

Introduction

The launching of the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign 2017 by the Prime Minister, the Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth on **05 March, 2017**, was a landmark in the history of Mauritius. The Beach Authority has contributed positively by organising several activities on the same day in the four geographical coastal zones of Mauritius namely; in the North at Mont Choisy public beach, in the East at Belle Mare public beach, in the South at Le Bouchon public beach and in the West at Flic en Flac public beach. The Beach Authority called upon the collaboration of several stakeholders including the National Coast Guard, Mauritius Police Force, Ministries, NGOs and the public to keep our beaches cleaner, greener and safer.

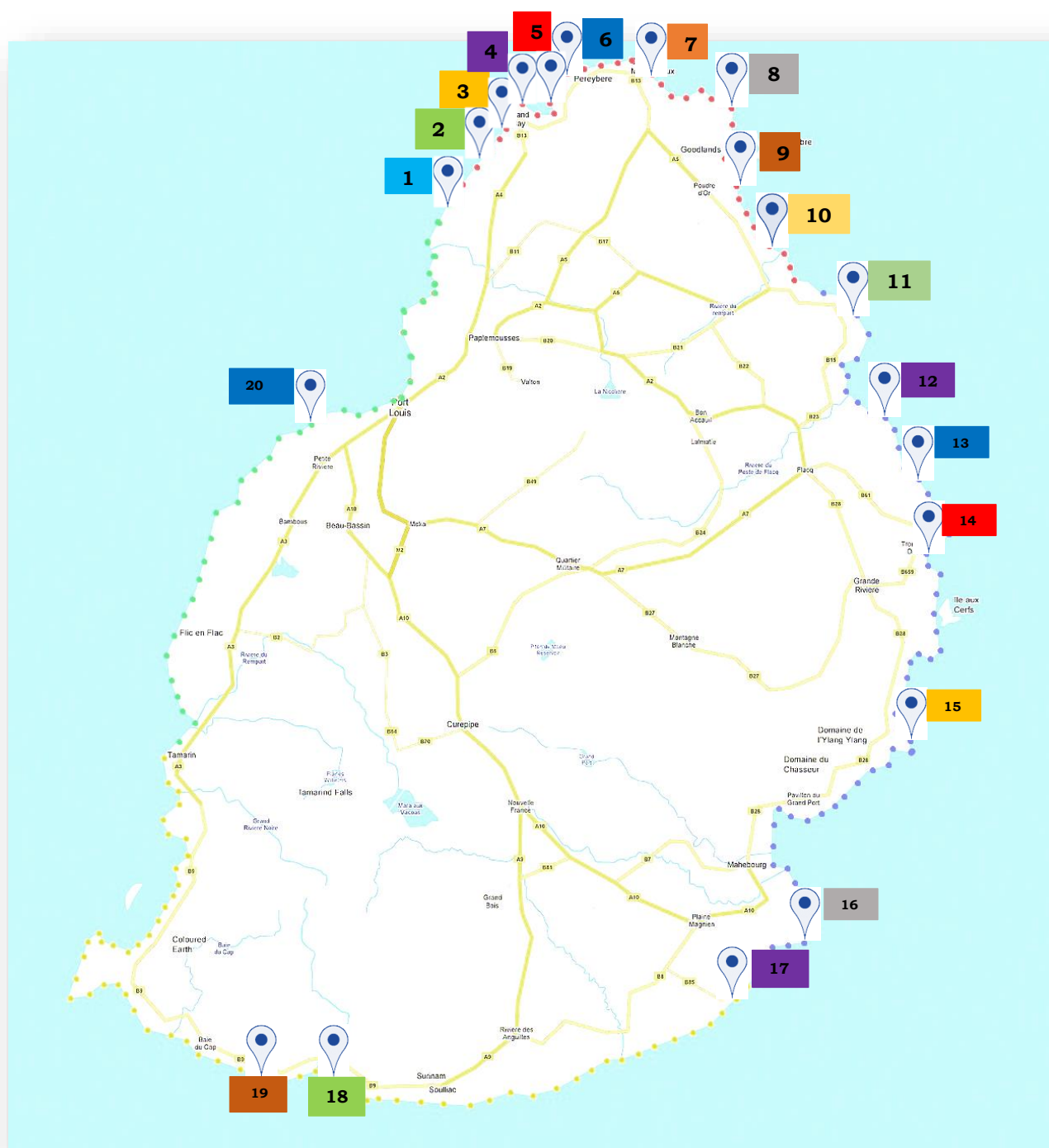
Since the launching of the campaign, the Beach Authority has upgraded and embellished seventy-eight (78) public beaches as per its action plan, out of the total number of one hundred and twenty-six (126) proclaimed public beaches all-round the island.

