

INTRODUCTION

The Prime Minister launched the Clean-Up and Embellishment Campaign 2017 to get the message about clean environment consciousness across. With a view to inspire and raise awareness of the public to protect our public beaches and keep them clean at all times, the Beach Authority is continuing to sensitise the local inhabitants and beach users through the distribution of flyers and plastic bin bags.

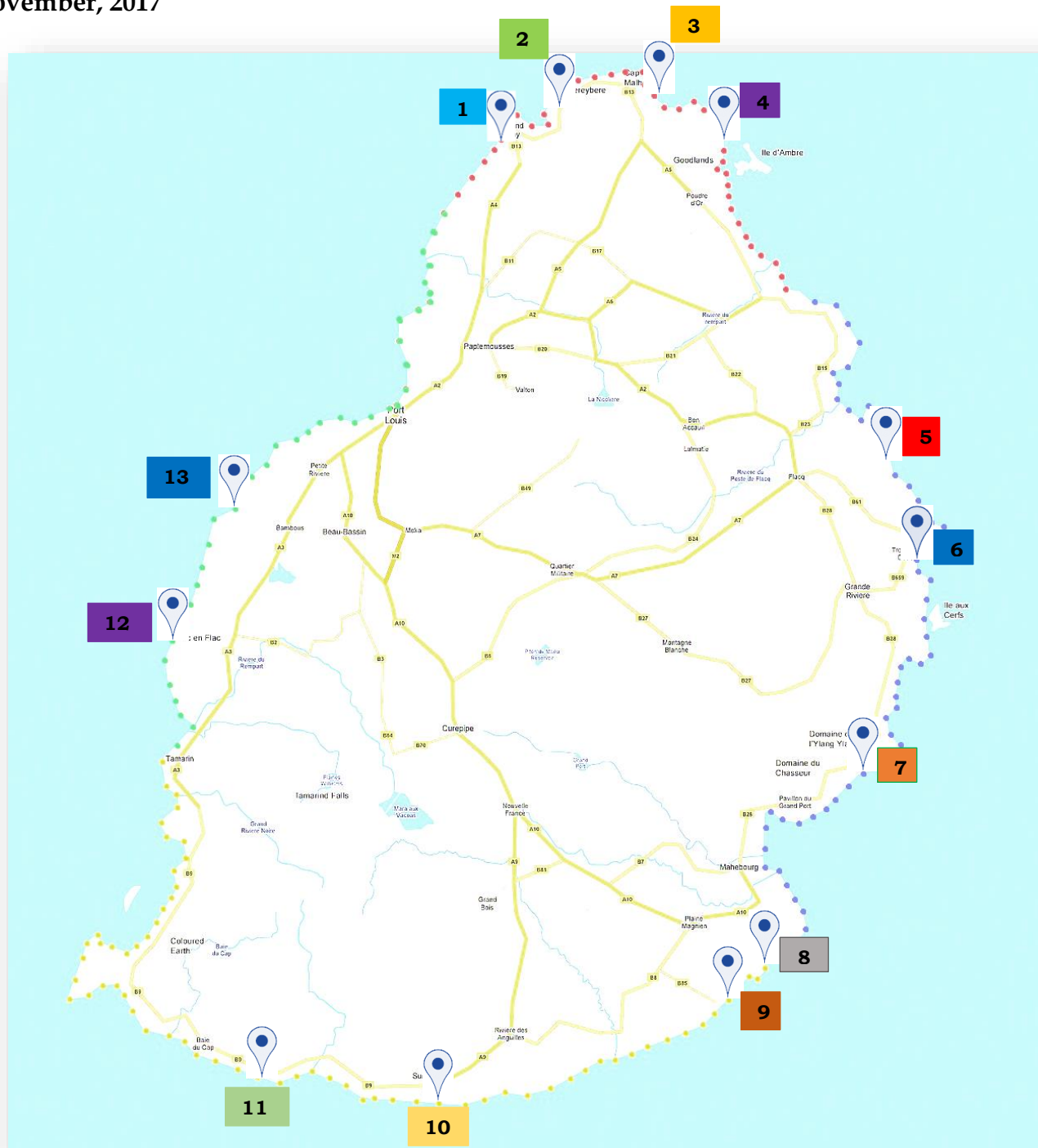
As a result, the clean-up and sensitisation campaigns accomplished by the Beach Authority has inspired people from all sectors of the community including school children, NGOs and stakeholders to actively participate in our campaigns and relevant projects.

