

# **BEACH AUTHORITY**

## **CLEAN-UP MAURITIUS AND EMBELLISHMENT CAMPAIGN**

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*Rivière des Galets public beach*



## INTRODUCTION

The inception of the Clean-Up and Embellishment Campaign 2017 has further encouraged the Beach Authority to be actively involved in projects to upgrade and embellish our public beaches. Our main priority is to keep our natural beaches clean and in good conditions, and preserve it for the future generation.

In line with its mandate to conserve and protect the environment of all public beaches, the Beach Authority is doing its best to promote the sensitization campaign in order to create environmental awareness among the public and inculcate a sense of personal responsibility as well as greater motivation and commitment towards the protection of our public beaches.

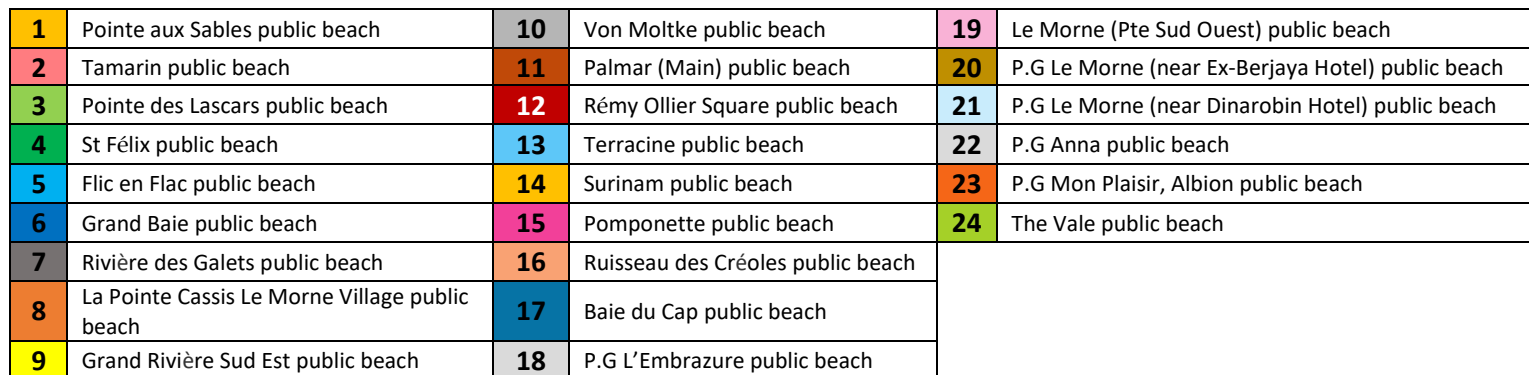
Furthermore, the Authority believes that bringing together the public to contribute towards this common interest, will eventually create a positive synergy to achieve cleaner, greener and safer public beaches. The importance of the support of the stakeholders cannot be ignored. The Beach Authority in collaboration with private promoters have embarked in the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects to further upgrade and embellish our public beaches. It will enable the Beach Authority to continue in its everlasting quest for Clean-Up and embellishment of all the 129 proclaimed public beaches in Mauritius.

In order to keep pace with the growing demand of the public, the Beach Authority will be establishing its fourth sub-office at St Félix public beach to provide a better service delivery to the beach users in the Southern part of the island.

This document gives a brief description of the activities carried out during the month of **October, 2018** on several public beaches.

### Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity & Environment & Sustainable Development
3. Employees Welfare Fund
4. Lions Club of Savanne
5. Veranda Tamarin Hotel
6. European Union, British High Commission & French Embassy
7. Scavenging Contractors



**Activities:**

- i. Upgrading of existing amenities at Pointe aux Sables (Main) public beach
- ii. Upgrading of amenities at Tamarin public beach
- iii. Construction of picnic tables on public beaches
- iv. Construction of toilet block at Pointe des Lascars public beach
- v. Construction of water fountain at St Félix public beach
- vi. Upgrading works at Flic en Flac public beach
- vii. Clean-Up and Sensitisation Campaign at Pointe aux Sables public beach
- viii. Construction of toilet block at Rivière des Galets public beach
- ix. Cleaning and embellishing of La Pointe Cassis Le Morne Village public beach
- x. Upgrading of Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach

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*October 2018*



## 1.0 Upgrading of Existing Amenities at Pointe aux Sables (Main) public beach

The Pointe aux Sables (Main) public beach is of an extent of 1.14 hectares and sea frontage of 88m situated in the North-West region of Mauritius. The existing amenities at Pointe aux Sables (Main) public beach have been upgraded in order to provide better service to the beach users. The works comprised of the following:

