



BEACH AUTHORITY



Pointe Cassis public beach

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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 public beaches clean and in good conditions, as well as preserve it for the future generation.

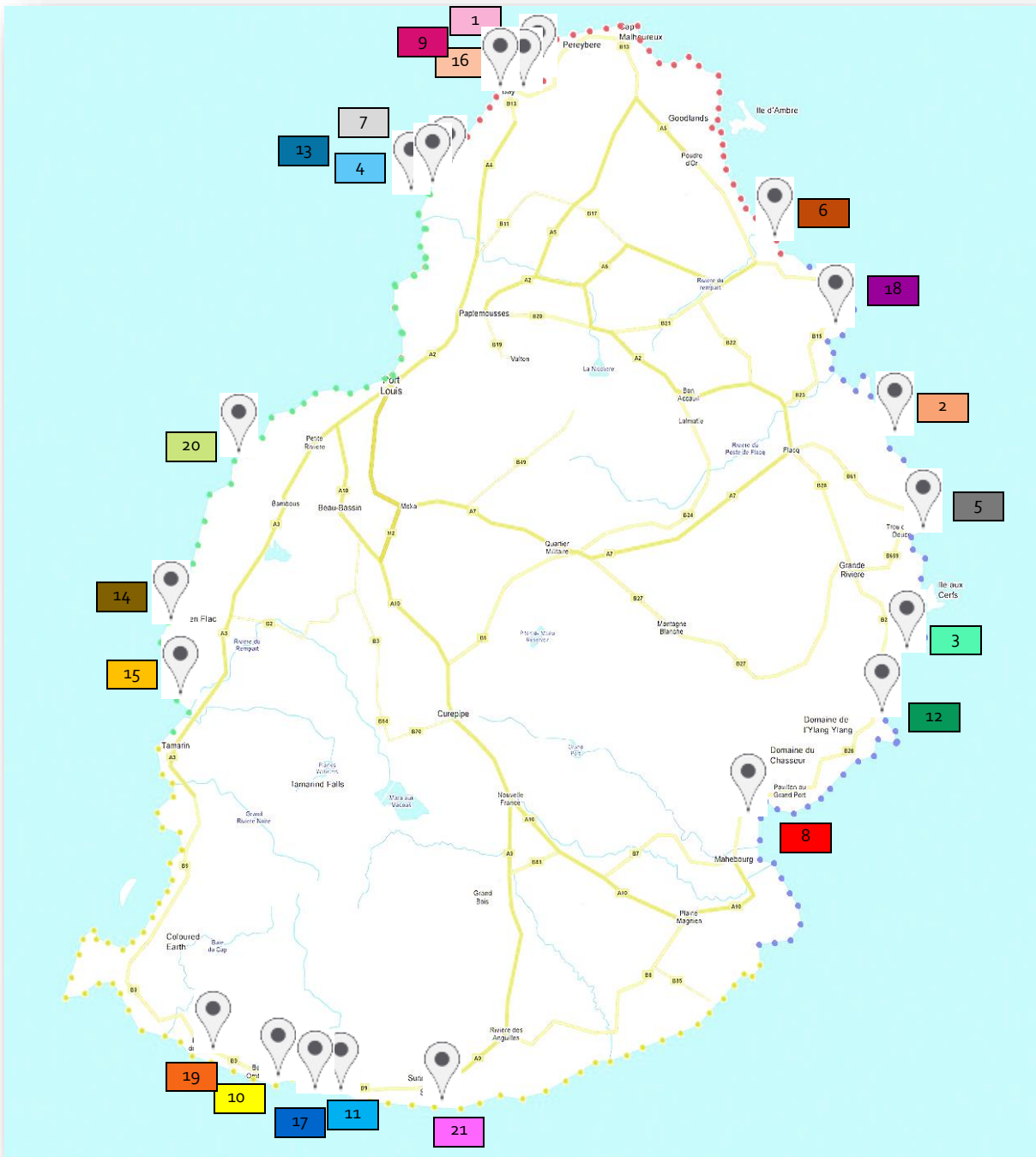
In line with its mandate to conserve and protect the environment of all public beaches, the Beach Authority is doing its best to promote the sensitisation campaign in order to create environmental awareness among the public and inculcate a sense of personal responsibility as well as greater motivation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

Some of the activities pertaining to upgrading and embellishment of several public beaches carried out during the month of **April 2019**, have been briefly described and illustrated in this document including Lifesaving Programme and Sensitisation Campaign in the context of Easter Monday celebrated on **22 April, 2019**.

Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development (Solid Waste Management Division)
3. Ministry of Tourism
4. Ministry of Health & Quality of Life
5. Mauritius Police Force (National Coast Guard, Police du Tourisme, Special Mobile Force)
6. Ministry Agro Industry and Food Security
7. Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands (Fisheries Division)
8. Central Water Authority
9. Laurelton Diamonds Ltd
10. Lifesaving Groups
11. Scavenging Contractors

Public beaches where activities were carried out during the period of 01 April to 30 April, 2019:



1	La Cuvette public beach	11	Riambel public beach
2	Palmar public beach	12	Petit Sable public beach
3	Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach	13	Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Fish Landing Station)
4	Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)	14	Flic en Flac public beach
5	Trou d'Eau Douce public beach	15	Wolmar public beach
6	Von Moltke public beach	16	Mont Choisy public beach
7	Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Oberoi Hotel)	17	Pomponette public beach
8	Rivière des Créoles public beach	18	Poste Lafayette public beach
9	Grand Baie public beach	19	Ruisseau des Créoles public beach
10	Rivière des Galets public beach	20	Albion public beach
		21	Telfair public beach

Activities:

- i. Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign (Easter Monday)
- ii. Beach and lagoon clean-up at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach
- iii. Provision of lighting facilities through PV solar panels on public beaches
- iv. Clean-up campaign at Pointe aux Sables public beach
- v. Beach Fun Day at Mont Choisy public beach organised by the Ministry of Tourism
- vi. Mowing of grass on public beaches
- vii. Crackdown operation at Grand Baie public beach
- viii. Construction of parking area at Pomponette public beach
- ix. Construction of new toilet block at Flic en Flac public beach (near Ex-Mer de Chine)
- x. Construction of parking areas at Wolmar and Palmar public beaches
- xi. Pressure cleaning of toilet blocks on public beaches
- xii. Corporate social responsibility project by Laurelton Diamonds Ltd at Pomponette public beach
- xiii. Upgrading of access at Rivière des Galets public beach
- xiv. Upgrading of toilet blocks on public beaches
- xv. Other Minor works carried out on public beaches
- xvi. Repairs and maintenance of lighting systems on public beaches

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April 2019

1.0 Lifesaving Programme and Sensitisation Campaign (Easter Monday)

In the context of Easter Monday held on **22 April, 2019**, Lifesaving and 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. 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 (Solid Waste Management Division), Central Water Authority, Ministry of Health and Quality of Life, Life Saving Groups and Scavenging Contractors at the seat of the Authority on **04 April, 2019**.

The roles and responsibilities of each stakeholder were discussed.

The activities comprised of:

- Sensitisation Campaign (distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users)
- Lifesaving Programme (ensure safety and security of beach users)

1.1 Meeting organised by the Beach Authority



Meeting held at the seat of the Authority in the context of Easter Monday

1.2 Northern Region

Stretch: Baie du Tombeau public beach to Von Moltke public beach

1.2.1 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Le Goulet public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Le Goulet public beach

1.2.2 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Mont Choisy public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Mont Choisy public beach

1.2.3 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Pointe aux Piments public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Pointe aux Piments public beach

1.2.4 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Trou aux Biches public beach (opp. Police Station)



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Trou aux Biches public beach (opp. Police Station)

1.3 Eastern Region

Stretch: Roche Noire public beach to Rivière des Créoles public beach

1.3.1 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Belle Mare public beach



Belle Mare public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Belle Mare public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Belle Mare public beach

1.4 Southern Region

Stretch: Remy Ollier public beach to Baie du Cap public beach

1.4.1 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Blue Bay public beach

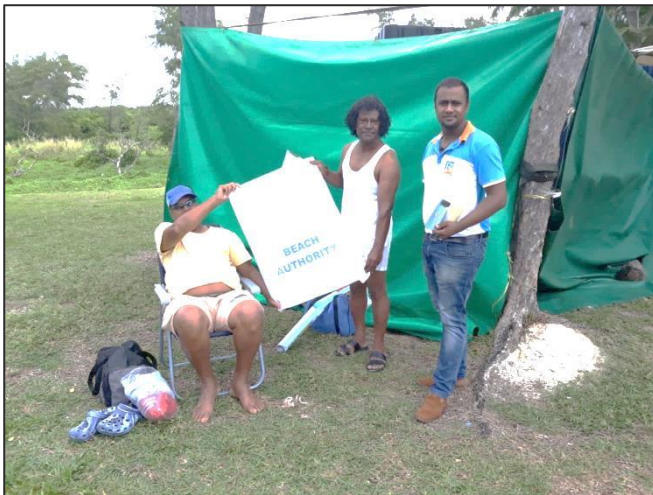


Representatives of Ministry of Health & Quality of Life – Provision of ambulance



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

1.4.2 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at La Cambuse public beach