The month of December 2017 was marked by several activities and projects listed hereunder, in connection with the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign 2017.

Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Employees Welfare Fund
3. District Council of Savanne
4. National Coast Guard
5. Mauritius Fire & Rescue Services
6. Mauritius Revenue Authority
7. Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection.
8. Mauritius Prison Service

Public beaches where activities were carried out during the period of 01 December to 31 December, 2017



Northern Region

- 1 Pointe aux Piments
- 2 Trou aux Biches
- 3 Mont Choisy
- 4 Grand Baie
- 5 La Cuvette
- 6 Pereybere
- 7 Anse La Raie
- 8 Melville
- 9 Poudre d'Or
- 10 Pointe des Lascars

Eastern Region

- 11 Poste Lafayette
- 12 Belle Mare
- 13 Palmar
- 14 Trou d'Eau Douce
- 15 Petit Sable

Southern Region

- 16 Blue Bay
- 17 Le Bouchon
- 18 St. Felix
- 19 Bel Ombre

Western Region

- 20 Pointe aux Sables

Activities:

- i. Official Launching of the Recreational Park at St Felix public beach
- ii. Construction of new toilet blocks, parking space, retaining wall, low masonry wall and drainage system at Petit Sable public beach
- iii. Provision of Lighting Facilities through PV Solar Panels on public beaches
- iv. Completion of new toilet blocks at Pointe aux Sables (near Fisheries Post) public beach
- v. Construction of new toilet blocks at P.G Melville public beach
- vi. Upgrading of existing toilet blocks at Pointe aux Piments (near Fish Landing Station) public beach
- vii. Painting of concrete bollards at Pointe des Lascars public beach
- viii. Establishment of new Sub-offices at Pereybere and Belle Mare public beaches
- ix. Pest control on public beaches
- x. Crack-down operations at Trou aux Biches, Mont Choisy, Grand Baie, La Cuvette and Pereybere public beaches

Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur
General Manager
Beach Authority

December 2017

1.0 Official Launching of the Recreational Park at St Felix public beach

The Recreational Park which was constructed at St Felix public beach in collaboration with the Beach Authority (BA), the Employees Welfare Fund (EWF) and the District Council of Savanne (DCS), was launched on the **10th of December, 2017** by the Honourable Fazila JEEWA-DAUREEAWOO, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands in the presence of the Honourable Etienne SINATAMBOU, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development, Mr. Dineshrao BABAJEE, Chairman of Employees Welfare Fund, Mr. Kamalsaw GAJADUR, Chairman of District Council of Savanne, Mr. Appalsamy Reddi SITANNAH, General Manager of Employees Welfare Fund and Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of Beach Authority. This venture will benefit all beach users, in particular, the inhabitants of the vicinity, namely Chemin Grenier, Chamouny, Rivière des Galets and Surinam amongst others.

The activities comprised of:

- ❖ Lighting of Independence Torch by the Chief Guest
- ❖ Speeches
- ❖ Prize Giving Ceremony
- ❖ Walk through by the Chief Guest and Invitees
- ❖ Unveiling of Inaugural Plate
- ❖ Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users

1.1 Lighting of Independence Torch by Chief Guest

The independence torch was lighted by the Honourable Fazila JEEWA-DAUREEAWOO, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands to mark the 50th Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius.



Lighting of independence torch by the Honourable Fazila JEEWA-DAUREEAWOO, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands in the presence of the Honourable Etienne SINATAMBOU, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development

1.2 Speeches

1.2.1 Address by Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of Beach Authority

The General Manager welcomed and thanked everybody for their presence and collaboration. During his speech, the General Manager stated that the mandate of the Beach Authority, as per the Beach Authority Act 2002, 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 launch the Recreational Park at St. Felix public beach and for the first time such a project has been initiated with the collaboration of three institutions, namely, Employees Welfare Fund, District Council of Savanne and Beach Authority.

He also added that the following amenities have been completed:

- A jogging track of 1.5 km
- A beach soccer pitch of an area of 1000 m²
- A pétanque court of an area of 45 m²
- A footbridge to facilitate access to the jogging track
- Ramp to facilitate disabled persons to have access to the beach
- Wooden outdoor exercise equipment

The General Manager ended his speech by making an appeal to the public that the God gifted beach is our common area. Together let us 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

1.2.2 Address by Mr. Kamalsaw GAJADUR, Chairman of District Council of Savanne

The Chairman of District Council of Savanne stated that the Recreational Park was constructed in collaboration of the Employees Welfare Fund, the District Council of Savanne and the Beach Authority for the benefits of the public at large. It is therefore our duty to make full use of the park and to keep it always in a good condition. Mr. Gajadur proposed to organise a tournament every year at St. Felix Recreational Park.



