

## **INTRODUCTION**

Over the years, Mauritius has become more and more popular with an increasing number of tourists confirming its reputation as being one of the most desired tourists' destinations in the world. One of the main strength of attraction to tourists is the clean, magnificent white sandy public beaches and idyllic lagoons. No effort is being spared by the Beach Authority to maintain our public beaches clean and safe.

However, a beach is also a sensitive and fragile environment. The public beaches are mostly exposed to threats like vandalism as well as nuisance being caused by pests (ants and rats). In the past days, several cases of vandalism have been reported at the Authority. Irresponsible beach users have been tampering with the electric system. Circuit breakers and other electrical accessories were being stolen. The police department has been requested to follow-up the situation very closely. The Beach Authority has also embarked on a Solar Lighting Project. The new Solar Lighting columns, which are six metres (6m) high are more reliable and cost effective in terms of running and maintenance as compared to the traditional underground electrical lighting network with three metres (3m) high lamp posts. As at date, there are two hundred (200) Solar Lighting posts already installed on thirty-one (31) public beaches and more will be installed in the near future.

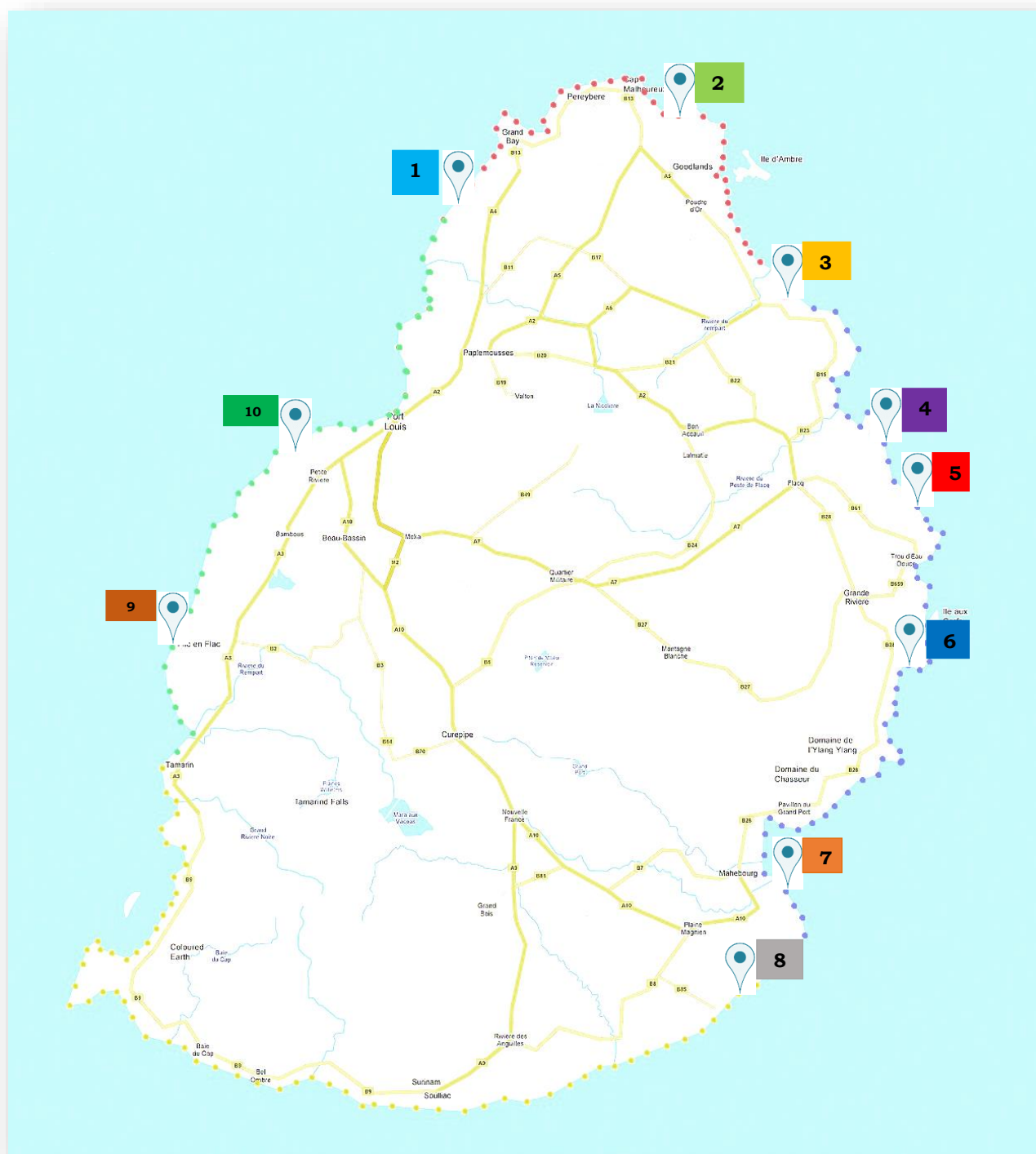
With regard to nuisance being caused by pests (rats and ants) on public beaches, particularly at Flic en Flac public beach, pest control is being undertaken on a more frequent basis as remedial actions to phase out such nuisances for better security and comfort of beach users.

