



BEACH AUTHORITY

CLEAN-UP MAURITIUS AND EMBELLISHMENT CAMPAIGN

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Belle Mare public beach

INTRODUCTION

Public beaches are popular venues for recreation and leisure, in particular during the summer period in Mauritius.

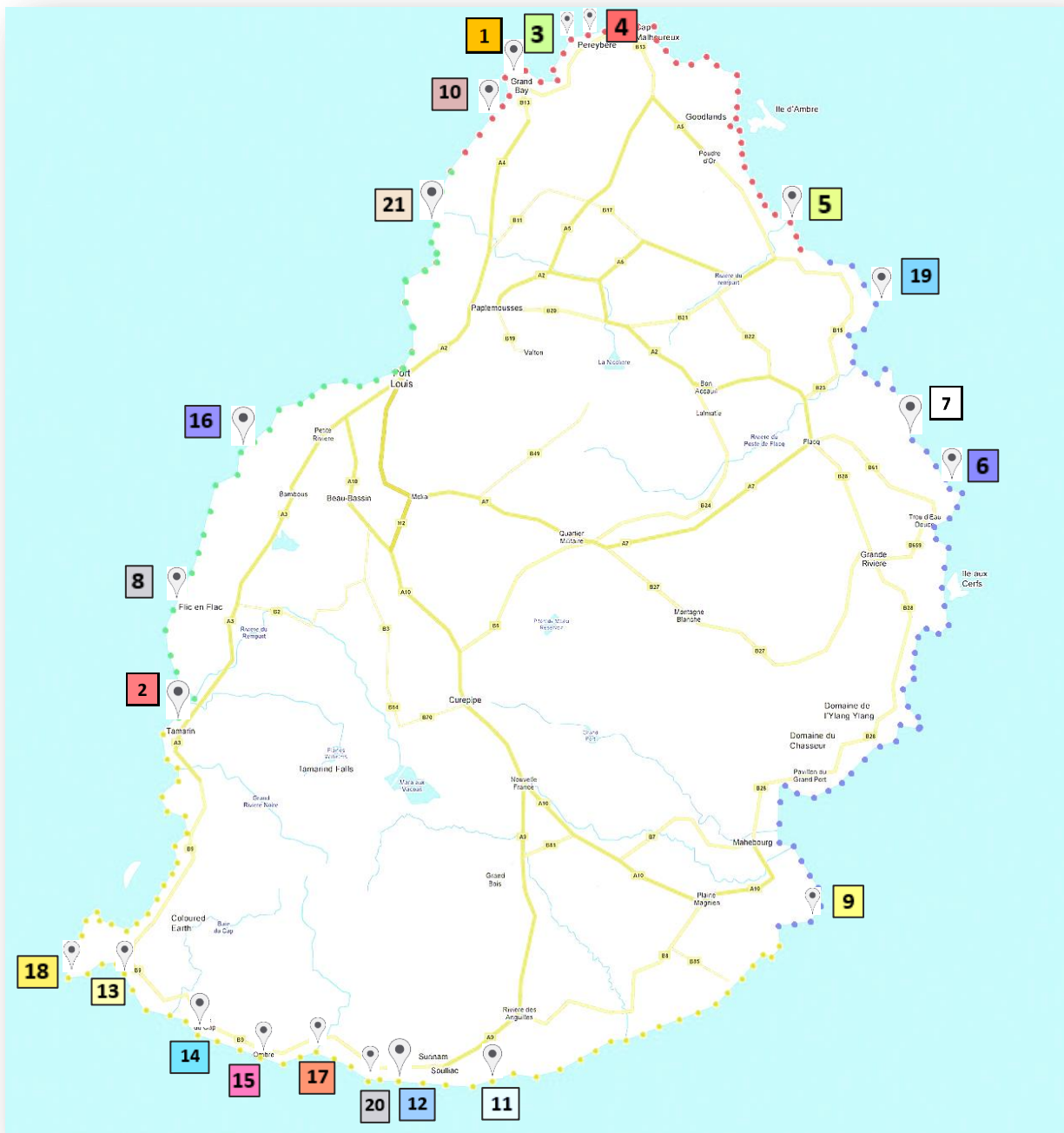
One of our objectives is to make it possible for the general public, including tourists to fully enjoy all facilities and amenities made available to them on our public beaches during this end of year festive period.

