



**BEACH AUTHORITY**



La Cambuse public beach

**CLEAN-UP MAURITIUS  
AND  
EMBELLISHMENT CAMPAIGN**

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## INTRODUCTION

Over the years, Mauritius has become more and more popular with 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.

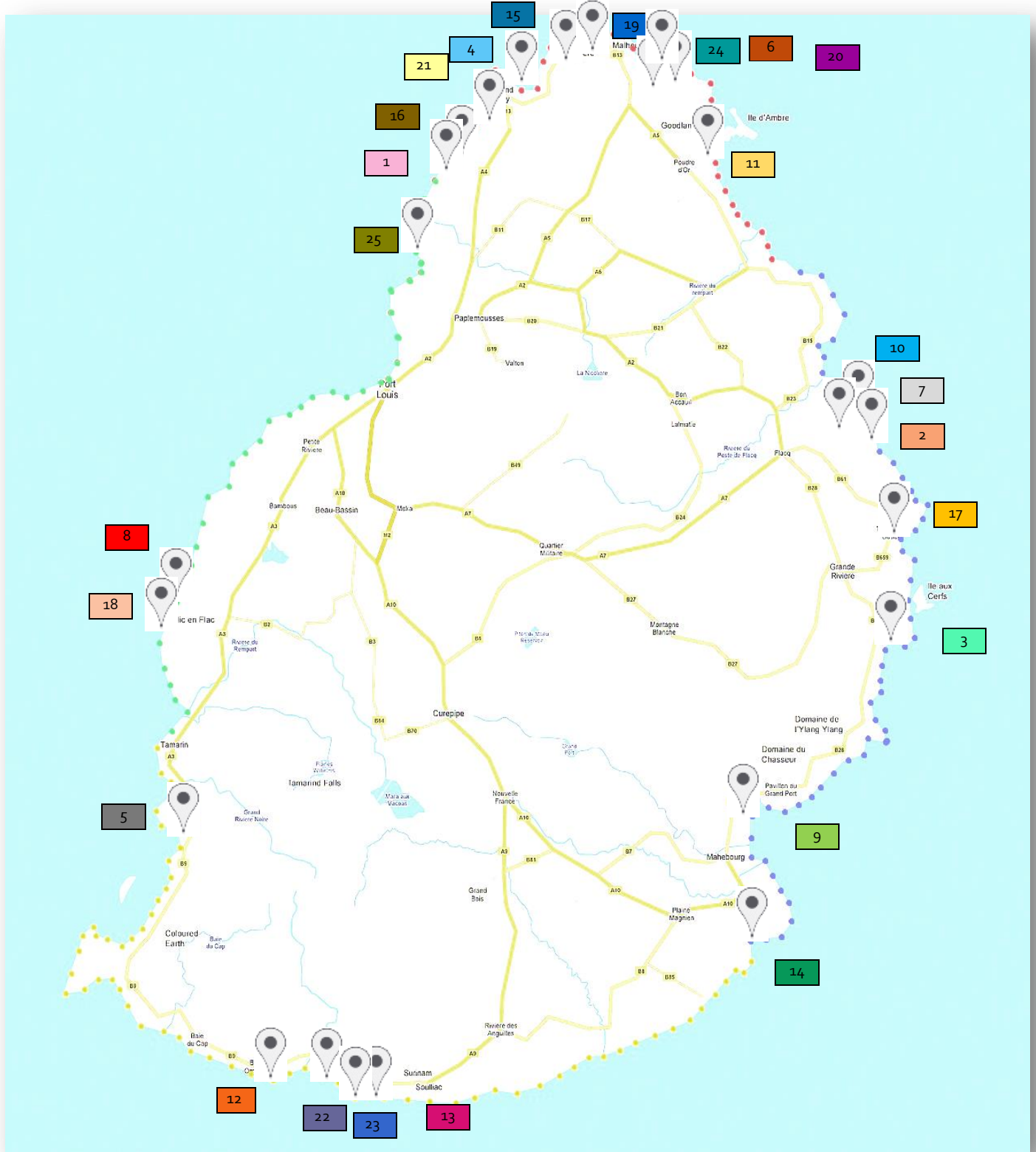
Our mission is to make it possible for the general public, including tourists, to fully enjoy all amenities and facilities made available to them on all public beaches. The Beach Authority has upheld its objectives and is consistent with its mandate to conserve and shield the environment of all public beaches.