This document gives a brief description of the activities carried out during the month of **May,2018**, including upgrading and embellishment of several public beaches.

### **Participants:**

1. Beach Authority
2. National Coast Guard

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



#### Northern Region

- 1 Pointe aux Piments
- 2 Grand Gaube
- 3 Von Moltke

#### Eastern Region

- 4 Belle Mare
- 5 Palmar
- 6 Quatre Soeurs

#### Southern Region

- 7 Remy Ollier
- 8 La Cambuse

#### Western Region

- 9 Flic en Flac
- 10 Pointe aux Sables (Main)

**Activities:**

- i. Upgrading of toilet blocks at La Cambuse public beach
- ii. Upgrading of toilet blocks at Pointe aux Sables (Main) public beach
- iii. Upgrading of toilet blocks at Grand Gaube public beach
- iv. Upgrading of toilet blocks at Palmar (Nr Ambre Hotel) public beach
- v. Upgrading of parking area at Von Moltke (Roches Noires) public beach
- vi. Cleaning and pest control at Flic en Flac public beach
- vii. Upgrading of Belle Mare public beach
- viii. Mowing of grass on public beaches
- ix. e-Procurement System at the Beach Authority

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*General Manager*

*Beach Authority*

*May 2018*



## **1.0 Upgrading of toilet blocks at La Cambuse public beach**

The existing toilet blocks at La Cambuse public beach have been upgraded.

### ***1.1 Removal of existing iron sheeting and construction of roof truss with new pre-painted iron sheeting***

*Before*



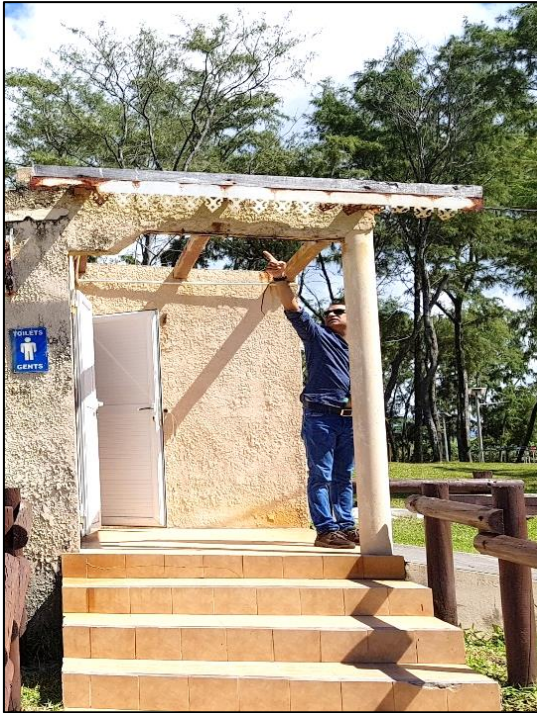
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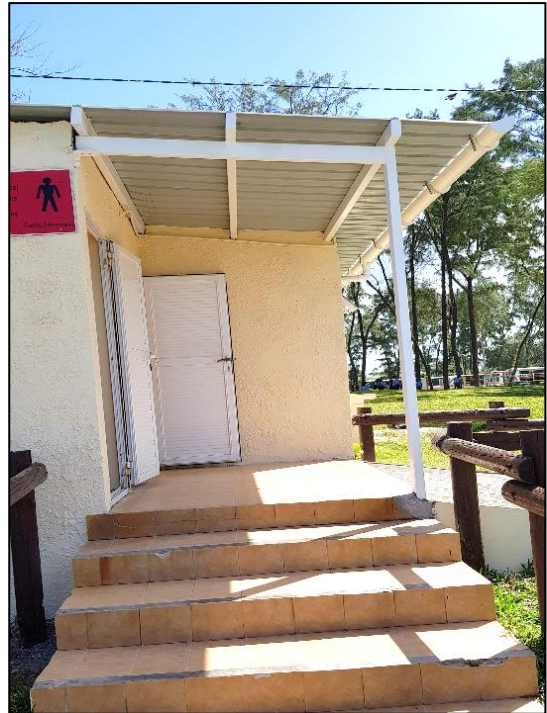