This document highlights the various activities carried out during the month of **December, 2018**. A Clean Up Campaign on the seven highly frequented public beaches in the context of 'End of Year Festive Period' was carried out on the public beaches on **27 and 28 December, 2018** with the collaboration of all stakeholders concerned namely the Parent Ministry and the Police Department.

Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development (Environment and Sustainable Development Division)
3. National Coast Guard
4. Mauritius Police Force
5. Scavenging Contractors

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



1	Mont Choisy public beach	8	Flic en Flac public beach	15	P.G Bel Ombre public beach
2	Tamarin public beach	9	Blue Bay public beach	16	P.G Mon Plaisir, Albion public beach
3	La Cuvette public beach	10	Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station) public beach	17	Rivière des Galets public beach
4	Pereybère public beach	11	Gris Gris public beach	18	Le Morne (Pte Sud Ouest) public beach
5	Pointe des Lascars public beach	12	Riambel public beach	19	Poste Lafayette (Nr Police Memorial) public beach
6	Palmar public beach	13	P.G L'Embrasure public beach	20	Pomponette public beach
7	Belle Mare public beach	14	Baie du Cap public beach		

Activities:

- i. Clean Up Campaign on public beaches in the context of 'End of Year Festive Period'
- ii. Post Cyclone "Cilida"
- iii. Construction of Toilet Blocks at Pointe des Lascars public beach
- iv. Construction of Toilet Blocks at Rivière des Galets public beach
- v. Upgrading of Toilet Blocks at Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station) public beach
- vi. Supply and Installation of Picnic Tables on public beaches
- vii. Provision of Lighting Facilities through PV Solar Panels on public beaches
- viii. Installations of Litter Bins on public beaches
- ix. Replacement and Installation of new Open Showers at Pereybère public beach
- x. Provision of Storage Facilities at Flic en Flac Sub Office
- xi. Upgrading of Main Access at Le Goulet public beach
- xii. Installation of Informative Panels at Sub Offices
- xiii. Crackdown Operations on public beaches
- xiv. Minor Works carried out on public beaches

Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur

General Manager

Beach Authority

December 2018

1.0 Clean Up Campaign on public beaches in the context of 'End of Year Festive Period'

Clean Up Campaign on public beaches in the context of 'End of Year Festive Period' was carried out on four (4) public beaches namely Belle Mare, Mont Choisy, Flic en Flac and Gris Gris public beaches on **27 December, 2018** in collaboration with several stakeholders with the objective to maintain cleanliness of our public beaches during the festive period, sensitise the public on the sustainable use of our beaches and vigilance/constant surveillance at sea.

The activities comprised of:

- ❖ Cleaning and embellishment of public beaches
- ❖ Symbolic tree planting exercise
- ❖ Sensitisation Campaign (distribution of flyers and plastic bin bags to beach users)
- ❖ Beach Patrol and Surveillance at sea by National Coast Guard

The launching ceremony of Clean Up Campaign on public beaches in the context of 'End of Year Festive Period' was held at Belle Mare public beach by Honourable Maneesh Gobin, Attorney General and Minister in Charge of Environment and Sustainable Development on **27 December 2018** in the presence of Honourable R. Rampertab (Permanent Private Secretary), Hon. R. Dayal (Member of Parliament), Chairman of the Beach Authority Mr. R. Sowambar, representatives of the Parent Ministry amongst others.