The month of November 2017 was marked by the collaboration of several stakeholders including National Coast Guard, Mauritius Police Force, Ministries, NGOs and civilian population.

Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. National Coast Guard
3. Mauritius Police Force
4. Ministry of Health and Quality of Life
5. Rotary Club of Grand Baie
6. Pereybere Swimming Club
7. Royal Life Saving Society,
8. Club Aquatique de Port-Louis
9. Albion Life Saving Club
10. Flacq Swimming Association
11. Employees Welfare Fund
12. District Council of Savanne
13. National Development Unit
14. Indian Ocean Commission

Public beaches where activities were carried out during the period of 01 November to 30 November, 2017



Northern Region

- 1 Mont Choisy
- 2 Grand Baie
- 3 Anse La Raie
- 4 Melville

Eastern Region

- 5 Belle Mare
- 6 Trou d'Eau Douce
- 7 Petit Sable

Southern Region

- 8 La Cambuse
- 9 Le Bouchon
- 10 St.Felix
- 11 Bel Ombre

Western Region

- 12 Flic en Flac
- 13 Albion

Activities:

- i. Sensitisation Campaign and Lifesaving Programme (Ganga Snan Festival)
- ii. Cleaning of lagoon and launching of Eco bins at Mont Choisy public beach
- iii. Construction of a Recreational Park at St Felix public beach
- iv. Upgrading of parking area at Grand Baie public beach
- v. Construction of new toilet blocks at Melville public beach
- vi. Construction of new toilet blocks, parking space, retaining wall, low masonry wall and a drainage system at Petit Sable public beach
- vii. Upgrading of existing toilet blocks at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach
- viii. Installation of eight new flood lights at Albion public beach
- ix. Construction of new kiosk at Bel Ombre public beach
- x. Regional symposium on Sustainable Development - Application to coastal areas - Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)
- xi. National competition Muaythai Championship 2017 at Grand Baie public beach

Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur

General Manager

Beach Authority

November 2017

1.0 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The collaboration of different stakeholders was sought by the Beach Authority to meet the objective of *“keeping our environment cleaner, greener and safer.”* In this respect, during the month of **November 2017**, Sensitisation Campaign including Lifesaving Programme was organised on several public beaches in the context of the Ganga Snan Festival. Another praiseworthy activity was organised by the Rotary Club of Grand Baie (RCGB) in collaboration with the Beach Authority (BA) for the cleaning of lagoon and launching of Eco-bins at Mont Choisy public beach. Furthermore, the construction of the Recreational Park at St Felix public beach with the collaboration of the Employees Welfare Fund (EWF), the Beach Authority (BA), and the District Council of Savanne (DCS), is now completed.

1.1 Sensitisation Campaign and Lifesaving Programme (Ganga Snan Festival)

In the context of the Ganga Snan Festival held on **4 November, 2017**, Lifesaving & Beach Patrol Programme was implemented in collaboration with several stakeholders with a view to ensure safety and security to beach users on all public beaches around the island of Mauritius.

The activities comprised of:

- ❖ Sensitisation Campaign (distribution of flyers and plastic bin bags to beach users)
- ❖ Lifesaving Programme (ensure safety and security of beach users)

1.1.1 Mont Choisy public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Mont Choisy public beach

1.1.2 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign in collaboration with stakeholders at Belle Mare public beach



Mauritius Police Force



National Coast Guard



Flacq Swimming Association



Ministry of Health and Quality of Life



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



1.1.3 Anse La Raie public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Anse La Raie public beach



Employees of Maxi Clean Co Ltd ensuring the proper cleaning of Anse La Raie public beach