Address by Mr. Kamalsaw GAJADUR, Chairman of District Council of Savanne

1.2.3 Address by Mr. Dineshrao BABAJEE, Chairman of Employees Welfare Fund

The Chairman of Employees Welfare Fund declared that the aim of EWF is to safeguard the welfare of the employees and their family. The Recreational Park was therefore constructed in collaboration with the Employees Welfare Fund, the District Council of Savanne and the Beach Authority for the benefits of everyone. The Recreational Park will help in bringing a balance in the health, leisure and work of every Mauritian.



Address by Mr. Dineshrao BABAJEE, Chairman of Employees Welfare Fund

1.2.4 Address by the Honourable Etienne SINATAMBOU, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development

The Honourable Etienne SINATAMBOU welcomed and thanked everybody for their presence. He congratulated all the stakeholders for the construction of the Recreational Park at St. Felix which will benefit the public at large. He ended his speech by wishing everybody a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Sankranti.



Address by the Honourable Etienne SINATAMBOU, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development

1.2.5 Address by the Honourable Fazila JEEWA-DAUREEAWOO, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands

The Honourable Fazila JEEWA-DAUREEAWOO stated that sports play a vital role in everyone's life. She congratulated all the stakeholders for constructing the Recreational Park taking into consideration the disabled persons. She also highlighted that next year the government will come up with more projects related to sport activities.



Address by the Honourable Fazila JEEWA-DAUREEAWOO, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands

1.3 Prize Giving Ceremony



Prize giving by the Honourable Fazila JEEWA-DAUREEAWOO, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands



Prize giving by Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of Beach Authority

1.4 Walk through the Recreational Park by the Chief Guest and Invitees



1.5 Unveiling of Inaugural Plate



Unveiling of Inaugural Plate by the Honourable Fazila JEEWA-DAUREEAWOO, Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Local Government and Outer Islands

1.6 Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at St.Felix public beach

2.0 Petit Sable public beach

The construction of new toilet blocks, parking space, retaining wall, low masonry wall as well as a drainage system to evacuate rainwater is ongoing and same is expected to be completed by **January 2018**.



Asphalting of parking area completed and entrance has been lowered to facilitate vehicular access



Construction of low masonry wall completed and construction of toilet blocks is ongoing



Enclosure of leaching fields with wooden parapet is ongoing



Construction of drainage system with blue basalt stone and concrete coping completed

3.0 Provision of Lighting Facilities through PV Solar Panels on public beaches

Enhancing safety and security on public beaches remain a priority of the Beach Authority. Subsequently, solar lighting systems have been provided on the following public beaches during the month of **December, 2017**.

S.N	Public Beach	No. of Units Installed
1.	Blue Bay	10
2.	Le Bouchon	12
3.	Bel Ombre	11
4.	Poste Lafayette	15
5.	Anse La Raie	4
6.	Poudre d'Or	7
7.	P.G Melville	4
8.	Trou d'Eau Douce	5
9.	Palmar	4
	TOTAL	72

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).

3.1 Provision of Lighting Facilities through PV Solar Panels on public beaches



Palmar public beach



Poste Lafayette public beach



Trou d'Eau Douce public beach



P.G Melville public beach



Anse La Raie public beach



Le Bouchon public beach



Poudre d'Or public beach



Blue Bay public beach

4.0 Completion of new toilet blocks at Pointe aux Sables (near Fisheries Post) public beach

New toilet blocks were constructed at Pointe aux Sables (near Fisheries Post) public beach.



Painting of toilet blocks and fixation of Corrugated Iron Sheet (CIS) roof completed



