

INTRODUCTION

The Beach Authority has as at date successfully implemented all the projects according to its action plan pertaining to the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign 2017 launched by the Prime Minister, the Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth on **05 March, 2017**. The Authority has in view to implement several more activities and projects regarding the protection and conservation of the public beaches in the near future. Since the launching of the Campaign, the Beach Authority has upgraded and embellished seventy-nine (79) public beaches all-around the island.

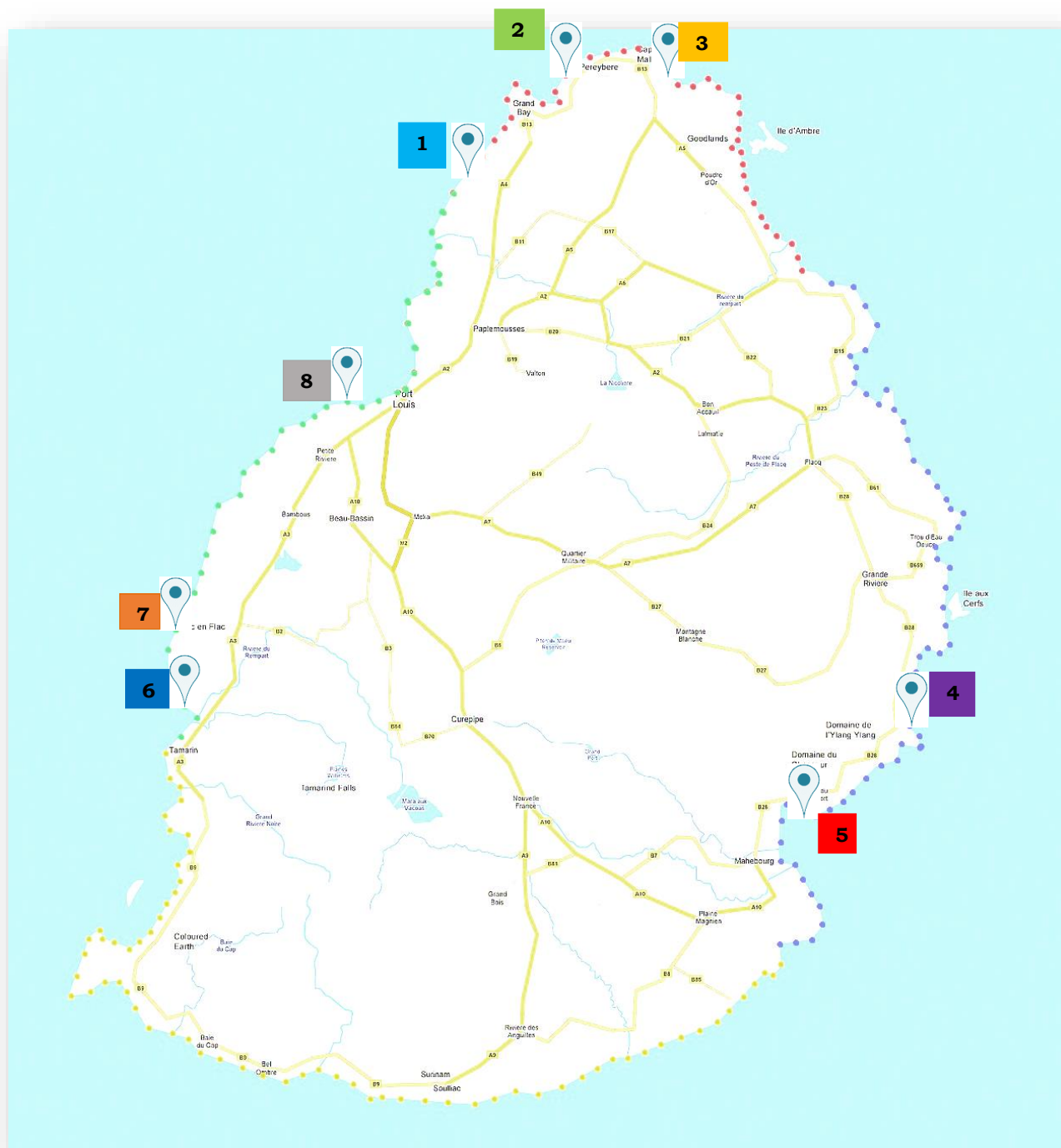
The 50th Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius was celebrated at the Authority in the presence of Mr. Roshan Singh Sowambar, the Chairman of the Beach Authority. During the ceremony, Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, the General Manager of the Beach Authority, gave a brief about the Mauritian history and made a special tribute to our elders who have toiled and struggled very hard and transformed Mauritius into an idyllic country. He also made an appeal to all the staff to sensitise the people in their area. To mark the 50th Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius, T-Shirt, 'Independence pin' and Mauritian Flag were gifted to all the staff.