### 1.1 Painting of Concrete Bollards

*Before*



*After*





1.2 Painting of Mini-Kiosks (Pointe aux Sables public beach)

*Before*



*After*





1.3 Painting of Lever Arm and Bollards (Pointe aux Sables public beach)

*Before*



*After*





1.4 Repair and painting of damaged concrete bollards and pine-poles (Pointe aux Sables public beach)

*Before*



*After*





1.5 Upgrading of Main Access (Pointe aux Sables public beach)

*Before*



*After*





1.6 Painting of block wall and Upgrading of access (Pointe aux Sables public beach)

*Before*



*After*





1.7 Repair and Painting of water fountain (Pointe aux Sables public beach)

*Before*



*After*





1.8 Painting of lighting column bases (Pointe aux Sables public beach)

*Before*



*After*



*Pointe aux Sables (Main) public beach*



1.9 Painting of Main Bin (Pointe aux Sables public beach)

*Before*



*After*





1.10 Cleaning and painting of planters (Pointe aux Sables public beach)

*Before*



*After*





## 2.0 Upgrading of Amenities at Tamarin public beach

The Veranda Tamarin Hotel has approached the Beach Authority in September, 2018 to undertake some rehabilitation works for the upgrading of existing amenities at Tamarin public beach under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project.

The remedial works comprise of the following:

- ❖ Construction of new stone masonry benches
- ❖ Upgrading of existing stone masonry fireplaces
- ❖ Painting of bins
- ❖ Painting of wooden parapets
- ❖ Painting of kiosk
- ❖ Reinstatement and painting of concrete bollards along road reserve
- ❖ Removal of concrete bases for unused lamp posts

The upgrading works are expected to be completed by mid of November 2018.

### 2.1 Construction of new stone masonry bench



*Construction of new stone masonry bench completed*



2.2 Upgrading of existing stone masonry fireplaces (Tamarin public beach)



*Upgrading works of existing stone masonry fireplace in progress*

2.3 Reinstatement of existing concrete bollards along road reserve (Tamarin public beach)



*Reinstatement of existing concrete bollards in progress*



### 3.0 Construction of Picnic Tables on public beaches

The Beach Authority has awarded a contract for the supply and installation of fifty (50) picnic tables on twenty-one (21) public beaches to provide better sitting areas to the beach users.

The picnic tables are made of 100% recycled plastic materials which is durable and provide an attractive sitting area. Recycled plastic picnic tables will not rot, warp, splinter or crack and increases their overall longevity ensuring that they will look great for the years to come. The picnic tables can accommodate about 4 to 6 persons at a time.

The upgrading works have already started and are expected to be completed by end of November 2018.

The photo below shows one (1) recycled plastic picnic table already installed at Grand Baie public beach.



*Recycled plastic picnic table already installed at Grand Baie public beach*



List of public beaches where picnic tables are being installed:

S.N	Public Beaches	No. of Picnic Tables
1	Terracine	2
2	Surinam	2
3	Pomponette	4
4	Rivière des Galets	4
5	Ruisseau des Créoles	2
6	Baie du Cap	2
7	P.G L'Embrasure	4
8	La Pointe Cassis Le Morne Village	1
9	Le Morne (Pointe Sud Ouest)	2
10	P.G Le Morne (near Ex-Berjaya Hotel)	2
11	P.G Le Morne (near Dinarobin Hotel)	4
12	Tamarin	2
13	P.G Anna	2
14	P.G Mon Plaisir, Albion	1
15	The Vale	2
16	Grand Baie	2
17	Pointe des Lascars	2
18	Von Moltke	2
19	Palmar (Main)	5
20	Rémy Ollier Square	2
21	Pointe aux Sables (Main)	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50</b>



#### 4.0 Construction of Toilet Block at Pointe des Lascars public beach

At the request of the local inhabitants and the beach users, the Beach Authority is undertaking the construction of a toilet block at Pointe des Lascars public beach. The works are expected to be completed by mid of November 2018.



*Works in progress*

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## 5.0 Construction of a Water Fountain at St Félix public beach

The Lions Club of Savanne in collaboration with the Beach Authority and the Employees Welfare Fund (EWF) has constructed a water fountain at St Félix public beach. To commemorate the construction of the water fountain, an Inauguration Ceremony was organised by the Lions Club Savanne in collaboration with the Beach Authority and the Employees Welfare Fund (EWF) on **03 October, 2018**.



*From left to right: Dr Dhuneeroy Bissessur (General Manager of BA), Mr Emmanuel Ng Cheong Tin (Governor of Lions CMJ), personnel of Lions Club & Mr L. Useree (Chairman of Lions Club of Savanne)*



*Commemorative Plate of Water Fountain at St Félix public beach*



*Unveiling of the water fountain by Mr Emmanuel Ng Cheong Tin (Governor of Lions CMJ), Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur (General Manager of BA), Mr N. Soobratty (Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development) & Mr Dineshrao Babajee (Chairman of EWF)*



Water has long been seen as symbolic of the ambrosia of **eternity**. A fountain represents a sacred opening, gap or tunnel which is a connection to **eternity** itself. In addition to providing drinking water, fountains are used for decoration and to celebrate their builders. The water fountain is made up of reinforced concrete and has been constructed near the jogging track for ease of service by the joggers and the beach users.