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

1.4.3 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Baie du Cap public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Baie du Cap public beach

1.4.4 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Gris Gris public beach



Personnel of National Coast Guard at Gris Gris public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Gris Gris public beach

1.4.5 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Pomponette public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Pomponette public beach

1.4.6 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Rivière des Galets public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Rivière des Galets public beach

1.5 Western Region

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

1.5.1 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Albion public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Albion public beach

1.5.2 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Pointe aux Sables public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Pointe aux Sables public beach

1.5.3 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Flic en Flac public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Flic en Flac public beach

1.5.4 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Flic en Flac public beach



Personnel of National Coast Guard, Beach Authority and Life Saver at Flic en Flac public beach

1.5.5 Lifesaving programme and sensitisation campaign at Wolmar public beach



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Wolmar public beach

2.0 Beach and Lagoon Clean-up at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach

A clean-up campaign was organised by the Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with several stakeholders (namely Tourism Authority, Beach Authority, Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands (Fisheries Division), Mauritius Police Force, Association des Hoteliers and Restaurants de Ile Maurice – AHRIM, District Council of Flacq, Village Council of Trou d'Eau Douce, Pleasure Craft Operators of Trou d'Eau Douce, Mauritius Scuba Diving Association, Atlantis Diving and hotels in the eastern regions, amongst others) on **7 April, 2019** at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach.

The following personalities were present:

- Hon. A. K. Gayan, Minister of Tourism
- Hon. S. Bholah, Minister of Business Enterprise and Cooperatives
- Hon. D. Seesunkur, Minister of Financial Services and Good Governance

The clean-up campaign comprised:

- the cleaning of shoreline (from Debarcadère to Pointe Vacoas)
- the cleaning of lagoon
- dredging of accumulated sand in front of slipway

Plastic bin bags were distributed by Officers of the Beach Authority and arrangements were made with relevant scavenging contractor for provision of additional manpower and lorry for carting away of all wastes generated during the campaign.



*Address by Hon. A. K. Gayan, Minister of Tourism
in the presence of Hon. S. Bholah, Minister of Business, Enterprise and Cooperatives,
other stakeholders and members of the press*

2.1 *Cleaning of shoreline at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach*



Cleaning of shoreline at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach

2.2 *Cleaning of lagoon at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach*



Cleaning of lagoon at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach

2.3 *Dredging of accumulated sand in front of slip way at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach*



2.4 *Distribution of plastic bin bags by Officers of the Authority at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach*



2.5 Wastes collection at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach



Wastes collected at the beach and lagoon clean-up at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach



Carting away of wastes by scavenging contractor at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach

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

The installations of seventy five (75) solar lighting systems on twelve (12) public beaches are expected to be completed by **mid-May, 2019**. Solar lighting systems, which are more reliable and cost effective, are gradually being installed to phase out conventional lighting systems on public beaches. The solar lighting systems will also help in enhancing safety and security of beach users on public beaches.

S.N	PUBLIC BEACH	No. of Solar Lightings Columns
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 Telfair public beach

4.0 Clean-up Campaign at Pointe aux Sables public beach

A clean-up campaign was undertaken by the Beach Authority on **13 April, 2019** at Pointe aux Sables public beach (near Fish Landing Station) and other beaches in the surroundings, in collaboration with the City Council of Port-Louis, Tourism Authority, Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development (Environment & Sustainable Development Division) and the Scavenging Contractors with a view to sensitise the public on the importance to maintain our public beaches clean and safe. Hon. Alain Wong, Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment, was present at the clean-up campaign.

The clean-up campaign comprised of:

- cleaning of beaches
- pruning of 'coque-luche' branches
- mowing of grass
- carting away of wastes

4.1 *Cleaning of beaches*



4.2 *Pruning of 'coque-luche' branches*



4.3 *Mowing of grass*



4.4 *Wastes collection and carting away*



Photo souvenir – participants involved in the clean-up campaign at Pointe aux Sables public beach together with Hon. A. Wong, Minister of Social Integration and Economic Empowerment



Carting away of wastes by scavenging contractor at Pointe aux Sables public beach

5.0 Beach Fun Day at Mont Choisy public beach organised by the Ministry of Tourism

The 2019 edition of Beach Fun Day, aimed at bringing nautical activities closer to the Mauritian population, was held at the Mont Choisy public beach. This initiative of the Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with the boat operators of the region had as objective, to provide a variety of beach activities to the public at affordable rates.