Some of the activities pertaining to upgrading and embellishment of several public beaches carried out during the month of **February, 2019**, have been briefly described and illustrated in this document.

### Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Rotaract Club of Triolet
3. Mauritius Police Force (National Coast Guard & Police du Tourisme)
4. Fire and Rescue Service
5. Scavenging Contractors

Public beaches where activities were carried out during the period of 01 February to 28 February, 2019:



**Legend:**

1	Trou aux Biches public beach (in front of Police Station)	13	Telfair public beach
2	Palmar public beach (near Surcouf Hotel)	14	Blue Bay public beach
3	Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach (Camp des Pêcheurs)	15	Pereybère public beach
4	Grand Baie public beach	16	Trou aux Biches public beach (opp. Ex-Aquarium)
5	Case Noyale public beach	17	Trou d'Eau Douce public beach (near Four à Chaux)
6	P. G. Melville public beach	18	Flic en Flac public beach
7	Palmar public beach	19	Bain Boeuf public beach
8	P. G. Anna public beach	20	Butte à l'Herbe public beach
9	Rivière des Créoles public beach	21	Mont Choisy public beach
10	Belle Mare public beach	22	Pomponette public beach
11	Poudre d'Or public beach	23	Riambel public beach
12	Saint Felix public beach	24	P. G. Union Ribet public beach
		25	Pointe aux Piments public beach (nr. Fish Landing Station)



*La Cuvette public beach*

**Activities:**

- i. Cleaning and sensitisation campaign at Trou aux Biches public beach (in front of Police Station) in collaboration with members of the Rotaract Club of Triolet
- ii. Post cyclone "Gelena"
- iii. Clean-up campaign at Flat Island
- iv. Crackdown operations on public beaches
- v. Mowing of grass on public beaches
- vi. Supply and installation of picnic tables on public beaches
- vii. Upgrading of toilet block at Rivière des Créoles public beach
- viii. Replacement of damaged traffic signs on parking areas on public beaches
- ix. Installation of flood light at St. Felix public beach
- x. Repairs and maintenance of lighting systems on public beaches
- xi. Minor works carried out on public beaches
- xii. Upgrading of tuckshop at Blue Bay public beach
- xiii. Pest control at Blue Bay public beach
- xiv. Sensitisation campaign on public beaches
- xv. Vandalism - coconut trees at Belle Mare public beach

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## 1.0 Cleaning and Sensitisation Campaign at Trou aux Biches public beach (in front of Police Station) in collaboration with members of the Rotaract of Triolet

A cleaning and sensitisation campaign was held on **24 February, 2019** at Trou aux Biches public beach (in front of Police Station) in collaboration with members of the Rotaract Club of Triolet with a view to create awareness amongst the public for a cleaner and greener public beach.



*Cleaning of public beach*



*Photo souvenir – participants involved in the cleaning and sensitization campaign*

## 2.0 Post Cyclone “Gelena”

The island was under the influence of cyclone “Gelena” from 8 to 9 February, 2019.

A survey was carried out on 10 February, 2019 on all public beaches by the technical staff of the Authority after the passage of the cyclone.

### Observations:

It was observed that no major damages were noted to our beach amenities (bins, benches, fireplaces, lighting systems) and the associated infrastructures with the exception of some fallen trees and accumulated seaweeds/debris on certain public beaches such as Palmar near Surcouf Hotel, Grande Rivière Sud Est (Camp des Pêcheurs).



*Fallen filao tree and accumulated seaweeds at Palmar public beach (near Surcouf Hotel)*



*Accumulated seaweeds/debris at Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach (Camp des Pêcheurs)*

KEEP OUR BEACHES

CLEAN AND SAFE



**Action taken:**

The personnel of the Beach Authority did its utmost best to ensure that all the affected beaches are cleaned immediately. The relevant scavenging contractors and the Field Services Unit of the Parent Ministry who are 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 all debris and wastes.