Welcoming of guests at their arrival at Belle Mare Sub Office

From left to right: Mr Dharamraj DEENOO (Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development), Dr Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR (General Manager of BA), Hon. Rajcoomar RAMPERTAB (PPS), Hon. Maneesh GOBIN (Attorney General & Minister in Charge of Environment and Sustainable Development), Hon. Raj DAYAL (MP) & Mr Roshan Singh SOWAMBAR (Chairman of BA)



Welcome Address by Mr Dharamraj DEENOO (Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development)



Address by Mr Roshan Singh SOWAMBAR (Chairman of Beach Authority)



Address by Dr Dhuneeroy BISSEUR (General Manager of Beach Authority)



Presence of personnel of BA, Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development, representatives of National Coast Guard and beach users at Belle Mare public beach



Address by Hon. Raj Jayeshwur DAYAL (Member of Parliament) in the presence of Hon. Maneesh GOBIN (Attorney General & Minister in Charge of Environment & Sustainable Development), Dr Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR (General Manager of BA), Hon. Rajcoomar RAMPERTAB (Parliamentary Private Secretary), representative of National Coast Guard, Mr Dharamraj DEENOO (Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development)



Address by Hon. Rajcoomar RAMPERTAB (Parliamentary Private Secretary) in the presence of Hon. Maneesh GOBIN (Attorney General & Minister in Charge of Environment & Sustainable Development), Dr Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR (General Manager of BA), representative of National Coast Guard, Mr Dharamraj DEENOO (Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development), Hon. Raj Jayeshwur DAYAL (Member of Parliament) & Mr Roshan Singh SOWAMBAR (Chairman of BA)



Address by Hon. Maneesh GOBIN (Attorney General & Minister in Charge of Environment & Sustainable Development) in the presence of, Dr Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR (General Manager of BA), representative of National Coast Guard, Hon. Raj Jayeshwur DAYAL (Member of Parliament), Mr Roshan Singh SOWAMBAR (Chairman of BA), Hon. Rajcoomar RAMPERTAB (Parliamentary Private Secretary) & Mr Rawjee (Assistant Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development)



Tree plantations by Hon. Rajcoomar RAMPERTAB (Parliamentary Private Secretary)



Tree Plantation by Hon. Maneesh GOBIN (Attorney General & Minister in Charge of Environment & Sustainable Development)



Tree Plantation by Mr Roshan Singh SOWAMBAR (Chairman of Beach Authority)



Tree Plantation by Hon. Raj Jayeshwur DAYAL (Member of Parliament) & watering by Hon. Rajcoomar RAMPERTAB (Parliamentary Private Secretary)



Press Coverage Hon. Maneesh GOBIN (Attorney General & Minister in Charge of Environment & Sustainable Development)



*Photo Souvenir – Launching of Clean Up Campaign and Sensitisation Campaign in the context of ‘End of Year Festivals’
 From left to right: Mr Rawjee (Assistant Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development), Mr Dharamraj DEENOO (Deputy Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development), Hon. Raj Jayeshwur DAYAL (Member of Parliament), Hon. Maneesh GOBIN (Attorney General & Minister in Charge of Environment & Sustainable Development), Hon. Rajcoomar RAMPERTAB (Parliamentary Private Secretary), Dr Dhuneeroy BISESSUR (General Manager of BA), Mr Roshan Singh SOWAMBAR (Chairman of BA) & representative of National Coast Guard*



Mowing of grass by scavenging contractor at Belle Mare public beach



Lopping of branches and carting away by scavenging contractor at Belle Mare public beach

