



BEACH AUTHORITY

CLEAN-UP MAURITIUS AND EMBELLISHMENT CAMPAIGN

Belle Mare public beach

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INTRODUCTION

Mauritius, the island nation in the Indian Ocean, is becoming more and more popular for its idyllic beaches with beautiful natural landscapes. The lagoons with clear, warm and blue turquoise water enveloping the island add up to its magnificence. Bordered with fine white sand, they promise matchless relaxing possibilities and are the incarnation of paradise to beach users. 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.

As far as the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign is concerned, the Beach Authority is working tirelessly to plan and promote sensitisation campaigns with a view to create awareness among the public and to inculcate a sense of personal environment responsibility as well as greater motivation and commitment towards the protection of public beaches. The Authority strongly believes that involving the public to contribute towards this common interest, will create a positive synergy to achieve cleaner, greener and safer public beaches.

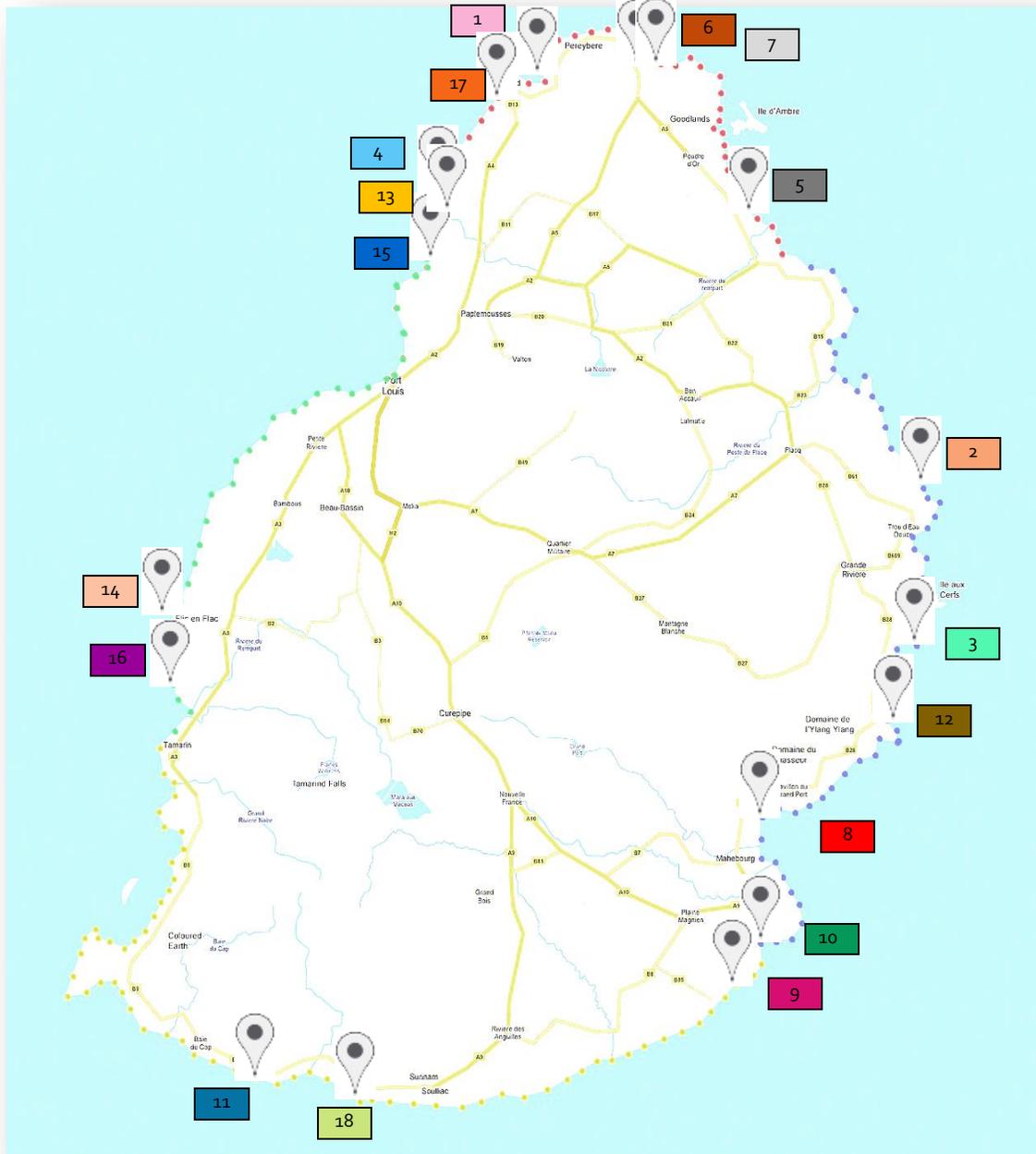
The month of March was also marked by the celebration of the 51st Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius celebrated at the Beach Authority.