## **1.2 Upgrading of Reinforce Concrete Beams and Columns on front terraces**

*Before*



*After*



## **1.3 Reinstatement of existing soakaway**

*Before*



*After*





## **1.4 Installation of rainwater pipes and gutters around the toilet blocks**

*Before*



*After*





## **1.5 Pressure washing and painting of interior and exterior walls of toilet blocks**

*Before*



*After*



## **1.6 Provision for two signboards for Opening Hours**

*Before*



*After*





## **2.0 Upgrading of toilet blocks at Pointe aux Sables (Main) public beach**

The toilet blocks at Pointe aux Sables (Main) public beach have been upgraded.

### **2.1 *Painting of interior and exterior walls and roof of toilet blocks***

*Before*



*After*





## **2.2 Supply and fix of new powder coated aluminium doors**

*Before*



*After*



## **2.3 Construction of worktop for placing of wash hand basin and placing of mirror and soap dispenser**

*Before*

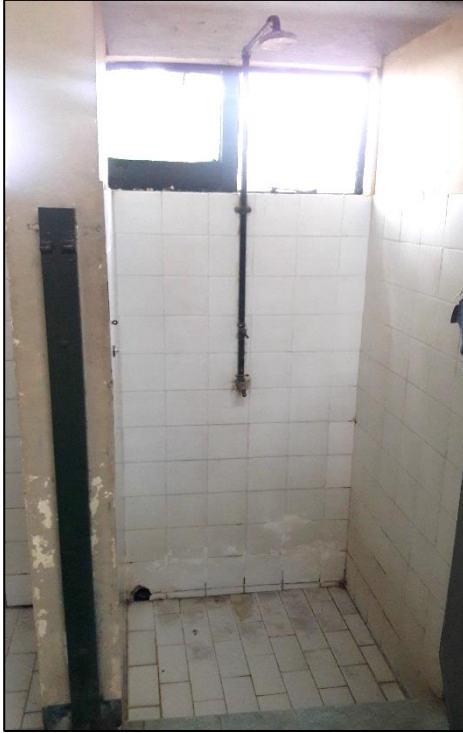


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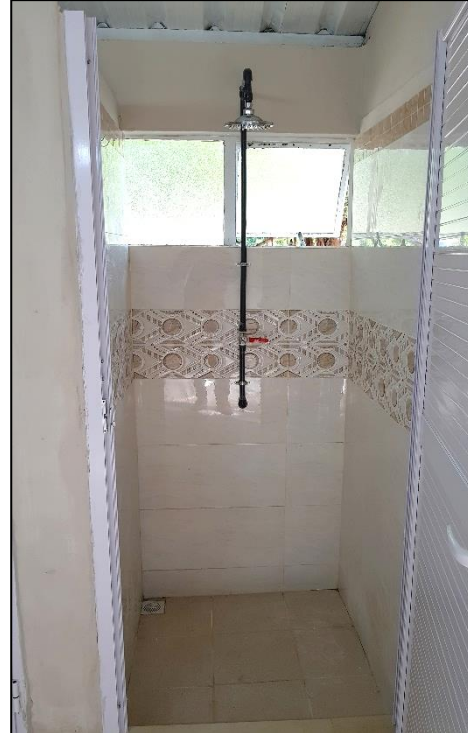