1.1.4 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign in collaboration with stakeholders at Flic en Flac public beach



National Coast Guard



Ministry of Health and Quality of Life



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



1.1.5 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign in collaboration with stakeholders at La Cambuse public beach



National Coast Guard



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at La Cambuse public beach

1.1.6 Le Bouchon public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Le Bouchon public beach

1.2 Cleaning of Lagoon and Launching of Eco Bins at Mont Choisy public Beach

1.2.1 Meeting at the seat of the Beach Authority in the context of lagoon cleaning day and launching of eco-bins

A meeting was held on **07 November, 2017** between members of the Rotary Club of Grand Baie and the Beach Authority at the seat of the authority in the context of lagoon cleaning and launching of eco-bins at Mont Choisy public beach. During the meeting, the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder were discussed.



Meeting held at the Beach Authority between members of the Rotary Club of Grand Baie and Beach Authority

1.2.2 Activities

The activities comprised of:

- ❖ Speeches
- ❖ Cleaning of lagoon by Divers of Lifesaving groups and members of the Rotary Club
- ❖ Distribution of T-shirts and gifts to participants
- ❖ Launching of Eco-bins
- ❖ Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users

1.2.2.1 Speeches

(a) Address by Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, General Manager of Beach Authority.

The General Manager welcomed and thanked everybody for their presence and collaboration. He pointed out that the Beach Authority was created under the Beach Authority Act 2002. Its mandate is to manage all proclaimed public beaches in Mauritius and Rodrigues Islands. There are 126 proclaimed public beaches in Mauritius and 12 in Rodrigues making a total of 138 proclaimed public beaches under the jurisdiction of the Beach Authority. The ultimate aim of the Beach Authority is to embellish, upgrade and to provide better access to our public beaches for the benefit of the beach users. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness and focus on our environmental vision for cleaner and greener public beaches for the benefit of one and all.

He also added that the public awareness campaign being carried out by the Beach Authority includes talks, distribution of pamphlets and plastic bin bags. Shortly, the awareness campaign will be carried out with all students starting with primary schools. Authorisation has already been sought from the relevant ministry.

The General Manager ended his speech by making an appeal to the public that the beach is our common area, together let's preserve it, respect it, keep it clean and healthy for the benefit of the present and future generations.



Address by Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, General Manager of Beach Authority

(b) Address by Mr. Albert Wong Yuen, Project Leader of Rotary Club of Grand Baie

Mr. Albert Wong Yuen outlined that the Rotary Club of Grand Baie has been cleaning the lagoon of Mont Choisy public beach since 1996 and many wastes have been removed.



Address by Mr. Albert Wong Yuen, Project Leader of Rotary Club of Grand Baie.

(c) Address by Mr. Clément Lam Wai Yam, President of Rotary Club of Grand Baie

The president of the Rotary Club of Grand Baie mentioned that the eight eco-bins donated to the Beach Authority will be installed at Trou aux Biches public beach, Mont Choisy public beach, Grand Baie public beach and Pereybere public beach. The idea behind is to sensitise people to stop littering on the beaches.



Address by Mr. Clément Lam Wai Yam, President of Rotary Club of Grand Baie

(d) Address by Mr. Roshan Singh Sowambar, Chairman of Beach Authority

The Chairman of the Beach Authority mentioned about the different activities carried out in collaboration of several stakeholders on several public beaches like:

- Upgrading of La Prairie and Belle Mare public beaches in collaboration of the Mauritius Prison Service.
- Planting of coconut trees in collaboration of the Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service at Flic en Flac public beach.
- Clean-up and Embellishment campaign at Mont Choisy public beach in collaboration of the European Union

Mr. Roshan Singh Sowambar pointed out that the Beach Authority is trying to do the maximum out of its limited resources and it relies a lot on the collaboration of different stakeholders.



Address by Mr. Roshan Singh Sowambar, Chairman of Beach Authority

(e) Address by the Honourable. Ashit Kumar Gungah, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection

The Honourable. Ashit Kumar Gungah stated that the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign 2017 launched by the Prime Minister is a good initiative and each and everyone must feel concerned about the environment. It is very important to have a change of mindset. If we are not proactive, we will be affected by the climate change. The environmental degradation can jeopardise the development of a country.