Provision of 9000 litres water tank and construction of new leaching fields



Fixing of wash basins mounted on a concrete platform and fixing of mirror



Supply and fixing of Water Closet (WC) unit



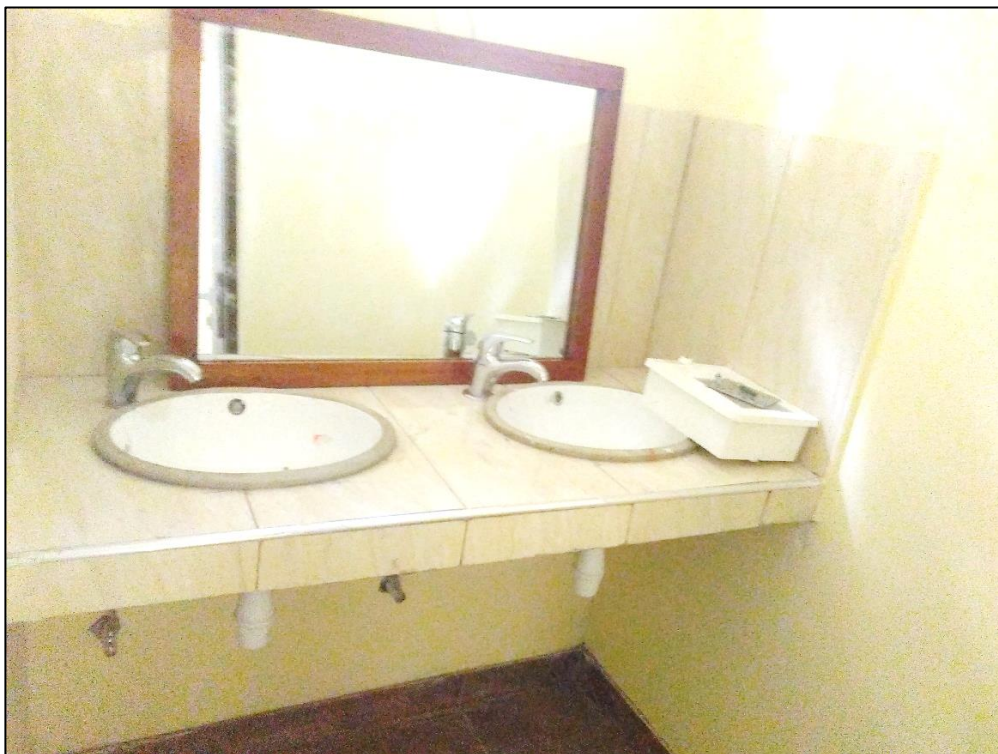
Supply and fixing of urinal

5.0 Construction of new toilet blocks at P.G Melville public beach

The construction of new toilet blocks at P.G Melville public beach is ongoing and same is expected to be completed by **January 2018**.



Fixation of Corrugated Iron Sheet (CIS) roof is ongoing



Construction of wash basins completed

6.0 Upgrading of existing toilet blocks at Pointe aux Piments (near Fish Landing Station) public beach

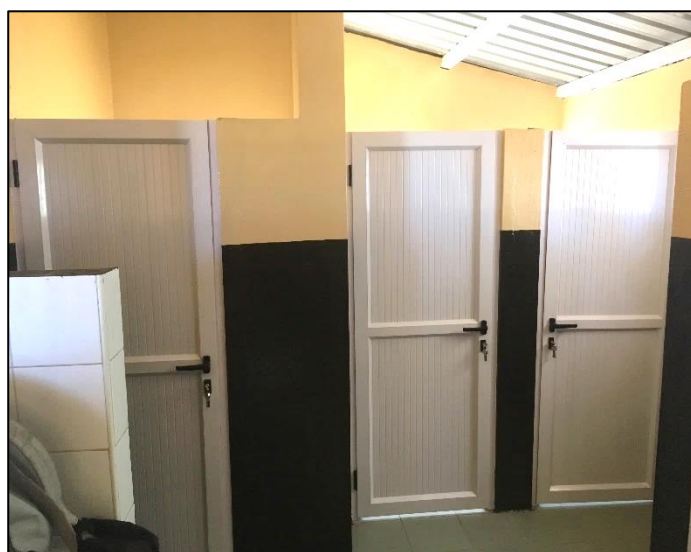
The existing toilet blocks at Pointe aux Piments (near Fish Landing Station) public beach have been upgraded to provide better services to the beach users.