**2.4 Supply and fix of ceramic tiles and mosaic tiles on wall and anti-skid floor tiles and replacement of shower head**

*Before*



*After*



**2.5 Supply and fix of new urinals with separators**

*Before*



*After*





## **2.6 Removal of existing Water Closet (WC) Units and supply and fixing of new Water Closet (WC) unit**

*Before*



*After*



## **2.7 Reinstatement and painting of window openings**

*Before*



*After*





### 3.0 Upgrading of toilet blocks at Grand Gaube public beach

The toilet blocks at Grand Gaube public beach have been upgraded.

#### 3.1 *Painting of interior and exterior walls and roof of toilet blocks*

*Before*



*After*





### **3.2 Removal of existing Water Closet (WC) Units and supply and fixing of new Water Closet (WC) unit**

*Work in progress*



*After*



### **3.3 Supply and fix of new urinals with separators**





### *3.4 Construction of worktop for placing of wash hand basin, mirror and soap dispenser*

*Work in progress*



*After*



*Grand Gaube public beach*

#### **4.0 Upgrading of toilet blocks at Palmar (Nr Ambre Hotel) public beach**

The damaged iron roof sheeting and roller shutters at Palmar (Nr Ambre Hotel) public beach have been repaired.

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

*Before*



*After*





## 4.2 Removal of existing damaged iron roof sheeting and supply and fix of new iron roof sheeting

*Before*



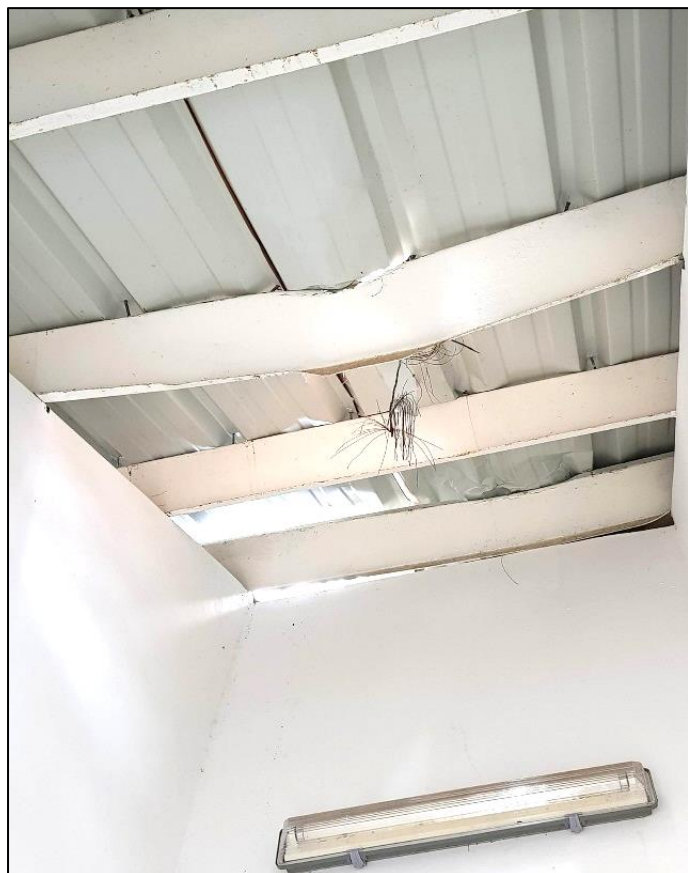
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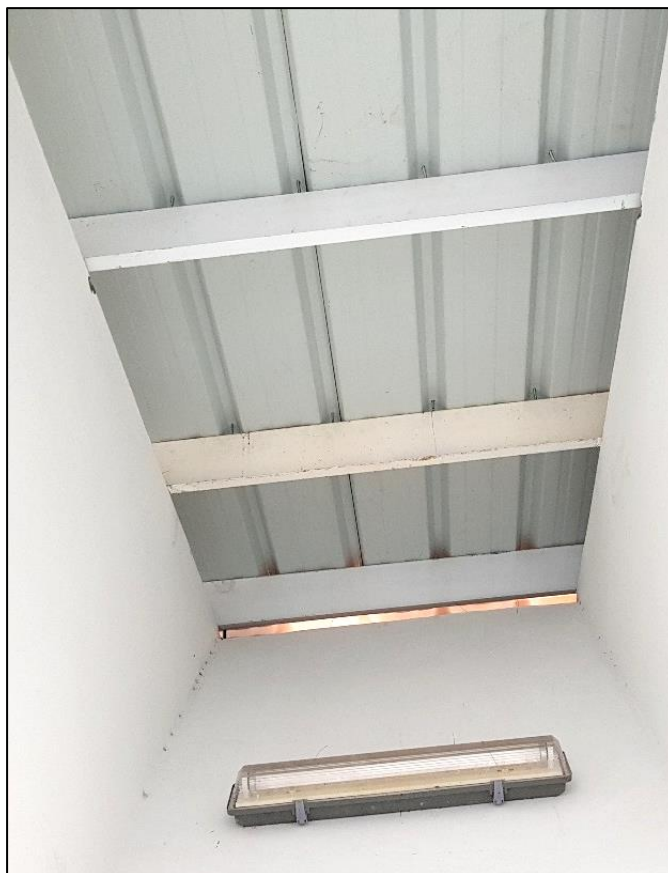