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

Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Veranda Grand Baie Hotel & Spa
3. Top FM
4. Mauritius Police Force (National Coast Guard & Police de l'Environnement)
5. Laurelton Diamonds Ltd
6. Scavenging Contractors

Public beaches where activities were carried out during the period of 01 March to 31 March, 2019:



1	La Cuvette public beach	10	Blue Bay public beach
2	Palmar public beach	11	Bel Ombre public beach
3	Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach	12	Petit Sable public beach
4	Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)	13	Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Fish Landing Station)
5	Pointe des Lascars public beach	14	Flic en Flac public beach
6	P. G. Melville public beach	15	Le Goulet public beach
7	Grand Gaube public beach	16	Wolmar public beach
8	Rivière des Créoles public beach	17	Mont Choisy public beach
9	La Cambuse public beach	18	Pomponette public beach

Activities:

- i. Sensitisation campaign on public beaches
- ii. Celebration of the 51st Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius
- iii. Supply and installation of picnic tables on public beaches
- iv. Clean-up and sensitisation campaign at La Cuvette public beach in collaboration with Staff of Veranda Grand Baie Hotel & Spa
- v. Mowing of grass on public beaches
- vi. Clean- up campaign at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Fish Landing Station) in collaboration with Staff of Top FM
- vii. Supply and installation of litter bins on public beaches
- viii. Alleged public gathering at La Cambuse public beach
- ix. Illegal dumping of E-waste at Bel Ombre public beach
- x. Pressure cleaning of toilet blocks on public beaches
- xi. Minor works carried out on public beaches
- xii. Upgrading of tuckshop at Blue Bay public beach
- xiii. Provision of Lighting Facilities through PV Solar Panels on public beaches
- xiv. Upgrading of toilet blocks on public beaches
- xv. Construction of parking area at Pomponette public beach
- xvi. Corporate Social Responsibility Project by Laurelton Diamonds Ltd at Pomponette public beach

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Beach Authority

March 2019

1.0 Sensitisation Campaign on public beaches

In its quest for creating awareness about the benefits the public can derive from a clean and safe public beach, the Beach Authority is continuously carrying out sensitisation campaigns including distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users. This laudable initiative has been well appreciated by the general public. Sensitisation campaigns have been carried out at Blue Bay and La Cambuse public beaches in **March, 2019**.

1.1 *Officers of the Beach Authority ready for sensitisation campaign and distribution of plastic bin bags at Blue Bay public beach*



From left to right: Mr. K. Megha, Mr. A. Beeputh, Mr. S. Thakoore and Mr. V. Sumessur of the Beach Authority

1.2 *Sensitising beach users about the importance of cleanliness of public beaches*



1.3 *Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Blue Bay public beach*



1.4 Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Blue Bay public beach



1.5 Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at La Cambuse public beach



1.6 *Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at La Cambuse public beach*



2.0 Celebration of the 51st Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius

The 51st Anniversary of Independence of Mauritius was celebrated at the Head Office of the Authority on 11 March, 2019 and Staff including those from all sub offices were present. During the ceremony Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, the General Manager of the Authority, gave a brief about the Mauritian history and made a special tribute to our elders who have toiled and struggled very hard and transformed Mauritius into an idyllic country.

Our colourful national flag was also hoisted at Belle Mare, Flic en Flac and Pereybère sub offices.



Flic en Flac sub office

Our Country Our Pride!

Notre Pays Notre Fierté!

Hamara Desh Hamara Shaan!

3.0 Supply and Installation of Picnic Tables on public beaches

The supply and installation of fifty (50) picnic tables on twenty-one (21) public beaches have been completed. The picnic tables can accommodate 4 to 6 persons at a time and are made of 100% recycled plastic materials which are durable and attractive. The picnic tables have been installed on the following public beaches:

S.N	PUBLIC BEACH	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	Pointe Cassis (Le Morne)	1
9	Le Morne (Pointe Sud Ouest)	2
10	Le Morne (near Ex-Berjaya Hotel)	2
11	Le Morne (near Dinarobin Hotel)	4
12	Tamarin	2
13	P.G Anna	2
14	Albion Mon Plaisir	1
15	The Vale	2
16	Grand Baie	2
17	Pointe des Lascars	2
18	Von Moltke	2
19	Palmar	5
20	Remy Ollier	2
21	Pointe aux Sables (main)	1
TOTAL		50



Installation of picnic table at Palmar public beach

4.0 Clean-up and Sensitisation Campaign at La Cuvette public beach in collaboration with Staff of Veranda Grand Baie Hotel & Spa

A clean-up and sensitisation campaign was held on **9 March, 2019** at La Cuvette public beach and its surroundings in collaboration with Staff of Veranda Grand Baie Hotel & Spa with a view to create awareness amongst the public for a cleaner and greener public beaches. Plastic bin bags were also provided by the Beach Authority.