The scavenging contractor was requested to keep the public beach clean at all times and to ensure regular carting away of waste. Plastic bin bags were also distributed to beach users with a view to create awareness for a cleaner and greener public beach.



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Mont Choisy public



Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Mont Choisy public beach

6.0 Mowing of grass on public beaches

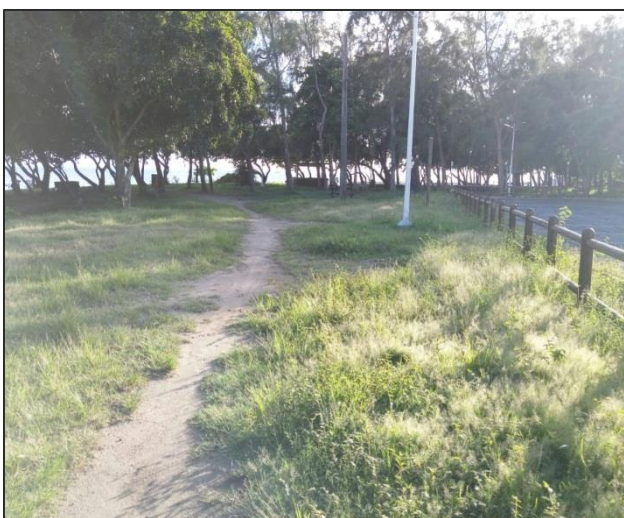
Mowing of grass is regularly carried out, by a special team of brush cutters, on public beaches with a view to keep the public beaches clean and tidy as well as to provide a safe environment to all beach users.

6.1 Mowing of Grass at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetry)



(work in progress)

6.2 Mowing of Grass at Von Moltke public beach



(before)



(after)

6.3 *Mowing of Grass at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Oberoi Hotel)*



(before)



(after)

6.4 *Mowing of Grass at Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach*



(before)



(after)

7.0 Crackdown Operation at Grand Baie public beach

Following complaint received regarding illegal trading activities, a crackdown operation was carried out on **12 April, 2019** by the Beach Authority in collaboration with Police du Tourisme at Grand Baie public beach.

Note: complaint made was against an ex-beach trader, holder of a Beach Trader Licence from the Authority for the selling of fruits and coconuts at Grand Baie public beach.

Observations:

- another person was carrying out trading activities, instead of the licence holder in van bearing registration number **1071 MR 05** for the selling of cooked food and non-alcoholic beverages
- the licensee was not physically present during the trading activities

Action taken as follows:

A declaration was made at Grand Bay Police Station (**OB 2128/2019** refers) in that respect



Verification of Beach Trader Licence at Grand Baie public beach

8.0 Construction of Parking Area at Pomponette public beach

The construction of parking area at Pomponette public beach, which will help to prevent vehicular access along the public beach, is ongoing and is expected to be completed by end April, 2019.

The project consists of the construction of a parking area for 28 vehicles 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



(before)



(work in progress)

9.0 Construction of Toilet Block at Flic en Flac public beach (near Ex-Mer de Chine)

Flic en Flac public beach is amongst the most important and highly frequented public beach in the western region. Flic en Flac is the place to be at sunset where the remarkable scenery of the beach all around is breathtaking.

The Authority has embarked on the construction of a new toilet block thereat with a view to provide better facilities to beach users. The works are expected to be completed in **July, 2019**.



*Sub structure works in progress
for construction of new toilet block at Flic en Flac public beach (near Ex-Mer de Chine)*

The Beach Authority cleans and embellishes

... and having finished...

... moves on....

... and there is NO END

10.0 Construction of Parking Areas at Wolmar and Palmar public beaches

It has been generally acknowledged that vehicular access on the beach dynamic zone is one of the causes of beach erosion. Accordingly, with a view to preserve the coastal zone, parking facilities have been created on public beaches so as to restrict vehicles to the beach frontage. Restricting vehicular access to the public beach is also viewed as a measure to provide safety and security to beach users.

The constructions of parking areas at Wolmar and Palmar public beaches are ongoing and works are expected to be completed by **July, 2019**.