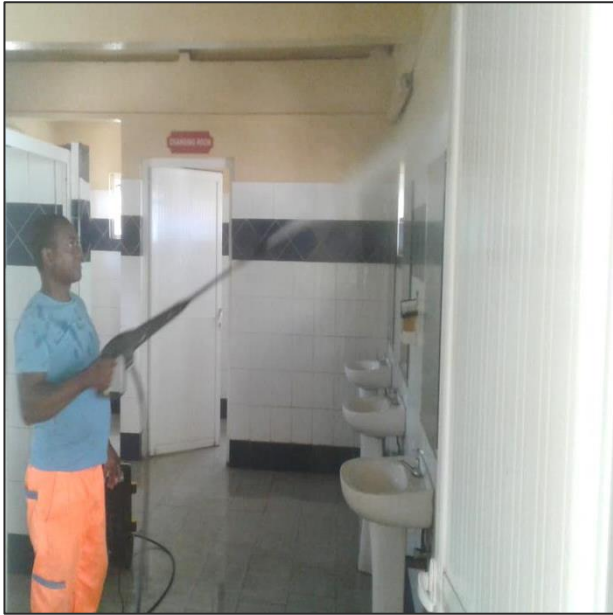
Clean Up Campaign in the context of ‘End of Year Festive Period’ was also carried out at Mont Choisy, Flic en Flac and Gris Gris public beaches on **27 December, 2018** and at Blue Bay, Palmar and Riambel public beaches on **28 December, 2018**.



Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Mont Choisy public beach



Removal and carting away of accumulated algae by scavenging contractors at Mont Choisy public beach



Pressure washing inside toilet blocks and removal of dry leaves from roof of Mini-Kiosk by scavenging contractors at Mont Choisy public beach



Removal and carting away of broken plastic chairs at Flic en Flac public beach



Cleaning of coconut trees by personnel of Living Environment Unit at Flic en Flac public



Distribution of flyers to sensitise beach users at Flic en Flac public beach



Carting away of wastes by scavenging contractors at Riambel public beach



Removal and carting away of fallen dry tree at Riambel public beach by personnel of Beach Authority and Living Environment Unit



Mowing of grass by scavenging contractor at Palmar public beach



Personnel of Mauriclean Ltd ensuring the proper cleaning of Palmar public beach



Mowing of grass by scavenging contractor at Blue Bay public beach



Maintenance of coconut tree at Blue Bay public beach

2.0 Post Cyclone “Cilida”

The island was under the influence of cyclone “Cilida” as from on Friday 21 December (16.00 hours) to early morning on Sunday 23 December, 2018.

A survey was carried out on all public beaches by staff of the Authority after the passage of the cyclone.

Observations:

It was noted that no major damages have occurred on our public beaches and beach amenities/infrastructure, except for accumulation of water/seaweeds, a few and fallen trees and some broken branches on certain public beaches (including at Poste Lafayette near SMF Memorial, Baie du Cap, P. G Bel Ombre, Mont Choisy amongst others).



Accumulated water ingress at Poste Lafayette near SMF Memorial public beach



Accumulation of sea weeds at Baie du Cap public beach



Fallen filao trees at P.G Bel Ombre public beach



Fallen filao trees at Mont Choisy public beach

Action taken:

Relevant scavenging contractors and the Field Services Unit of the Parent Ministry responsible for the day to day cleaning and maintenance of public beaches were requested to deploy additional resources for the removal and carting away of:

- (i) wastes (including debris, seaweeds)
- (ii) fallen trees and branches



La Cambuse public beach reinstated to its original state after the passage of cyclone "Cilida"

3.0 Construction of Toilet Blocks at Pointe des Lascars public beach

Situated in the district of Rivière du Rempart and between Von Moltke and Poudre d'Or public beaches, the Pointe Des Lascars public beach has an approximate sea frontage of 176 metres over an extent on 0.5679 (Ha) and was proclaimed in year 2015.

Following request from local inhabitants, the Beach Authority has embarked on the construction of a new toilet block, with a view to provide better facilities to beach users, under Financial Year 2018/2019.

The works started on **18 July, 2018** and have been completed on **24 December, 2018**.