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



Cleaning of public beach

4.1 *Cleaning and Sensitisation Campaign at La Cuvette public beach*



Cleaning of public beach



Photo souvenir – participants involved in the cleaning and sensitisation campaign

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 Pointe des Lascars public beach



(before)



(after)

5.2 Mowing of Grass at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)



(before)



(after)

5.3 *Mowing of Grass at Rivière des Créoles public beach*



(before)



(after)



(work in progress)

6.0 Clean-up Campaign at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Fish Landing Station) in collaboration with Staff of Top FM

A clean-up campaign was held on **17 March, 2019** at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Fish Landing Station) in collaboration with Staff of Top FM with a view to sensitise the public about a clean and safe public beach.

The activities comprised:

- a) cleaning of public beach
- b) mowing of grass
- c) planting of palm and endemic trees
- d) pruning of 'coque-luche' branches

About thirty (30) bags of wastes, comprising mainly of plastic bottles & bags, grass and leftovers were collected.

6.1 *Cleaning of public beach*



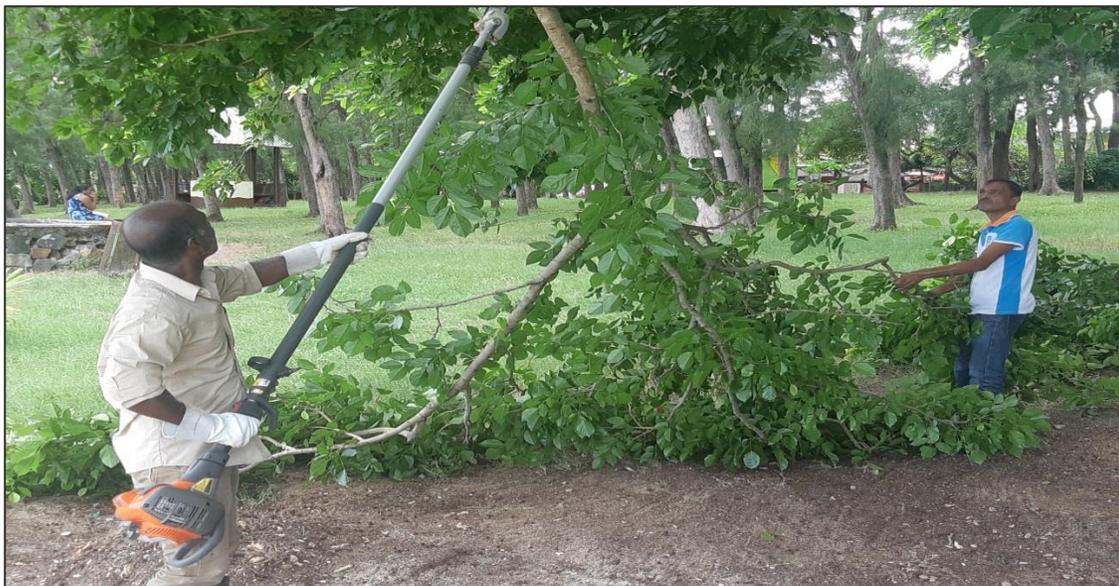
6.2 *Mowing of grass*



6.3 *Planting of palm & endemic trees*



6.4 *Pruning of 'coque-luche' branches:*



6.5 *Wastes collected and carting away*



7.0 Supply and installation of Litter Bins on public beaches

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. Fifty (50) litter bins have been placed at the following public beaches during the month of **March, 2019**:

S.N	PUBLIC BEACH	No. of Bins installed
1	Pomponette	8
2	P. G. Virginia	2
3	Palmar (main)	2
4	Belle Mare (main)	2
5	P. G Melville & Part of Islet Matapan	2
6	Baie du Tombeau	2
7	Telfair	2
8	Blue Bay	5
9	Trou aux Biches (opp. Aquarium)	2
10	Trou aux Biches (in front of Police Station)	2
11	The Vale	2
12	Bain Boeuf	2
13	P. G. Union Ribet	3
14	Terracine	4
15	Case Noyale (near Football playground)	3
16	Wolmar	4
17	Pointe aux Piments (near Fish Landing Station)	3
TOTAL		50



Litter bins made of galvanized iron sheets & clad with wood composite plastic bars and fixed in reinforced concrete base at Wolmar public beach

8.0 Alleged public gathering at La Cambuse public beach

The Authority was informed on **9 March, 2019** about the holding of an alleged public gathering called '**Jam Organik**' which would be held in the evening at La Cambuse public beach without any prior authorisation sought from the Authority.