This document gives a brief description of the activities carried out during the month of **March, 2018**, including sensitisation campaigns, cleaning and embellishment of several public beaches.

Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Gamma Group
3. Flic en Flac Government School
4. Veranda Hotel
5. National Coast Guard
6. Mauritius Police Force
7. Ministry of Health & Quality of Life (Bambous Health Office)

Public beaches where activities were carried out during the period of 01 March to 31 March, 2018



Northern Region

- 1** Pointe aux Piments
- 2** La Cuvette
- 3** Anse La Raie

Eastern Region

- 4** Petit Sable
- 5** Vieux Grand Port

Southern Region

Western Region

- 6** Wolmar
- 7** Flic en Flac
- 8** Pointe aux Sables
(Nr Martelo Tower)

Activities:

- i. Clean-Up and Sensitisation Campaign in collaboration with stakeholders at Wolmar and Pointe aux Piments (Pointe Oberoi) public beaches
- ii. Completion of Toilet Blocks at Anse La Raie public beach
- iii. Upgrading of Pathway at Pointe aux Sables (Near Martello Tower) public beach.
- iv. Grass Cutting on public beaches
- v. Sensitisation Campaign and Lifesaving Programme (Easter Day)
- vi. Crackdown operations at Flic en Flac public beach

Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur

General Manager

Beach Authority

March 2018

1.0 Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign in collaboration with stakeholders

1.1 Clean -Up and Sensitisation Campaign at Wolmar public beach

To commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius, a Clean-Up and Sensitisation Campaign was organised by Gamma Group in collaboration with the Beach Authority at Wolmar public beach on **04 March, 2018**.

The activities comprised of:

- ❖ Speeches
- ❖ Tree plantation (15 'veloutier d'argent' and 'batatran' plants)
- ❖ Installation of 4 litter bins and 1 eco bin
- ❖ Cleaning of beach and lagoon at Wolmar public beach
- ❖ Sensitization Campaign (Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users)

1.1.1 Speeches

1.1.1.1 Address by Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of the 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.

He also added that this is the first project initiated between the Gamma Group and the Beach Authority and he is convinced that there will be many other major projects to come in the near future. Thus, we bring the necessary collective effort to progress and we are very happy to have, once again, the opportunity to fulfill a noble duty, for the benefit of all the citizens of the Republic of Mauritius. The General Manager moreover highlighted that the beach is our showcase and our identity card. He made 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 benefits of the present and future generations.

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of independence, all together without leaving anyone behind, unity in diversity, combine our efforts and revive the soul of the Republic of Mauritius.

Our Country Our Pride !

Notre Pays Notre Fierté !

Hamare Desh Hamare Shaan !

The General Manager ended his speech by thanking the General Manager of Gamma Group, Mr. Geoffroy Dedieu and his team for their vital support in this noble task, undertaken to beautify and keep the beach of Wolmar clean and healthy. He also expressed his gratitude to the Honourable Etienne Sinatambou, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development, the Chairman and board members of the Beach Authority as well as all the staff for their unflinching support.



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

1.1.1.2 Address by Mr. Dominique BILLION, General Manager of Kolos Cement Ltd

The General Manager of Kolos Cement Ltd welcomed everybody to participate in the inauguration of the project 'Embellishment of Wolmar public beach'. He stated that Gamma Group in collaboration with the Beach Authority decided to mark the 50th Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius by promoting the harmony and performance of our social environment. The first initiative consists of cleaning of the beach and lagoon as well as plantation of 'veloutier d'argent' and 'batatran' plants.



