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INTRODUCTION

What first comes to mind when reading about Mauritius is the bright white sand, turquoise blue lagoons, unscathed coral reefs and incredible natural beauty. No effort is being spared by the Beach Authority to maintain our public beaches clean and safe.

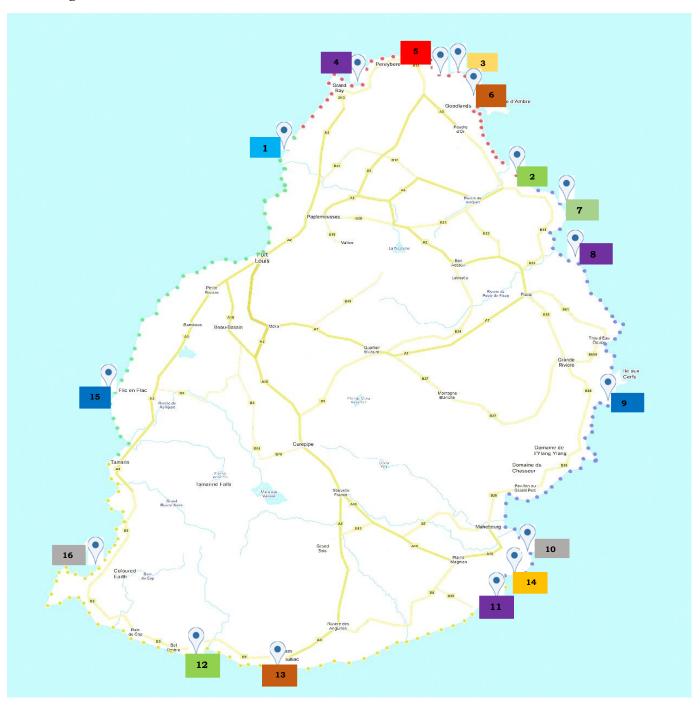
The Beach Authority is working diligently to plan and promote the sensitisation campaigns in order to create awareness among the public and imprint a sense of personal environment responsibility as well as greater motivation and commitment towards the protection of the public beaches. The Authority believes that connecting the public to contribute towards this common interest, will create a positive synergy to achieve cleaner, greener and safer public beaches.

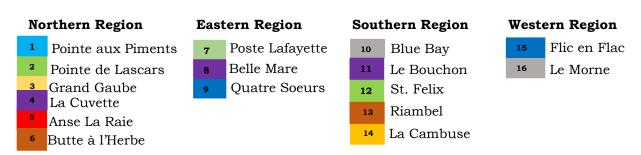
This document gives a brief description of the activities carried out during the month of **August**, **2018**, including sensitisation campaign in the context of Assumption Day and upgrading and embellishment of several public beaches.

Participants:

- 1. Beach Authority
- 2. Ministry of Health and Quality of Life
- 3. National Coast Guard
- 4. Mauritius Police Force
- 5. Lifesaving groups
- 6. Central Water Authority

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





Activities:

- 1. Sensitisation Campaign and Lifesaving Programme (Assumption Day)
- 2. Mowing of grass on public beaches
- 3. Upgrading of Le Bouchon public beach
- 4. Meeting with representatives of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Mauritius
- 5. Maintenance at Palmarie public beach
- 6. Upgrading of Belle Mare public beach
- 7. Provision of Lighting Facilities through Solar Panels on public beaches
- 8. Extension of Pétanque Court at Part of Ruisseau des Creoles village public beach
- 9. Construction of new toilet blocks at Pointe des Lascars public beach
- 10. Maintenance at Pointe Aux Piments public beach

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1.0 Sensitisation Campaign and Lifesaving Programme (Assumption Day)

On the occasion of the Assumption Day held on 15 August, 2018, 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. A meeting was organised by the Beach Authority with representatives of the Mauritius Police Force, Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and outer Islands (Fisheries Division), Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development, Central Water Authority, Ministry of Health & Quality of Life, Life Saving Groups and Scavenging Contractors at the seat of the Authority on 06 August, 2018. The roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder were discussed.

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)

Three penalties were applied on 15th August 2018 against Scavenging Contractors for break of contractual obligations.

1.1 Meeting organised by Beach Authority



Meeting held at the seat of the Authority in the context of Assumption Day

1.2 Northern Region

Stretch: Le Goulet public beach to Von Moltke (Roches Noires) public beach

1.2.1 Sensitisation campaign at La Cuvette public beach





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

1.2.2 Sensitisation campaign at Grand Gaube public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Grand Gaube public beach



Representatives of Lifesaving Society

1.2.4 Butte à l'Herbe public beach



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

1.3 Eastern Region

Stretch: Roches Noires public beach to Rivière des Creoles public beach

1.3.1 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Belle Mare public beach



Life savers of Flacq Swimming Association



Officers of Mauritius Police Force ensuring security of beach users





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

1.3.2 <u>Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Palmar public beach</u>



Palmar public beach





Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Palmar public beach



National Coast Guard's vehicle (standby) at Palmar public beach

1.4 Southern Region

Stretch: Remy Ollier public beach to Part of Ruisseau Des Creoles Village public beach