Address by the Honourable. Ashit Kumar Gungah, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection

1.2.2.2 Cleaning of lagoon by Divers of Lifesaving groups and members of the Rotary Club



Divers of Lifesaving groups and members of the Rotary Club retrieving wastes from the lagoon



More than 150 kg of wastes retrieved from the lagoon by Divers of Lifesaving groups and members of the Rotary Club



Mr. Clément Lam Wai Yam, Mr. Roshan Singh Sowambar, Honourable. Ashit Kumar Gungah, Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, Mr. François De Grivel, Mr. Jean Yves De Fleuriot (first row from left to right) and Staff of the Beach Authority (second row)



Photo souvenir of the Staff of Beach Authority

1.2.2.3 Launching of Eco-bins



Eco-bins donated by the Rotary Club of Grand Baie to the Beach Authority



The Honourable. Ashit Kumar Gungah, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection launching eco-bin



Mr. Roshan Singh Sowambar, Chairman of Beach Authority launching eco-bin



Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, General Manager of Beach Authority launching eco-bin



Mr. Clément Lam Wai Yam, President of Rotary Club of Grand Baie crushing plastic bottle



Mr. Pascal Tsin, the Director of Super U crushing plastic bottle

1.2.2.4 Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users



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

1.3 Construction of a Recreational Park at St Felix public beach

A memorandum of Understanding was signed among the Employees Welfare Fund (EWF), the Beach Authority (BA) and the District Council of Savanne (DCS) on the **31st of August, 2017** for the construction of a recreational park at St Felix public beach. A sum of **MUR 5M** has been earmarked by the EWF for the project. The construction of the Recreational Park is now completed.

Project Components:



Beach Soccer Pitch



Pétanque Court



Ramp to facilitate disabled persons to have access to the beach



Footbridge



Jogging Track



Wooden outdoor exercise equipment

1.3.1 Embellishment of St Felix public beach

1.3.1.1 Painting of stone masonry benches and tables.

Before



After



Before



After

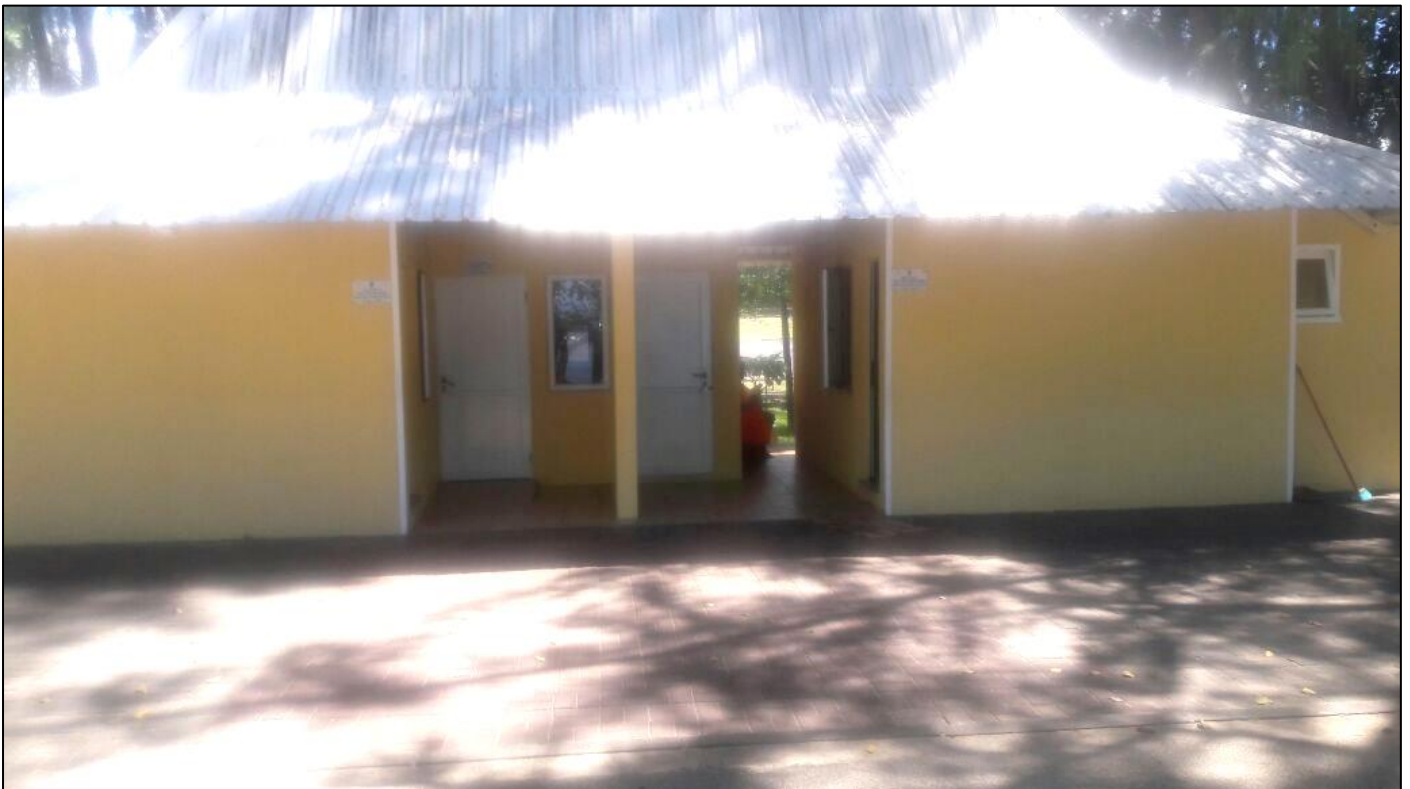


1.3.1.2 Painting of existing toilet blocks

Before



After



2.0 Upgrading of parking area at Grand Baie public beach

The parking area at Grand Baie public beach has been resurfaced and marking of parking slots completed.

Before



After



3.0 Construction of new toilet blocks at Melville public beach

Construction of new toilet blocks at Melville public beach is ongoing.



Plumbing and electrical works are ongoing



Painting of toilet blocks and supply and fixing of aluminium doors and window openings completed



Construction of manhole covers



Excavation of wooden parapet enclosure for installation of pine poles

4.0 Petit Sable public beach

New toilet blocks, parking space, retaining wall, low masonry wall as well as a drainage system to evacuate rainwater are being constructed at Petit Sable public beach.



Erection of toilet blocks up to beam level completed and plastering work is ongoing



Installation and connections of new septic tank and construction of leaching fields



Coping work on retaining wall completed



Metal grating on masonry drainage system completed



Construction of low stone masonry wall completed



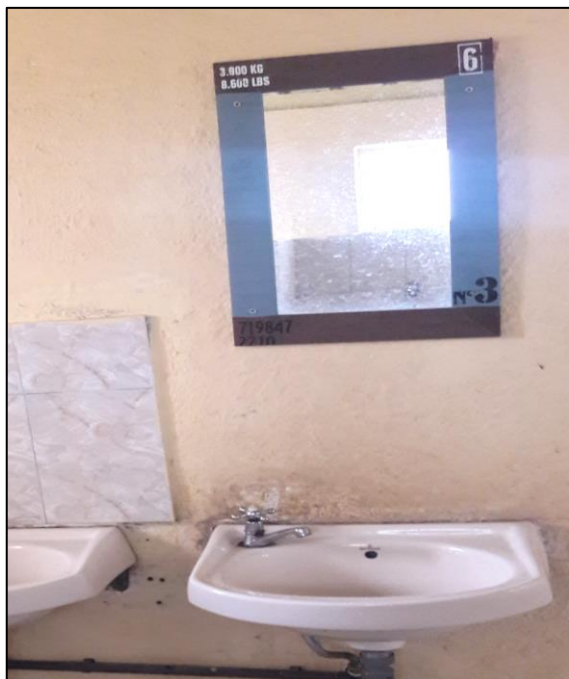
Haunching of kerbs surrounding the parking area is ongoing

5.0 Upgrading of existing toilet blocks at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach

The existing toilet blocks at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach have been upgraded to provide better services to the beach users.