*Palmar public beach (near Surcouf Hotel)  
after the passage of cyclone "Gelena"*

THE BEACH BELONGS TO YOU

PRESERVE IT

### 3.0 Clean-Up Campaign at Flat Island

The Mauritius Police Force, in particular the National Coast Guard (NCG) carried out a clean-up campaign on Flat Island on **21 & 22 February, 2019** in collaboration with Ministries of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping (Fisheries Division) and Agro Industry and Food Security (Forestry Services), and the Beach Authority. Plastic bin bags were also provided by the Beach Authority.

About forty (40) bags of wastes, comprising mainly of plastic bottles/bags, dry leaves and leftovers were collected.



*Departure to Flat Island through NCG patrol boat from Grand Baie public beach (near NCG)*



*Mr. M. Bohorun - Beach Enforcement Officer of the Authority and Inspector Nundlall of NCG (liaison officer of the clean-up campaign) prior to departure to Flat Island*



*Briefing by Inspector Nundlall of NCG at Flat Island*



*Wastes collected at Flat Island*

#### 4.0 Crackdown Operations on public beaches

Crackdown operations on public beaches are regularly carried out in collaboration with the Mauritius Police Force (Police du Tourisme) with a view to prevent illegal trading activities and to ensure compliance to existing regulations in force.

Crack down operations were carried out at Grand Baie and Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station) public beaches on **6 February, 2019**.

No contraventions were established and it was observed that all beach traders were in compliance with the conditions and criteria of their respective Beach Trader Licence.

#### 4.1 Verification of Beach Trader Licence at Grand Baie public beach



4.2 Verification of Beach Trader Licence at Trou aux Biches public beach (in front of Police Station)



## 5.0 Mowing of Grass on public beaches

Mowing of grass is regularly carried out, by a special team of brush cutters, on public beaches with a view to keep the public beaches clean and tidy as well as to provide a safe environment to all beach users.

### 5.1 Mowing of Grass at Case Noyale public beach



*Work in progress*

### 5.2 Mowing of Grass at P. G. Melville 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 are durable and attractive as sitting areas. The benefit of recycled plastic picnic tables are that they do not rot, warp, splinter or crack. The picnic tables can accommodate 4 to 6 persons at a time. During the month of February, 2019, such picnic tables have been installed at Palmar and P. G. Anna public beaches.



*Palmar public beach  
(work in progress)*



*Palmar public beach  
(completed)*



*P. G. Anna public beach  
(completed)*



## 7.0 Upgrading of Toilet Block at Rivière des Créoles public beach

Amenities on public beaches are prone to deteriorate due to weather conditions. The existing toilet blocks at Rivière des Créoles public beach has been upgraded with a view to provide better facilities to the beach users.



*(before)*



*(after)*

## 8.0 Replacement of damaged traffic signs on Parking Areas on public beaches

Amenities, in particular, traffic signs on public beaches are likely to deteriorate with time. Traffic signs have been replaced at Belle Mare and Poudre d’Or public beaches in February, 2019.

### 8.1 Replacement of damaged traffic sign on parking areas at Belle Mare public beach



*(before)*



*(after)*

8.2 Replacement of damaged traffic sign on parking areas at Poudre d'Or public beach



(before)



(after)

9.0 Installation of Flood Light at St. Felix public beach

New flood light has been installed at St. Felix public beach with a view to enhance safety and security to beach users.



## 10.0 Repairs and Maintenance of Lighting Systems on public beaches

As an ongoing exercise, the Beach Authority ensures that repairs and maintenance of lighting system, damaged through acts of vandalisms, are regularly carried out on public beaches. The purpose is to better keep our amenities in good conditions for the benefit of all the public in general.