Address by Mr. Dominique BILLION, General Manager of Kolos Cement Ltd

1.1.1.3 Address by Mr. Geoffroy DEDIEU, Director of Gamma Civic Ltd

Mr. Geoffroy Dedieu welcomed and thanked everybody for their presence and collaboration in attaining the objective of keeping our country clean. He declared that Gamma has always engaged in sustainable development of our island while minimising the negative impacts on our environment. He also stated that while raising awareness and educating everyone, it is an opportunity for us to recognise the efforts done to keep the beaches clean and to preserve the environment.

We all love the sea and beaches. Today we are here to take care of our beach. Together let us work towards this praiseworthy objective.



Address by Mr. Geoffroy DEDIEU, Director of Gamma Civic Ltd

1.1.2 Tree plantation ('veloutier d'argent' and 'batatran' plants)



Tree plantation by Mr. Geoffroy DEDIEU, Director of Gamma Civic Ltd and students of Flic en Flac Government School



Tree plantation by Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR, General Manager of the Beach Authority and Staff of the Beach Authority



Tree plantation by Mr. Dominique BILLION, General Manager of Kolos Cement Ltd and students of Flic en Flac Government School



Plantation of 'veloutier d'argent' and 'batatran' plants along Wolmar public beach

1.1.3 Installation of 4 litter bins and 1 eco bin at Wolmar public beach



Installation of eco-bin at Wolmar public beach



Installation of litter bin at Wolmar public beach

1.1.4 Cleaning of public beach and lagoon at Wolmar public beach



Wastes retrieved from the lagoon of Wolmar public beach by Divers of Royal Life Saving and Hilton Hotel



Cleaning of Wolmar public beach by Staff of Gamma Group and students of Flic en Flac Government School

1.1.5 Sensitization Campaign (Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users)



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



Photo Souvenir of Staff of Gamma Group, Beach Authority and students of Flic en Flac Government School

1.2 Clean-Up and Sensitisation Campaign at La Cuvette public beach

To mark the 50th Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius, a Clean-Up and Sensitisation Campaign was organised by Veranda Hotel in collaboration with the Beach Authority at La Cuvette public beach on **03 March, 2018**.

The activities comprised of:

- ❖ Sensitisation Campaign (Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users)
- ❖ Cleaning of public beach

1.2.1 Sensitisation Campaign (Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users)



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

1.2.2 Cleaning of public beach



Cleaning of La Cuvette public beach by Staff of Veranda Hotel



Wastes collected from La Cuvette public beach by Staff of Veranda Hotel

2.0 Completion of Toilet Blocks at Anse La Raie public beach

The construction of new toilet blocks at Anse La Raie public beach is completed. This will help in providing better facilities to the beach users.



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



Enclosure of leaching fields with wooden pine poles



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

3.0 Upgrading of Pathway at Pointe aux Sables (Near Martello Tower) public beach.

The pathway at Pointe aux Sables (Near Martello Tower) public beach was upgraded to facilitate disabled persons to have access to the beach.

Before



After



OUR BEACHES ARE GOD-GIFTED
PROTECT THEM

4.0 Grass Cutting on public beaches

The Beach Authority has set up a team for grass cutting on some public beaches where contractors have not been outsourced. Mowing of grass was effected on the following public beaches during the month of March in order to keep our public beaches clean and tidy:

- Petit Sable public beach
- Pointe aux Piments (Pointe Oberoi) public beach
- Vieux Grand Port public beach

4.1 Grass Cutting at Petit Sable public beach

Before



After



KEEP OUR BEACHES
CLEAN AND SAFE

4.2 Grass Cutting at Pointe aux Piments (Pointe Oberoi) public beach

Before



After



4.3 Grass Cutting at Vieux Grand Port public beach

Before



After



5.0 Sensitisation Campaign and Lifesaving Programme (Easter Festival)

A meeting was convened with relevant stakeholders on the **21st of March, 2018** at the seat of the Authority in the context of Easter Festival due on **02 April, 2018**. During the meeting, the roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder were discussed.