Newly constructed Toilet Blocks at Pointe des Lascars public beach

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CLEAN AND SAFE

4.0 Construction of Toilet Blocks at Rivière des Galets public beach

New toilet blocks with associated amenities and facilities have been constructed at Rivière des Galets public beach with a view to provide better facilities to beach users.



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



Provision of toilet for disabled persons



Fixing of wash hand bassins mounted on a concrete platform and fixing of mirror

5.0 Upgrading of Toilet Blocks at Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station) public beach

Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station) public beach is considered as one among the best public beaches in Mauritius in terms of its sand quality as well as its weather conditions.

With a view to providing better facilities to beach users, the existing toilet blocks thereat have been upgraded.

5.1 Painting of toilet blocks, replacement of window openings and provision of fog light



Before



After

5.2 *Supply and fixing of modern urinals with separators including bottle traps and flushing mechanism at Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station) public beach*



Before



After

5.3 Replacement of existing Water Closet (WC) and tiling works at Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station) public beach



Before

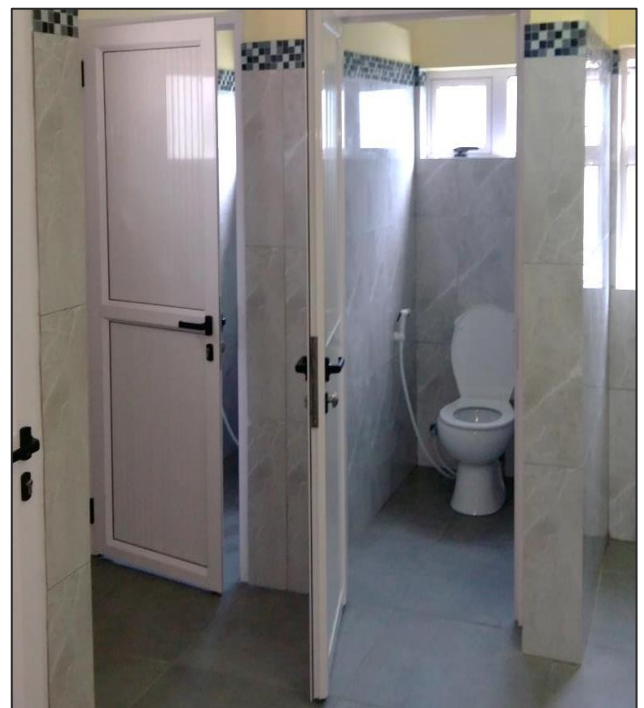


After

5.4 Replacement of existing metal doors with coated aluminium doors at Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station) public beach



Before



After

5.5 *Upgrading of Open Showers at Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station) public beach*



Before



After

6.0 Supply and Installation of Picnic Tables on public beaches

The supply and installation of fifty (50) picnic tables on twenty-one (21) public beaches are ongoing. The picnic tables are made of 100% recycled plastic materials which is durable and provide attractive sitting areas. 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 works are expected to be completed by mid-January, 2019.



Supply and installation of four (4) picnic tables at P.G L'Embrazure public beach



Supply and installation of four (4) picnic tables at Tamarin public beach

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

Enhancing safety and security on public beaches remains a priority at the level of the Beach Authority. Subsequently, solar lighting systems, which are more reliable and cost effective, are gradually being installed to phase out conventional lighting systems on public beaches. The works have been completed and handing over and commissioning will be carried out by mid-January, 2019.

S. N	Public Beach	No. of units installed
1.	Flic en Flac	10
2.	P.G Mon Plaisir, Albion	5
3.	Rivière des Galets	5
4.	Le Morne Brabant (Pointe Sud Ouest)	5
TOTAL		25



New lighting facilities through PV Solar Panels at Rivière des Galets public beach



New lighting facilities through PV Solar Panels at Flic en Flac public beach

8.0 Installations of Litter Bins on public beaches

Although all the public beaches in Mauritius have litter bins that are serviced on a daily basis, the majority of beach users dispose of their rubbish responsibly, nevertheless, there are still some who leave their litter behind.