### **4.3 Repair of existing metal rafter**

*Before*



*After*



*Palmar (Nr Ambre Hotel) public beach*



## **5.0 Upgrading of parking area at Von Moltke (Roches Noires) public beach**

The parking area at Von Moltke (Roches Noires) public beach has been upgraded.

### **5.1 *Laying of evergreen blocks with appropriate markings***

*Before*



*After*





## 5.2 Asphaltting the entrance of the parking area

*Before*



*After*





## **6.0 Upgrading of Flic en Flac public beach**

The following works were undertaken during the month of **May, 2018** to further upgrade Flic en Flac public beach

### **6.1 Construction of Sub Office at Flic en Flac public beach**

A new Sub Office is being constructed at Flic en Flac public beach to monitor closely all activities being carried out on the beach as well as ensuring security and safety of all beach users. The works are in progress and are expected to be completed by **July, 2018**.



*Preparation of floor slab is ongoing*





*Shuttering works completed*



*Flic en Flac public beach*



## **6.2 Lighting system at Flic en Flac public beach**

Six (6) defective luminaires were repaired at Flic en Flac public beach on Saturday **12 May, 2018**. A site visit was carried out by a Beach Work Inspector on Sunday **13 May, 2018**.

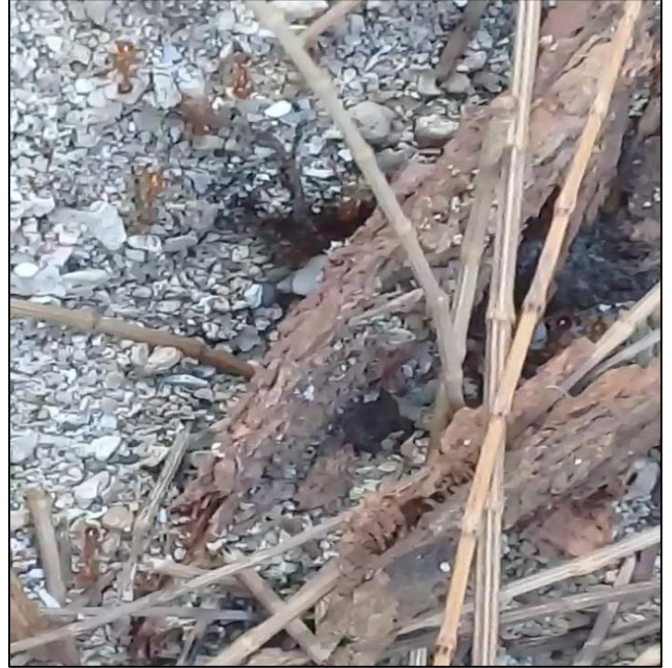


*Operational luminaire on Sunday 13 May, 2018 at 19.30 hrs at Flic en Flac public beach*