Actions taken/observations:

- (i) a constant monitoring of the public beach was carried out by Officers of the Beach Authority and National Coast Guard (NCG) - Le Chaland from 17.00 hrs to 20.00 hrs and no public gathering was noted
- (ii) the NCG personnel monitored the situation during the whole night and up to early morning on 10 March 2019 and they confirmed that there was no public gathering held at La Cambuse public beach



(Mr. K . Megha – Beach Enforcement Officer of the Authority informing Officers of National Coast Guard about the alleged public gathering to be held at La Cambuse public beach)

9.0 Illegal dumping of E-Waste at Bel Ombre public beach

Following complaint received from the Supervisor of Maxiclean Ltd on 17 March, 2019, about the presence of E-waste on the parking area at Bel Ombre public beach, a site visit was carried out jointly by Officers of the Beach Authority and Police de l'Environnement.

Observations:

It was observed that E-wastes (including washing machines, refrigerators, CPU, televisions amongst others) were dumped on the parking area at Bel Ombre public beach.



(Dumped E-wastes)

After inquiry, the Officers of Police de l'Environnement informed that the E-wastes were collected following a clean-up campaign organised by Heritage Telfair and Veranda Leisure & Hospitality Hotels respectively.

Prompt actions taken were as follows:

- (i) the responsible Officers of the two hotels were immediately contacted and were informed about the regulations in force
- (ii) Mr. L'Aiguille, Head of Security - Heritage Telfair Hotel apologised and informed that they were not aware that prior authorisation should have been sought from the Authority for 'use of public beach'. He confirmed that the E-wastes will be removed and carted away on the next day
- (iii) no contravention was established by Officers of Police de l'Environnement
- (iv) site visit was carried out on 18 March, 2019 at 09.00 hrs in collaboration with Officers from Police de l'Environnement, Savanne District Council - Health Inspectorate and the Beach Authority to take stock of the situation. It was noted that carting away of E-wastes was in progress
- (v) the carting away exercise of all E-wastes ended at 15.00 hrs in the presence of Mr. K. Megha, Beach Enforcement Officer of the Authority and Mr. K. Ramdenee, Head of Human Resources - Heritage Resorts
- (vi) Mr. K. Ramdenee presented his sincere apology to the Authority and promised that such incident will not reoccur in the future



(Bel Ombre public beach after carting away of E-wastes)

10.0 Pressure Cleaning of Toilet Blocks on public beaches

As part of their contractual obligations, it is mandatory for scavenging contractors, responsible for cleaning and maintenance of toilet blocks on public beaches, to also pressure clean the toilet blocks and its relevant amenities. Pressure cleaning was carried out at the following toilet blocks during the month of **March, 2019** amongst others:

10.1 Grande Rivière Sud Est toilet block



(work in progress)

For a cleaner, greener
and safer public beaches

10.2 *Petit Sable toilet block*



(work in progress)

10.3 *Le Goulet toilet block*



(work in progress)

10.4 *Mont Choisy toilet block*



(work in progress)

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 **March, 2019** are depicted hereunder:

11.1 Removal and carting away of damaged concrete bins at Mont Choisy and Le Goulet public beaches



*Mont Choisy public beach
(before)*



*Mont Choisy public beach
(after)*



*Le Goulet public beach
(before)*



*Le Goulet public beach
(after)*

11.2 Pruning of 'coque-luche' branches and painting of bench at Pointe des Lascars public beach



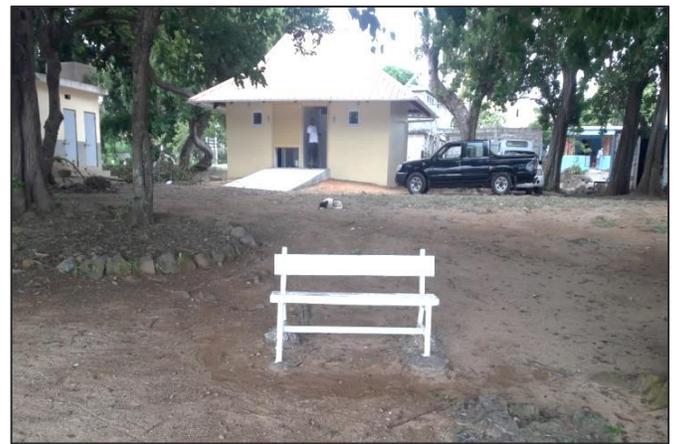
(before)



