongoing exercise, on the occasions of the Easter Monday, Assumption Day, Ganga Snan Festivals, the Beach Authority organised Life Saving and Beach Patrol Programme in collaboration with all the relevant stakeholders concerned.

The contributions of various stakeholders are listed as hereunder:-

Stakeholders	Collaboration						
	Coordinates the Life Saving and Beach Patrol Programme						
Beach Authority	Issue of T-shirts to Life Savers						
	Payment of stipends to Life Savers						
	Provision of First Aid kits (comprising of basis medical supplies) to Life Savers in order to effectively attend any emergency or casualty						
	Provision of transport facilities for conveyance of Life Savers						
	Installation of banners						
	Enforcement of Regulations in collaboration with Police						
	Arrangement with Tourism Authority to properly monitor nautical activities						
	Dedicated team from the Beach Authority for quick response in respect to lighting, plumbing and other relevant shortcomings						
	Close monitoring of services provided by relevant scavenging contractors on public beaches during the events.						

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Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development (Environment and Sustainable Development Division)	Provides transport facilities for conveyance of Life Savers			
Police Department (National Coast Guard and Special Mobile Force)	Ensures safety and security of beach users such as, enforcement of regulations, patrols and close watch out on dark spots (dangerous zones not suitable for bathing for e.g, at Le Goulet, Tamarin, Flic en Flac, Le Morne, etc), traffic control on public beaches, amongst others			
Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Division)	Provides patrol boats and personnel on some public beaches such as, Goulet, Anse La Raie, Belle Mare and Le Morne public beaches			
Ministry of Health & Quality of Life	Provides of ambulance services			
Municipal Council of Port Louis	Provides transport facilities for conveyance of Life Savers.			
Central Water Authority	Provides water tankers and cater for standpipes on highly frequented public beaches			
Life Saving Groups: Royal Life Saving Society, Pereybère Swimming Club, Club Aquatique de Port Louis, Surf Life Association and Flacq Swimming Association	Provides Life Saving assistance to beach users on several public beaches			

ANNEX 2
Penalties applied for the period April, 2018 to March, 2019 for Breach of Conditions of Scavenging Contracts

Month/ Year	<u>Contracts</u>	Amount (incl 15% VAT)	No. of penalties	Contractor
Apr-18	Lot 4 - La Prairie to viewpoint (toilet block) Lot 4 - Flic en Flac, Tamarin and La Preneuse (toilet	6,000 28,000	2 6	Atics Atics
_	block and public beach) Lot 4 - Le Morne to Pointe aux Sables (toilet block)	10,000	2	Keep Clean
May-18	-	-	-	-
Jun-18	-	-	-	-
Jul-18	Lot 3 -Le Bouchon to Baie du Cap (toilet block)	5,000	1	Maxiclean
Aug-18	Lot 4 - Le Morne to Pointe aux Sables (toilet block)	10,000	2	Keep Clean
Sep-18	Lot 1 – Trou aux Biches to Pereybère (toilet block and public beach)	25,300	7	Maxiclean
_	Lot 4 - Le Morne to Pointe aux Sables (toilet block)	5,000	1	Keep Clean
	Lot 1 – Mont Choisy to Pereybère (toilet block and public beach)	9,200	2	Maxiclean
Oct-18	Lot 5 - Wolmar to Bain des Dames (public beach)	3,000	1	CRSE
	Lot 4 - Le Morne to Pointe aux Sables (toilet block)	45,000	9	Keep Clean
	Lot 4 - La Prairie to viewpoint (public beach)	35,000	7	Atics
Nov-18	Lot 4 - Le Morne to Pointe aux Sables (toilet block)	10,000	2	Keep Clean
1101 10	Lot 4 - La Prairie to viewpoint (beach)	3,000	1	Atics
Dec-18	-	-	-	-
Jan-19	Lot 4 - Le Morne to Pointe aux Sables (toilet block)	25,000	5	Keep Clean
	Lot 4 - La Prairie to Macondé (public beaches)	5,000	1	Atics
	Lot 2 – Belle Mare and Palmar (public beaches)	5,000	1	Mauriclean
E-1-10	Lot 1 – Le Goulet to Grand Gaube (public beaches)	3,450	1	Maxiclean
Feb-19	Lot 4 - Le Morne to Pointe aux Sables (toilet block) Lot 5 - Bain des Dames, Sable Noir (public beaches)	96,000 16,000	17 3	Keep Clean CRSE
	Lot 5 - Wolmar to Pointe aux Sable (public beach)	55,000	15	CRSE
	Lot 2 - Belle Mare and Palmar	6,000	2	Mauriclean
Mar-19	Lot 4 - Flic en Flac, Tamarin, La Preneuse (toilet block and public beach)	3,000	1	Atics
	Lot 4 - Le Morne to Pointe aux Sables (toilet block)	54,000	11	Keep Clean
	Lot 4 - La Prairie to viewpoint (public beach)	9,000	3	Atics
	Total	471,950	103	-

 $$\operatorname{ANNEX} 3$$ Return of Contraventions for the period April 2018 to March 2019

S.N	Causes	Northern Division	Southern Division	Eastern Division	Western Division	Total
1	Trading without licence	64	20	6	9	99
2	Driving and riding motor vehicles	33	28	39	2	102
3	Keeping vessels without authorisation	5	Nil	Nil	3	8
4	Placing structure without authorisation	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	1
5	Parking motor vehicle on public beach	43	5	90	14	152
6	Breach of conditions attached to licence	26	14	Nil	2	42
7	Molesting public functionary	Nil	Nil	Nil	1	1
	Total	172	67	135	31	405