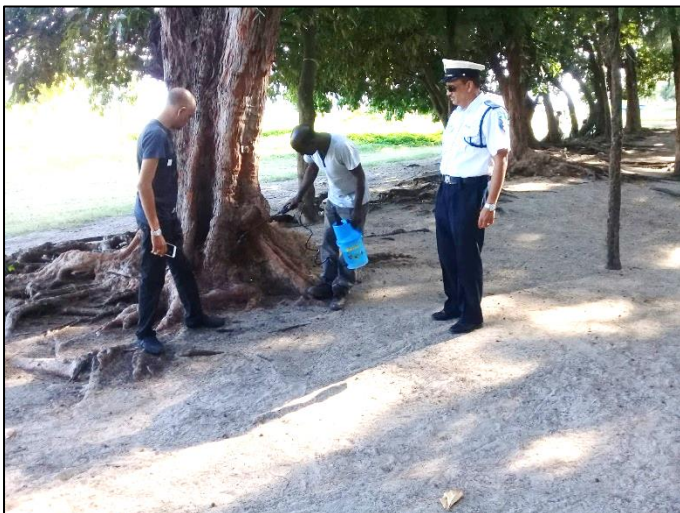


### **6.3 Spraying of pesticides against ants at Flic en Flac public beach**

Several complaints of nuisance being caused by ants at Flic en Flac public beach have been reported by beach users at the Authority's complaint section. Spraying exercise of ants was carried out as an immediate remedial action by the Beach Authority.



*Presence of ants on public beach*



*Spraying of pesticides being carried out by personnel of the Beach Authority in the presence of Officer from the National Coast Guard on 19.05.18*



*Spraying of pesticides being carried out by personnel of the Beach Authority on 25.05.18*



#### **6.4 Removal of eyesore at Flic en Flac public beach**



*Removal of eyesore by personnel of the Beach Authority*



*Removal of eyesore by personnel of Atics Ltd*



*Removal of eyesore using a JCB Excavator*





*Notice of contravention affixed on old abandoned trailer*



*Notice of contravention affixed on old abandoned boat*



## 6.5 Removal of Corals



*Collection of corals on Flic en Flac public beach*



*Burial of collected corals*



## 7.0 Upgrading of Belle Mare public beach

### 7.1 Painting of Belle Mare Sub Office

*Before*



*After*





## **7.2 Planting of grass at the entrance of Belle Mare Sub Office**

*Before*



*After*





## **8.0 Mowing of grass on public beaches**

Mowing of grass was effected on the following public beaches during the month of May in order to keep our public beaches clean and tidy:

- Quatre Soeurs
- Pointe aux Piments (Pointe Cimetière)
- Remy Ollier
- Flic en Flac