(after)



(before)



(after)

11.3 Repair of damaged luminaire at Grand Gaube public beach



(before)



(after)

11.4 *Roof cleaning and painting of kiosk at Mont choisy public beach*



(before)



(work in progress)

11.5 *Painting of benches at P.G Melville public beach*



(before)



(after)

11.6 *Replacement of damaged traffic signs on parking area at Flic en Flac public beach*



(before)



(after)

11.7 Replacement of damaged traffic sign on parking area at Flic en Flac public beach



(before)



(after)



(before)



(after)

11.8 *Planting of palm and endemic trees near toilet block at Pointe des Lascars public beach*



Baie du Cap public beach

12.0 Upgrading of Tuckshop at Blue Bay public beach

Upgrading works of tuckshop at Blue Bay public beach has been completed in **March, 2019**. The works consisted 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



(work completed)

13.0 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 installations of seventy five (75) solar lighting systems on twelve (12) public beaches are ongoing as listed hereunder and works are expected to be completed by **April, 2019**.

S.N	PUBLIC BEACH	No. of Solar Lightings
1	Telfair	5
2	Pomponette	10
3	Riambel	6
4	P. G. l’Embrazure	10
5	Von Moltke	5
6	P. G. Le Morne	2
7	Case Noyale	5
8	Wolmar	5
9	Le Goulet	5
10	Butte à l’Herbe	5
11	Belle Vue Cugnet	7
12	Islet Matapan and part of P. G. Melville	10
TOTAL		75



*Solar lighting system
at Belle Vue Cugnet public beach
(work in progress)*



*Solar lighting system
at Von Moltke public beach
(work completed)*

14.0 Upgrading of Toilet Blocks on public beaches

Amenities on public beaches are likely to deteriorate with time. With a view to offer better facilities to beach users, the Beach Authority has embarked on a project to upgrade existing toilet blocks on public beaches. Upgrading of toilet blocks at Palmar, Sable Noir and La Cuvette are ongoing and works are expected to be completed by **April, 2019**. Provisions have been made for mobile toilets pending the completion of the works.



*Removal of existing tiles and wash hand basins at La Cuvette public beach
(work in progress)*



Provision of mobile toilet at La Cuvette public beach

15.0 Construction of Parking Area at Pomponette public beach

Situated in the district of Savanne and between Saint Felix and Riambel public beaches, the Pomponette public beach has an approximate sea frontage of 477 metres over an extent of 4.38 (Ha) and was proclaimed in year 2017.

The Beach Authority is presently embarking on a project for construction of a parking area at Pomponette public beach with a view to prevent vehicular access to the public beach. The works are expected to be completed by **mid-April, 2019**.

The project consists of construction of a parking area for 28 cars and includes:

- a french drain for evacuation of rain water
- placing of kerbs
- fixing of composite plastic poles in the perimeter of the parking area and along the road to prevent vehicular access to the beach.
- landscaping works



Removal of top soil and excavation of trench for french drain completed at Pomponette public beach

16.0 Corporate Social Responsibility Project by Laurelton Diamonds Ltd at Pomponette public beach

Laurelton Diamonds Ltd, through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project, has contributed in the embellishment of the environment of Mauritius by supporting the Beach Authority in upgrading the Pomponette public beach with basic amenities such as picnic tables, mini-kiosks and litter bins.

The installation of four (4) picnic tables and eight (8) litter bins have been completed and the construction of two mini-kiosks is presently ongoing. The works are expected to be completed in **April, 2019** and include:

- concrete columns and floor
- metal sheet and timber roof
- treated pine pole benches



*Construction of mini-kiosks at Pomponette public beach
(work in progress)*

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. The concept of sensitisation campaigns on a regular basis is to arouse awareness of beach users on the importance to keep our beaches clean and safe.

So as to improve the experience of 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 such as sensitisation campaigns, provision of seventy five (75) solar lighting systems, upgrading of toilet blocks and construction of parking area at Pomponette public beach amongst others.

In order to enhance further the control and management of the public beaches and give a better service delivery to all beach users, the Beach Authority will be establishing a fourth sub office at Saint Felix public beach.



Palmar public beach (near Ambre Hotel)