1.4.1 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Blue Bay public beach



SMF Life Savers at Blue Bay public beach

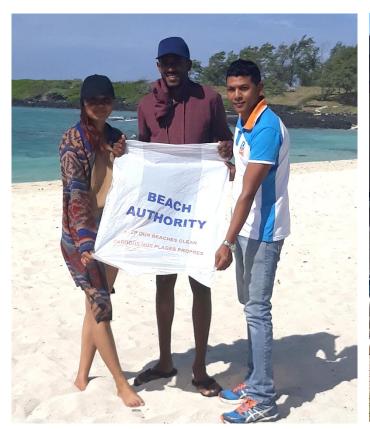


Attendants ensuring the proper cleaning of the Toilet Blocks



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Blue Bay public beach

1.4.2 Sensitisation campaign at La Cambuse public beach





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



Representatives of Ministry of Health and Quality of Life - Provision of ambulance

1.4.3 Riambel public beach



National Coast Guard's vehicle and rescue boat (standby) at Riambel public beach

1.4.4 Le Bouchon public beach



Personnel of Maxi Clean Co. Ltd. at Le Bouchon public beach

1.4.5 St. Felix public beach



Employees of Maxi Clean Co Ltd ensuring the proper cleaning of St. Felix public beach

1.5 Western Region

Stretch: P.G La Prairie public beach to Sable Noir public beach

1.5.1 P.G Le Morne public beach



Provision of water tankers by Central Water Authority at P.G Le Morne public beach

1.5.2 <u>Lifesaving Programme and sensitisation campaign at Flic en Flac public beach</u>



Representatives of the National Coast Guard ensuring security of beach users



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



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

2.0 Mowing of grass on public beaches

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

- 1. Palmeraie
- 2. Quatre Soeurs
- 3. P.G Comptesse La Marque (Le Morne)

2.1 Mowing of grass at Palmeraie public beach



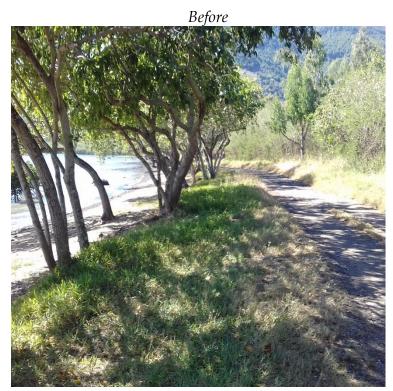


2.2 Mowing of grass at Quatre Soeurs public beach





2.3 <u>Mowing of grass at P.G Comptesse La Marque (Le Morne) public beach</u>





3.0 Upgrading of Le Bouchon public beach

3.1 Fixing of new roller shutter

A new roller shutter has been installed for the Toilet Blocks.

Before



After



3.2 **Upgrading of Kiosk**

The upgrading of the kiosk at Le Bouchon public beach is in progress. The painting of metal truss and fixing of new iron sheets are being carried out.





Works in progress





4.0 Meeting with the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius

A meeting between the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius and Beach Authority was held on 17 August 2018 in view of discussion for a proposed project in the context of the International Coastal Clean-Up Day.



Mrs. Corinne PAYA, Press and Information Officer from European Union, Mr. Michal GOLABEK, Head of Section Political and Press & Information from European Union, Mr. Leckraj CHAYTOO, Administrative Manager of the Beach Authority, Mr. Nuvin KHEDAH, Technical Manager of the Beach Authority, Mr. A. BEEPUTH, Ag. Senior Beach Enforcement Officer of the Beach Authority, Mr. L. APPADU, Ag. Senior Beach Works Inspector of the Beach Authority.

(from right to left)

5.0 Maintenance at Palmeraie public beach

5.1 Painting of Bins

Before



After



5.2 Painting of Kiosk

Before



After



6.0 Upgrading of Belle Mare public beach

6.1 Maintenance of Coconut Trees

Beach Authority ensures routine maintenance of the trees planted throughout the public beaches on a regular basis.

Before After





6.2 Painting of Open Shower

Before After





7.0 Provision of Lighting Facilities through Solar Panels on public beaches

Enhancing safety and security on public beaches remain a priority of the Beach Authority. Subsequently, solar lighting systems will be provided on the following public beaches:

- 1. Pointe Aux Piments (10 units)
- 2. Quatre Soeurs (10 units)
- 3. Bois des Amourettes (2 units)
- 4. Roches Noires (5 units)
- 5. Providence (4 units)
- 6. Post la Fayette (6 units)

The Solar lighting system has been implemented at Roches Noires and Pointe Aux Piments public beach.

7.1 Roches Noires public beach





After



7.2 Pointe Aux Piments public beach







8.0 Extension of Pétanque Court at Part of Ruisseau des Creoles village public beach

Following a request from the inhabitants of the locality, the Pétanque Court at Part of Ruisseau des Creoles Village public beach, also known as Baie du Cap, is being extended by 5 meters.

Before



9.0 Construction of new toilet blocks at Pointe des Lascars public beach

The construction of the new toilet blocks at Pointe des Lascars is in progress.



Foundation Layout



 $Construction\ in\ progress-Floor\ casting\ completed$

10.0 Maintenance at Pointe Aux Piments public beach

The reinstatement of the existing bridge at Pointe Aux Piments public beach has been completed.





THE BEACH BELONGS TO YOU USE IT RESPONSIBLY

Way Forward

The Authority envisages to carry out more activities and complete several ongoing projects regarding the protection and conservation of the public beaches in the near future. Mauritius may be a small country, but together we can make a big difference by bringing meaningful changes.



Palmar public beach

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