5.1 Replacement of mirrors in toilet blocks

Before



After



5.2 Replacement of wooden fascia and fixing of new lambrequin.



5.3 Construction of new leaching field



5.4 Installation of water pump in new pump room



6.0 Installation of eight new floodlights at Albion public beach

Eight new floodlights have been installed at Albion public beach to provide better facilities to beach users.



7.0 Construction of new kiosk at Bel Ombre public beach

A new kiosk was constructed at Bel Ombre public beach by the National Development Unit to ensure a good service delivery and provide better comfort to beach users.



Construction of new kiosk at Bel Ombre public beach

8.0 Regional symposium on Sustainable Development - Application to coastal areas - Indian Ocean Commission (IOC)

The Beach Authority participated in the *Regional symposium on Sustainable Development - Application to coastal areas* organised by the Indian Ocean Commission (IOC) in collaboration with the European Union (EU) from **22 November, 2017 to 25 November, 2017** at the Palms Hotel. The purpose of the symposium was to strengthen the promotion of an integrated approach to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to local communities in the countries of the Indian Ocean region, with a specific link in the cases of Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

The following subjects were discussed:

- Promotion of exchanges on the national and regional good practices and expertise of the IOC countries
- Establishing status of the national processes of Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM)
- Encouraging coherence with the ICZM protocol of the Nairobi Convention and Sustainable Development Goals



Mr. Olivier Tyack (Project Manager of IOC Islands), Mr. Matthieu Discour (Director of Agence Française de Développement [AFD]), Mr. Massimiliano Messi (Team Leader of European Union Mauritius and Seychelles), Mrs. Gina Bonne (Project Manager of IOC), Mrs. Adèle de Toma (Project Manager, Gestion Durable des Zones côtières [GDZ] - IOC) (From left to right)



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Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, General Manager of Beach Authority with delegates from Mauritius and Rodrigues

9.0 National competition Muaythai Championship 2017 at Grand Baie public beach

The National competition Muaythai Championship 2017 was organised by “Association Des Commerçants de Grand Baie” in collaboration with “Federation de Muaythai et Disciplines Assimilees” (FMDA) on **19 November, 2017** at Grand Baie public beach. The Chairman and the General Manager of the Beach Authority were invited as Chief Guests. Flyers and plastic bin bags were also distributed to beach users on that day to sensitise them to keep our beaches clean.

9.1 Speech by Mr. Roshan Singh Sowambar, Chairman of Beach Authority



The Chairman of the Beach Authority sensitising the public to use the beach wisely and responsibly

9.2 Speech by Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, General Manager of Beach Authority

The General Manager of the Beach Authority addressed the public where he laid emphasis on the proper use of the public beaches. He congratulated the “Association Des Commerçants de Grand Baie” for having organised such recreational activities for the benefit of the youngsters, hence preventing them from the bane of society and act in a more responsible manner. He recommended that such activities be organised on all the public beaches during weekends.



Speech by the General Manager of Beach Authority

9.3 Prize Giving



Prize giving by the Chairman and General Manager of Beach Authority

Way Forward

The activities related to the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign is ongoing and the Beach Authority is fully involved in this commendable initiative. Much emphasis is being laid on sensitization. The concept of a sensitization campaign on a regular basis is to arouse awareness of beach users on the need to keep our beaches cleaner, greener and safer.

In pursuance of delivering better services to the beach users and meeting public demand, the Beach Authority will be initiating new projects in the near future for further upgrading, embellishment and maintenance of the proclaimed public beaches.

The support of relevant stakeholders is also being sought to enable the Beach Authority to continue in its perpetual pursuit for clean-up and embellishment of all proclaimed public beaches.

An action plan for period **March 2017 to March 2018** is annexed.



Pont Naturel public beach

Action Plan