Present:

| S.N | Name | Designation | Organisation |
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| 1. | Mr. J. Mamode | Beach Enforcement Officer | Beach Authority (Chairperson) |
| 2. | Mr. A. Beeputh | Senior Beach Enforcement Officer | Beach Authority |
| 3. | Mr. S. Thakoor | Beach Enforcement Officer | Beach Authority |
| 4. | Mr. R. Geerwar | Beach Enforcement Officer | Beach Authority |
| 5. | Mr. Ghoorah | Police Officer | Mauritius Police Force (NCG) |
| 6. | Mr. S. Anamalay | Ag. Deputy Controller | Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping (Fisheries Division) |
| 7. | Mr. P. Dwarka | Office Management Assistant | Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development |
| 8. | Mr. Z. Bahadoor | Life Saver | Royal Life Saving Society |
| 9. | Mr. D. Dosieah | Life Saver | Royal Life Saving Society |
| 10. | Mr. K. C Fulena | Life Saver | Flic en Flac Life Saving Group |
| 11. | Mr. L. Chinasamy | Life Saver | Royal Life Saving Society |
| 12. | Mr. B. Lobind | Life Saver | Flacq Swimming Association |
| 13. | Mr. E. Babajee | Public Relation Officer | Maxiclean Co. Ltd |



Meeting held with all stakeholders at the seat of the Authority in the context of security on public beaches during Easter Festival

THE BEACH BELONGS TO YOU
USE IT RESPONSIBLY

Roles and Responsibilities of stakeholders:

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| Beach Authority | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ As coordinator of Life Saving and Beach Patrol Programme. ❖ Provision of goggles, marquee, T-Shirts and First Aid Kits (comprised of basic medical supplies to effectively attend to any emergency or casualties) to life savers. ❖ Payment of stipend to Life Savers. ❖ Transport facilities for Life Savers. ❖ Enforcement Officers will monitor services provided by relevant scavenging contractors. ❖ Distribution of eco plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users. |
| Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development (Environment and Sustainable Development Division) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Transport facilities for Life Savers |
| Police Department (NCG and SMF) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Provide Lifesaving assistance to beach users, enforcement of beach regulations and traffic control on public and parking zones. |
| Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Division) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Provision of patrol boats and personnel |
| Ministry of Health & Quality of Life | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Provision of Ambulance services on some specific public beaches |
| Municipal Council of Port Louis | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Transport facilities for Life Savers |
| Central Water Authority | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Provide water tankers and cater for standpipes on highly frequented public beaches |
| <u>Life Saving Groups</u> Pereybere Swimming Club, Royal Life Saving Society, Club Aquatique de Port Louis, Albion Life Saving Club, and Flacq Swimming Association | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Life Saving assistance to beach users |

6.0 Crackdown operations at Flic en Flac public beach

Crack-down operation was carried out at Flic en Flac public beach in collaboration with Officers from Flic en Flac National Coast Guard and Police Station and Ministry of Health & Quality of Life (Bambous Health Office) on 22 March, 2018.

The outcomes of the Crackdown Operation were as follows:

Six (6) Beach Traders were found operating and they were inspected accordingly. Seven (7) contraventions were established for the following offences:

- (i) Two (2) for non-compliance of the Beach Authority (Trader's Licence) Regulations
- (ii) Five (5) for non-compliance of Food Act.



Inspection of Beach Traders by Officers of Flic en Flac National Coast Guard and Police Station