### ***8.1 Mowing of grass at Pointe aux Piments (Pointe Cimetière) public beach***

*Before*



*After*





## 8.2 Mowing of grass at Remy Ollier public beach

*Before*



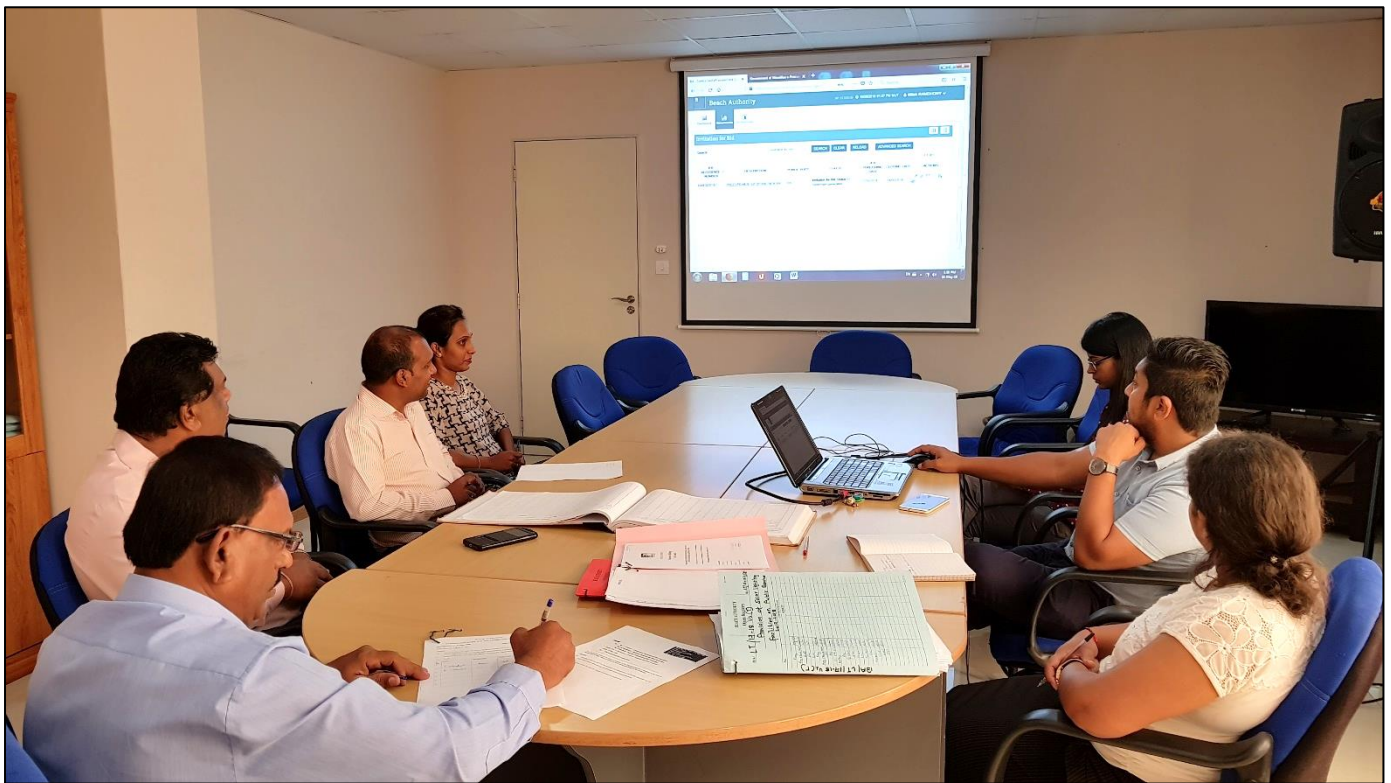
*After*





## **9.0 e-Procurement System at the Beach Authority**

After the launching of e-Procurement System (e-PS) in **April, 2018** at the Beach Authority, a training session was held by Officers of the Procurement Policy Office (PPO) at the seat of the Beach Authority on **16 May, 2018**. The Staff of the procurement section were taught about how to apply the system in their daily works. The advent of e-PS in the Authority will promote the good principles of public procurement such as competition, integrity, transparency and accountability whilst reaping the benefits of efficiency, effectiveness, reduction in delays and costs.



*Officers of the Procurement Policy Officer training Staff of the procurement section at the Beach Authority*



## **Way Forward**

The Beach Authority is working tirelessly to plan and promote the sensitisation campaigns with a view to arouse awareness among the public and inculcate a sense of personal environment responsibility as well as greater motivation and commitment towards the protection of the public beaches. The contribution of several stakeholders is playing a vital role in achieving this goal.

In order to improve the experience of the beach users and to keep pace with the growing demands of the public, the Authority is envisaging to implement several additional activities and projects in the near future, regarding the protection and conservation of the public beaches. For instance, the Beach Management Plan for Mont Choisy public beach has already been submitted by the consultant. Validation workshop at national level will be held on 11 June, 2018 at InterContinental Mauritius Resort Balaclava.

Cleaning, embellishment and upgrading works are ongoing.



*Gris Gris public beach*

*For Cleaner, Greener and Safer public beaches*