### 10.1 Repair and maintenance of inspection door of lamp post at St. Felix public beach



(before)



(after)

### 10.2 Repair and maintenance of damaged lamp at Telfair public beach



(before)



(after)

10.3 Repair of inspection door of lamp post at Blue Bay public beach



THE BEACH BELONGS TO YOU

USE IT RESPONSIBLY

## 11.0 Minor Works carried out on public beaches

Minor works are ongoing on public beaches and some works carried out during the month of February, 2019 are depicted hereunder:

### 11.1 Painting of container used as a sub-store at Pereybère sub office



(before)



(after)

### 11.2 Reinstatement of damaged slabs at Trou aux Biches public beach (opposite ex-Aquarium)



(before)



(after)

11.3 *Painting of pine poles at Belle Mare public beach near sub office*



*(before)*



*(after)*

11.4 *Fixing of beta fence at Belle Mare sub office*



*(before)*



*(after)*

11.5 *Painting of building at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach (near Four à Chaux)*



*(before)*



*(after)*

11.6 *Maintenance of coconut trees at Belle Mare public beach*



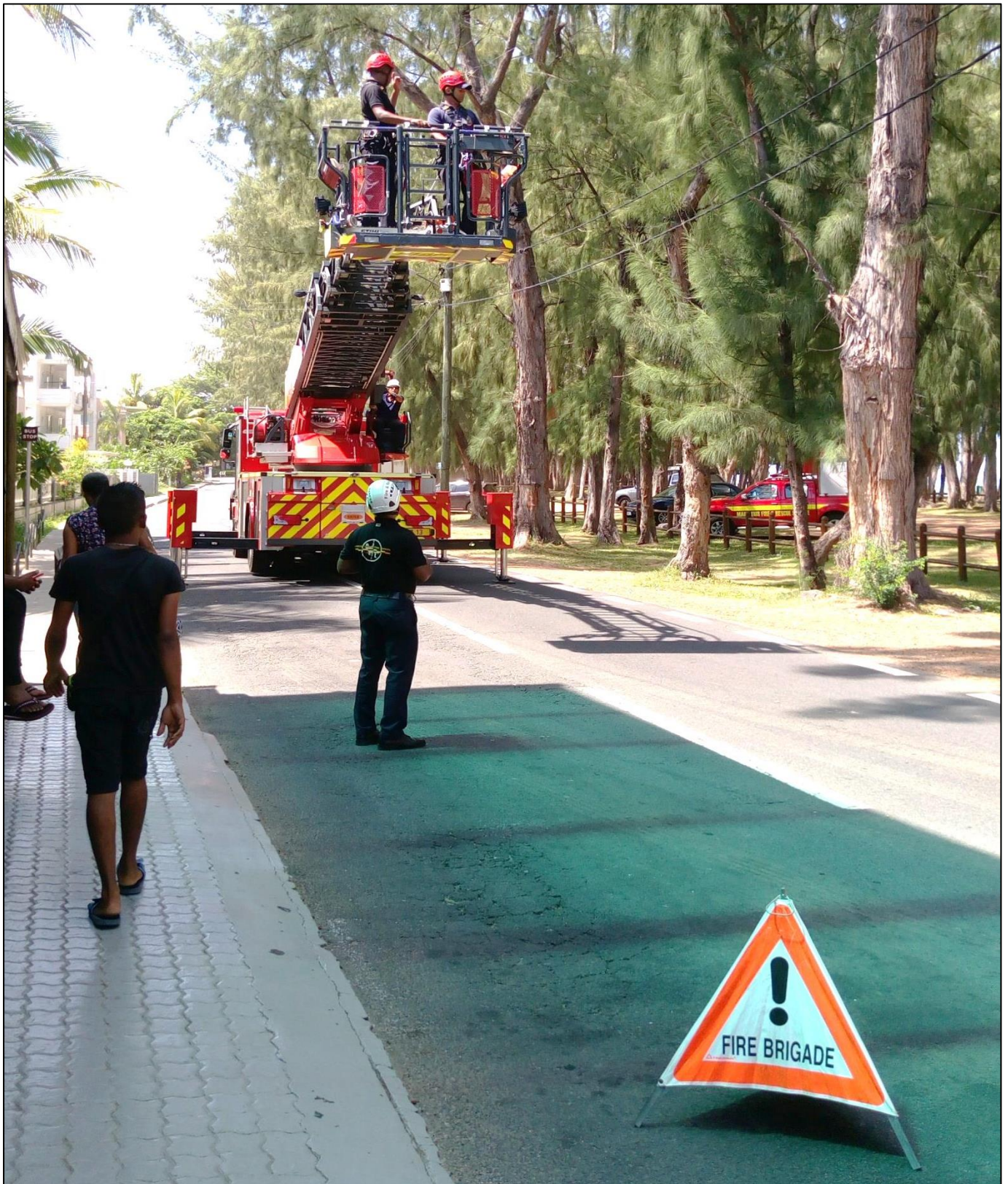
*(before)*



*(work in progress)*



11.7 Pruning of filao trees at Flic en Flac public beach with the collaboration of Fire & Rescue Service



(Work in progress)

11.8 Reinstatement of dangerous bathing panel at Flic en Flac public beach



(before)



(work in progress)

## 12.0 Upgrading of Tuckshop at Blue Bay public beach

Upgrading works of tuckshop at Blue Bay public beach are ongoing. 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



*Provision of openings*



*Installation of galvanized roller shutters*

### 13.0 Pest Control at Blue Bay public beach

The public beaches are faced with certain nuisances being caused by pests including, amongst others, ants attracted by left overs by beach users. The Beach Authority is undertaking pest control exercise more frequently to eliminate such nuisances for better security, safety and comfort of our beach users. Pest controls had been carried out at Blue Bay public beach during the month of February, 2019.



*Spraying of pesticides by Handy Worker of the Beach Authority*

## 14.0 Sensitisation Campaign on public beaches

The Beach Authority is continuously carrying out sensitisation campaign including distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users. This laudable initiative has been well received by the general public and will help to create awareness about keeping our public beaches clean and safe.