6.1 Replacement of existing metal doors with powder coated aluminium doors

Before



After



6.2 Replacement of existing urinals with new ones equipped with push button flushing mechanism

Before



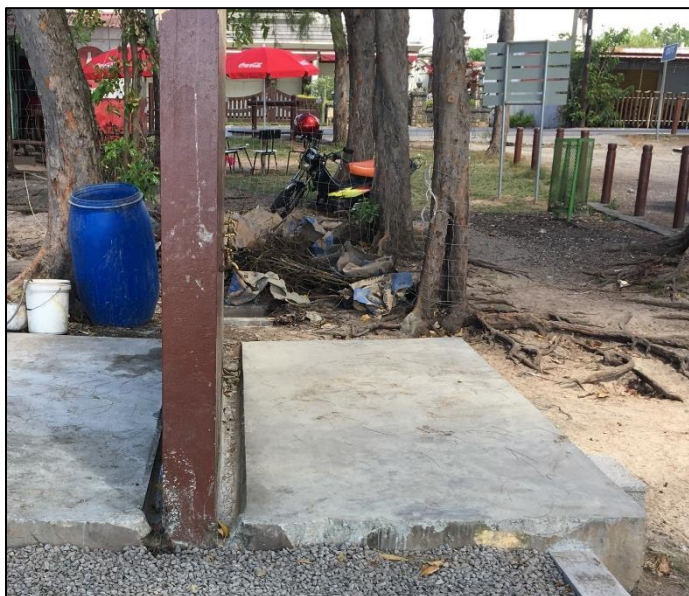
After



6.3 Upgrading of open showers

6.3.1 Supply and fixing of new anti-skid tiles

Before



After



6.3.2 Painting of open shower structure and replacement of shower head and plumbing system

Before



After



6.4 Supply and fixing of concrete bricks and kerbs at the entrance of toilet blocks

Before



After



6.5 Replacement of old mirror with new wooden frame mirror

Before



After



6.6 Enclosure of leaching field, septic tank and water tank with galvanized Circular Hollow Section (CHS) metal and fencing mesh

Before



After



6.7 Replacement of old wooden purlins and fascia

Before



After



7.0 Installation and Painting of concrete bollards at Pointe des Lascars public beach

Concrete bollards were installed and painted all along Pointe des Lascars public beach for further embellishment of the public beach and to prevent vehicular access to the public beach.

Before



After



Before



After



8.0 Establishment of new Sub-offices at Pereybere and Belle Mare public beaches

In order to keep pace with the growing demands of the public and to provide a better service delivery, the Beach Authority has established new sub-offices at Pereybere and Belle Mare public beaches. Moreover, new sub-offices will also be established at Flic en Flac and Blue Bay public beaches in the near future.



Sub-office at Pereybere public beach



Sub-office at Belle Mare public beach

9.0 Pest control on public beaches

Pest control has been effected at Grand Bay, Poudre d'Or and Pointe aux Sables public beaches to prevent the proliferation of rats at the rocks revetment areas. Further pest control will be done in the following public beaches in the coming months.

S.N	Public Beach
1.	Trou d'Eau Douce (near Four a Chaux)
2.	Camp des Pêcheurs
3.	Quatre Soeurs
4.	Bambous Virieux (Lot 1)
5.	Bambous Virieux (Lot 2)
6.	Bambous Virieux (Lot 3)
7.	Poudre d'Or
8.	Grand Baie (Main Beach)
9.	Pointe aux Sables
10.	Ruisseau des Creoles
11.	Trou aux Biches (opp. Ex Aquarium)
12.	Petit Sable
13.	La Cuvette
14.	Mahebourg Village

10.0 Crack-down operations at Trou aux Biches, Mont Choisy, Grand Baie, La Cuvette and Pereybere public beaches

Crack-down operations were carried out at Trou aux Biches, Mont Choisy, Grand Baie, La Cuvette and Pereybere public beaches in collaboration with officers from the National Coast Guard, Mauritius Fire & Rescue Services, Mauritius Revenue Authority and Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Contraventions established:

Five (5) contraventions were established for the following offences:

- (i) One (1) for 'Trading without Licence' at Grand Baie public beach
- (ii) Two (2) for 'Non Affixing of price labels on food items for sale' at Grand Baie public beach
- (iii) Two (2) for 'Use of domestic Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) for commercial purpose' at Pereybere public beach.

Observation:

The beaches and toilet blocks were found clean and up to the standard.



Verification of Beach Trader's Licence at Grand Baie public beach



Contravention established against Beach Traders for Non Affixing of price labels on food items for sale at Grand Baie public beach



Contravention established against the trader for 'Trading without licence' at Grand Baie public beach



Verification of Lease Agreement and inspection of Tuckshops at La Cuvette public beach



Contravention established against the Beach Trader for 'Use of domestic Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) for commercial purpose' at Pereybere public beach

Way Forward

The activities related to the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign are ongoing and the Beach Authority is fully involved in this laudable initiative. Emphasis is also being laid on sensitisation of the public towards a new vision for a more sustainable use of our beaches. In this connection, the Beach Authority intends to carry out awareness campaigns with students of the primary schools all around the island.

In order to improve the experience of the beach users and to keep pace with the growing demands of the public, 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 stakeholders is being sought to enable the Beach Authority to continue in its everlasting quest for clean-up and embellishment of all proclaimed public beaches thus ensuring a cleaner, greener and safer environment.

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



Pointe Cassis public beach

Action Plan