One of the objectives of the Beach Authority is to sensitise beach users in keeping the environment clean and to dispose their wastes in a proper manner.

As an ongoing project, eight (8) litter bins have been placed at Pomponette public beach during the month of December, 2018.



Litter bins made of galvanised iron sheets & cladded with wood composite plastic bars and fixed in reinforced concrete base at Pomponette public beach

9.0 Replacement and Installation of new Open Showers at Pereybère public beach

The Pereybère public beach is amongst the most prized public beaches by tourists as well as locals inhabitants and is particularly lively during this festive period. The public beach is famed for its white fine sand and crystal-clear waters. The Beach Authority has constructed open shower which would allow beach users the benefit of running in and out the open shower together with the ease of quick access.



Newly constructed open showers at Pereybère public beach (completed in December 2018)

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10.0 Provision of Storage Facilities at Flic en Flac Sub Office

Storage facilities have been provided at Flic en Flac Sub Office to properly store and keep all items delivered thereat.



Before



After

11.0 Upgrading of Main Access at Le Goulet public beach

The Beach Authority has embarked on a project to upgrade access on public beaches. After Mont Choisy public beach, the main access at Le Goulet public beach has recently been upgraded to facilitate vehicular access to the parking zone of the public beach. The works have been completed in December, 2018.



Before



After

12.0 Installation of Informative Panels at Sub Offices

Informative panels have been placed at Flic en Flac, Belle Mare Sub Offices and will be placed shortly at Pereybère Sub Office with a view to properly guide the public as regards to the existence of sub offices on public beaches.



Informative panel placed at Flic en Flac Sub Office



Informative panel placed at Belle Mare Sub Office

13.0 Crackdown Operations on public beaches

Crackdown operations on public beaches are regularly carried out in collaboration with the Mauritius Police Force with a view to prevent tampering/illegal connection of electricity, illegal trading and to verify the state of the public beach.

Crackdown operations were carried out at Mont Choisy, Trou aux Biches, La Cuvette and Flic en Flac public beaches.

Contraventions established:

Four (4) contraventions were established for the following offences:

- (i) Three (3) contraventions for 'Driving motor vehicle on public beach' at Mont Choisy public beach
- (ii) One (1) contravention for 'Trading without licence' at Mont Choisy public beach

Observations:

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



Beach Enforcement Officer enforcing law regarding illegal trading activities at Mont Choisy public beach



Personnel of the Beach Authority repairing lighting system at Flic en Flac public beach

14.0 Minor Works carried out on public beaches

Minor works are ongoing on public beaches and were carried out for the month of December, 2018 as depicted hereunder:

14.1 Painting of Dangerous Bathing panel at Blue Bay public beach



Before



After

14.2 Maintenance of Informative and Dangerous Bathing panels at Gris Gris public beach



Before



After



Before



After

14.3 Upgrading of Commercial Building at Blue Bay public beach

Upgrading works of tuckshop at Blue Bay public beach is ongoing and expected to be completed by mid-January, 2019. The works consist of:

- Repair of door locks
- Repair and maintenance of electrical and plumbing
- Removal of existing tiles and replacing by new anti-skid ones
- Provision of aluminium openings
- Provision for waste water disposal
- Provision for sheltered roof and veranda



Removal of existing tiles of Commercial Building at Blue Bay public beach



Construction of waste water disposal system for Commercial Building at Blue Bay public beach (Ongoing)



Provision of aluminium door openings for Commercial Building at Blue Bay public beach (Ongoing)

WAY FORWARD

The Beach Authority has left no stone unturned in order to create awareness about the pleasure and benefits the public can derive from an unpolluted and pristine beach environment particularly in the context of end of year festive period.

In line with its mandate, the Beach Authority will continue in its quest for excellence to provide more amenities on public beaches as well as to carry out regular clean up & sensitisation campaigns.

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Rivière des Galets public beach