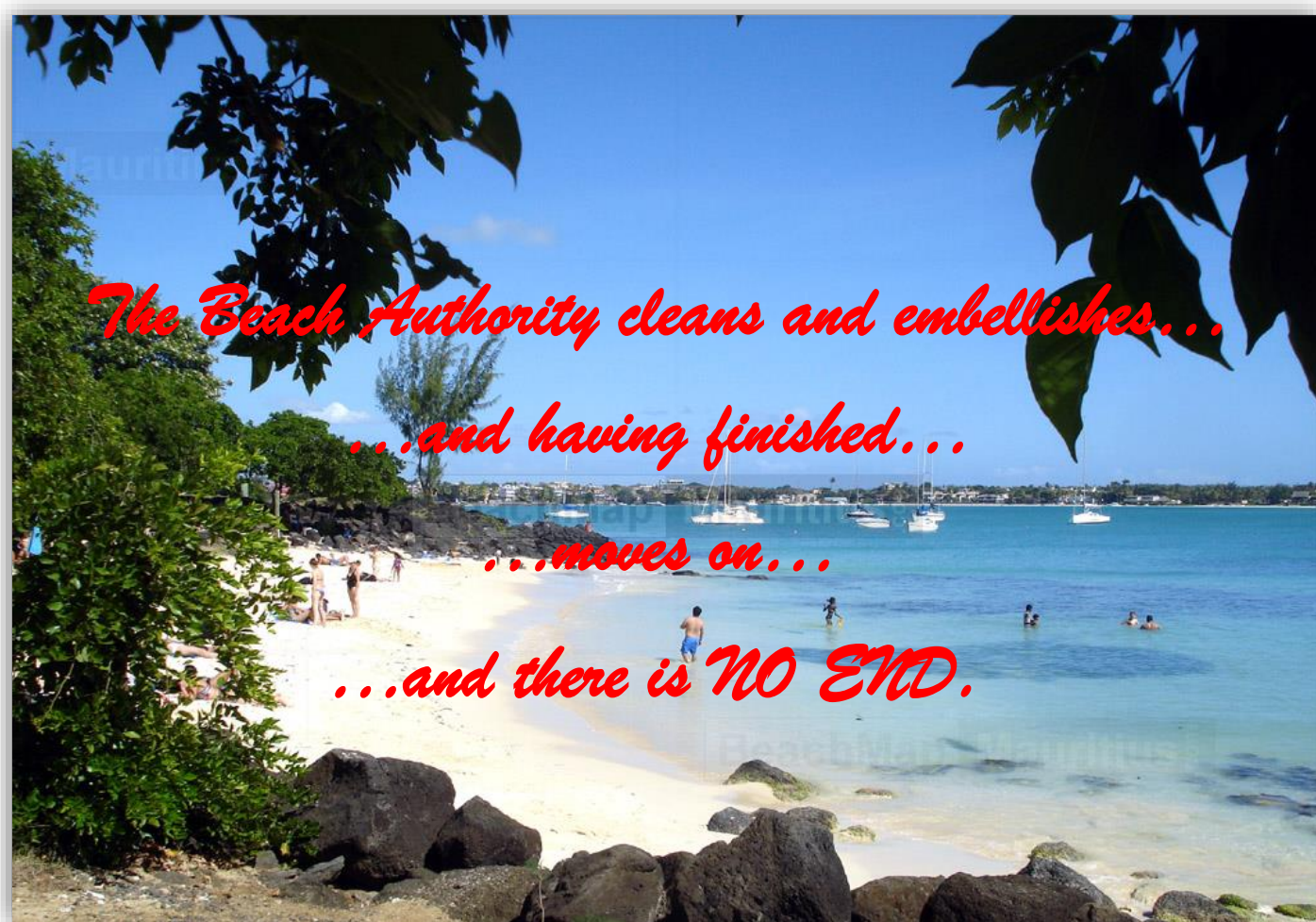
Seizure of expired foodstuff by Officers of Ministry of Health & Quality of Life (Bambous Health Office)

Way Forward

The Beach Authority has left no stone unturned to fully implement the action plan regarding the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign 2017 launched on 05 March, 2017 by the Prime Minister, Honourable Pravind Kumar Jugnauth. Consequently, an increasing number of public beaches cleaned, upgraded and embellished has also been evident.

The Authority has in view to implement several more activities and projects regarding the protection and conservation of the public beaches in the near future. New toilet blocks will be constructed at Pointe des Lascars public beach and the works regarding the upgrading of the toilet blocks at Pointe aux Sables (Main beach), Petit Verger and Grand Gaube public beaches has already been initiated as well as that of upgrading the parking area at Von Moltke (Roches Noires) public beach.

We have achieved a lot in such a short time but there is still a long way to go.



La Cuvette public beach

Action Plan