Note: while felling down a filao tree at Wolmar public beach for the construction of the parking area, a nest of bees had to be removed with the assistance of Officers of the Ministry Agro Industry and Food Security.



Hoarding of site at Wolmar public beach



Removal of a nest of bees by Officers of Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security at Wolmar public beach

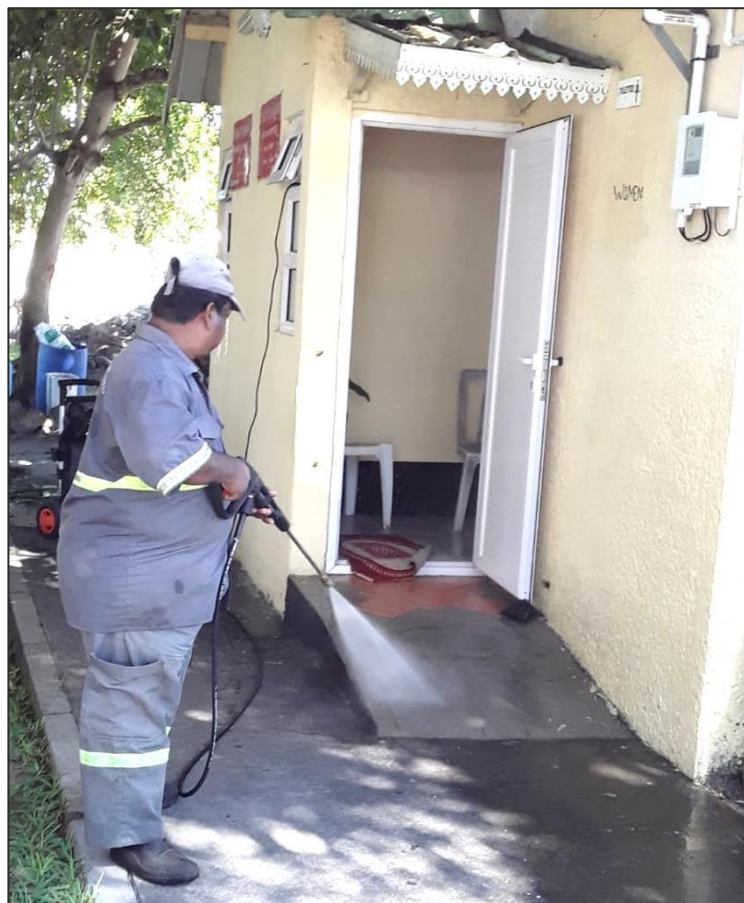
11.0 Pressure Cleaning of Toilet Blocks on public beaches

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 cleanings were carried out at the following toilet blocks during the month of **April, 2019** amongst others:

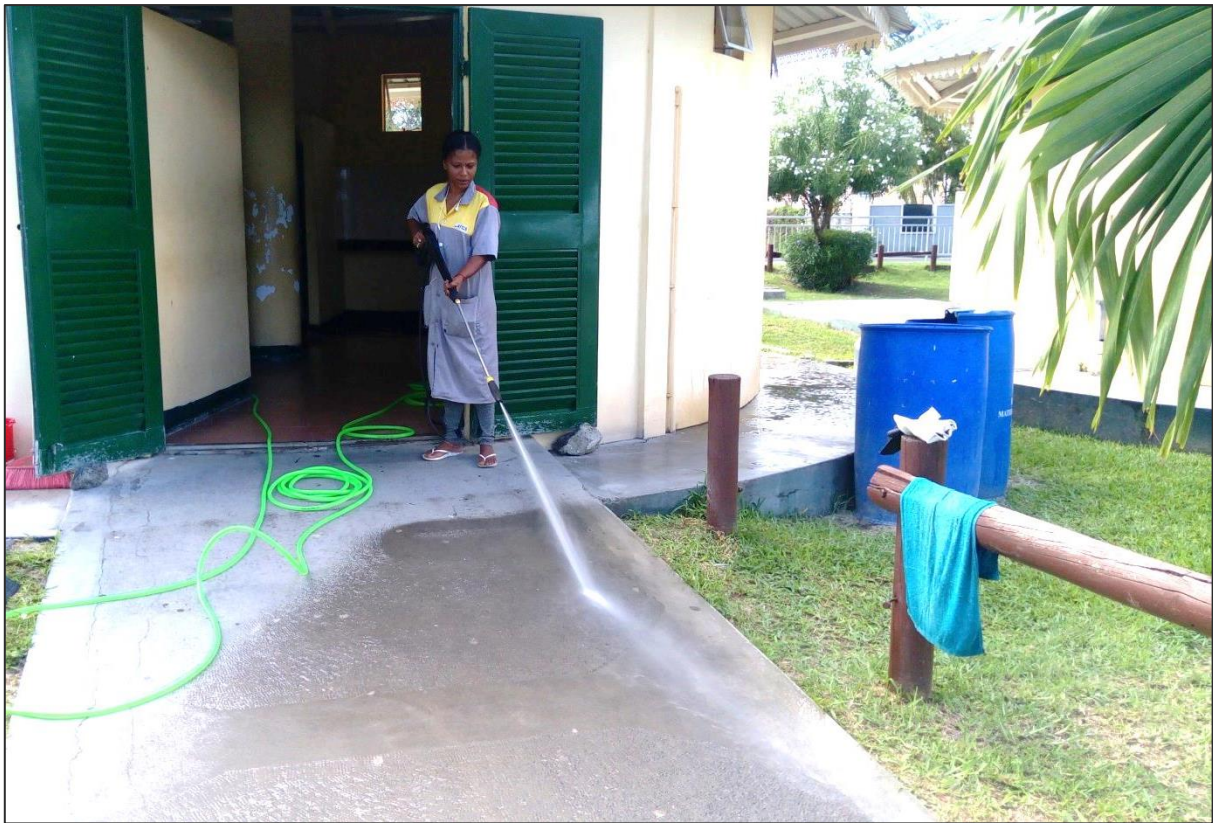
11.1 Mont Choisy toilet block



11.2 Trou d'Eau Douce toilet block



11.3 *Flic en Flac toilet block*



11.4 *Palmeraie toilet block*



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

The construction of two mini-kiosks under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project funded by Laurelton Diamonds Ltd is ongoing. The works are expected to be completed **mid-May, 2019** and include:

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



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

13.0 Upgrading of Access at Rivière des Galets public beach

The Authority has embarked on a project to upgrade access on public beaches. After Mont Choisy and Le Goulet public beaches, the access at Rivière des Galets public beach is being upgraded to facilitate movements of beach users. The works are expected to be completed in **May, 2019**.



*Upgrading of access at Rivière des Galets public beach
(works in progress)*

THE BEACH BELONGS TO YOU

PRESERVE IT

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 **mid-May, 2019**. Provisions have been made for mobile toilets pending the completion of the works.



Painting of roof structure, replacement of openings & laying of slate tiles for toilet block at Sable Noir public beach (work in progress)

15.0 Other Minor Works carried out on public beaches

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

15.1 *Pruning of coque-luche' branches at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Oberoi Hotel)*



(work in progress)

15.2 *Repairs of bin at Flic en Flac public beach*



(before)



(after)

15.3 Removal of eyesores at Riambel and Flic en Flac public beaches



*Riambel public beach
(before)*



*Riambel public beach
(after)*



*Flic en Flac public beach
(before)*



*Flic en Flac public beach
(after)*

15.4 Repairs & painting of bin at Rivière des Créoles public beach



(before)



(after)

15.5 *Painting of roller shutter & circular metal poles and cleaning & carting away of debris – toilet block at Poste Lafayette public beach*



(before)



(after)

15.6 *Enclosure of leaching field for toilet block at Poste Lafayette public beach*



(before)



(work in progress)

15.7 Reinstatement of signage at Ruisseau des Créoles public beach



(before)



(after)

15.8 Repair of tap at Albion public beach



(before)



(after)

16.0 Repairs and Maintenance of Lighting Systems on public beaches

Tampering with electric network carries serious safety risks to beach users (burns, shocks, fires and in extreme cases, explosions). The Authority ensures that maintenance and repairs of lighting systems is regularly carried out on public beaches. This will help to ensure the safety and security of all beach users.

16.1 Repair and maintenance of inspection door of lamp post at Flic en Flac public beach



(before)



(after)

16.2 Repair of defective lamp post at Flic en Flac public beach



(before)



(after)

WAY FORWARD

The Authority has demonstrated consistent growth in both community momentum and ground of action over the past years. In order to keep pace with the growing demands of the public, much emphasis is being laid on Clean-Up campaigns and projects for further upgrading, embellishment and maintenance of all public beaches.

In line with its mandate, the 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.



Albion public beach (sunset)

For a cleaner, greener and safer public beaches