### 14.1 Distribution of plastic bin bags at Flic en Flac public beach



14.2 *Distribution of plastic bin bags at Butte à l'Herbe public beach*



14.3 *Distribution of plastic bin bags at Belle Mare public beach*



14.4 Distribution of plastic bin bags at Mont Choisy public beach



14.5 Distribution of plastic bin bags at Pereybère public beach



14.6 Distribution of plastic bin bags at Pomponette public beach



14.7 Distribution of plastic bin bags at Riambel public





14.8 Distribution of plastic bin bags at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Fish Landing Station)



14.9 Distribution of plastic bin bags at P. G. Union Ribet public beach



14.10 Distribution of plastic bin bags at St. Felix public beach



14.11 Distribution of plastic bin bags at Bain Boeuf public beach



## 15.0 Vandalism - coconut leaves at Belle Mare public beach

The Authority has noted with much concern that certain public beaches are now and then being subject to various acts of vandalism.

On 4 February, 2019, some 10 coconut trees recently planted at Belle Mare public beach over a stretch of 40 meters had been tampered with.

Several branches were cut and found scattered lying on the public beach.

### **Prompt actions taken were as follows:**

- (i) all scattered branches were immediately collected and carted away by the relevant scavenging contractor
- (ii) the damaged coconut trees were maintained
- (iii) Officers of Belle Mare NCG has been requested to carry out regular patrol at Belle Mare public beach

As at date, no other such cases have been reported.



*Cut branches are found lying on the public beach*

15.1 Damaged coconut trees at Belle Mare public beach



## WAY FORWARD

The activities related to the Clean-Up Mauritius and Establishment Campaign is ongoing and the Beach Authority is fully involved in this laudable initiative.

In line with its mandate, the Beach Authority ensures that all public beaches around the island are clean and maintained throughout the whole day such that beach users do enjoy a safe and ecstatic environment whilst going to public beaches.

Moreover, the Beach Authority will continue in its quest for excellence to provide appropriate and adequate amenities and facilities on public beaches as well as to carry out regular clean up and sensitisation campaigns.



*Bain Boeuf public beach*

FOR CLEANER, GREENER AND SAFER PUBLIC BEACHES