*Newly constructed water fountain at St Félix public beach*



*St Félix public beach*



## 6.0 Upgrading Works at Flic en Flac Public Beach

In the context of Re-engineering of the Beach Authority, three (3) Sub-Offices have already been established around the island. A fourth one will be constructed at St Félix public beach shortly. Additional works carried out to further upgrade the Sub-Office at Flic en Flac are as follows:

### 6.1 Fixing of Beta fence around Sub-Office

The fencing works are expected to be completed by mid of November 2018.



*Installation of fencing (works in progress)*



## 6.2 Construction of base for placing of Container beside Sub-Office (Flic en Flac public beach)

The Beach Authority is proposing to provide a store for prompt intervention for the upgrading and maintenance of the public beaches. In this context, concrete bases have been constructed at Flic en Flac public beach for the installation of a container for the storage of tools, equipment and materials.

*Works in progress*



*Excavation works for casting of concrete base for placing of container*

*After*



*Concrete base for container already casted*



## 7.0 Clean-Up and Sensitisation Campaign at Pointe aux Sables public beach

A Clean-Up and Sensitisation Campaign was organised by the European Union in collaboration with the Beach Authority, British High Commission and French Embassy on **18 October 2018** at **Pointe aux Sables (Main) public beach**.

The following activities were carried out during the campaign:

### 7.1 Speeches

#### *a) Address by Her Excellency Marjaana SALL, Ambassador of European Union.*

Her Excellency Marjaana SALL underlined that *“maritime activity is essential for eco-development and environment. The European Union wants to include ocean governance and sustainable use of ocean as well as the conservation effort of our ocean.”* Her Excellency also highlighted that *“each action contributes to protect our ocean and our planet.”*



*Address by Her Excellency Marjaana Sall, Ambassador of European Union*

*From left to right: Mr L. Chaytoo (Administrative Manager of the BA), Dr D. Bissessur (General Manager of the BA), Honourable Minister Etienne Sinatambou (Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity & Environment & Sustainable Development), Her Excellency Marjaana Sall (Ambassador of European Union)*



**(b) Address by the Hon. Etienne Sinatambou, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment & Sustainable Development.**

The Honourable Minister pointed out that “there should be a national awareness to sensitise people to use litter bins. It is not proper for some to mess up and others to clean.”



*Address by the Honourable Etienne Sinatambou, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity & Environment & Sustainable Development*

**7.2 Cleaning of public beach (Pointe aux Sables public beach)**

The Honourable Etienne Sinatambou, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity & Environment & Sustainable Development, staff of the European Union and the Beach Authority participated in the cleaning of the Pointe aux Sables public beach.



*Staff of European Union collecting litter on the public beach*



### 7.3 Distribution of plastic bin bags (Pointe aux Sables public beach)



*Staff of Beach Authority distributing plastic bin bags and sensitising beach users about keeping the beach environment clean*

### 8.0 Construction of Toilet Block at Rivière des Galets public beach

The Beach Authority has undertaken the construction of a toilet block at Rivière des Galets public beach. The toilet block is comprised of three distinct compartments for gents, ladies and disabled persons respectively. Prior to handing over of the toilet block to the Parent Ministry (Solid Waste Management Division) for onward day-to-day cleaning, maintenance and watchmanship, the premises have been cleaned and cleared of all bushes, wastes and debris.

*Before*



*After*





## 9.0 Cleaning and Embellishing of La Pointe Cassis Le Morne Village public beach

In the context of Clean-Up the World Campaign 2018, damaged bins at La Pointe Cassis Le Morne Village public beach have been removed and will be replaced by new bins shortly.

*Before*



*Damaged bin*

*After*



*Damaged bin removed and will be replaced shortly*



## 10.0 Upgrading of Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach

### 10.1 Painting of block wall

*Before*



*After*





10.2 Painting of toilet block (Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach)

*Before*



*After*





10.3 Painting of benches and wooden parapets (Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach)

*Before*



*After*





10.4 Painting of Main Kiosk and Bin (Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach)

*Before*



*After*





## WAY FORWARD

The activities related to the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign is ongoing and the Beach Authority is fully involved in this praiseworthy initiative. Regular awareness campaigns are crucial for every citizen in maintaining a clean and safe environment. The concept of sensitisation on a regular basis is to place new thoughts for more sustainable use of our beaches.

A beach Clean-Up campaign does not only clean and embellish the environment but also promote unity among the public. It also allows individuals and communities to come together regardless of their different interests and ethnicity.

Organising regular beach Clean-Up campaign is a wake-up call for people to start realizing the importance of preserving and protecting our environment. However, to bring a change in the people's mindset, is a long-term process. The praiseworthy collaboration of all the stakeholders with the Beach Authority in keeping the public beaches clean and safe, cannot be ignored.

Several other projects regarding the embellishment of the public beaches are in the pipeline and will be initiated shortly. Mauritius may be a small country, but together we can make a huge difference by bringing meaningful changes.



*Flic en Flac public beach*