

## *Clean-up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign May 2019*

*Terracine public beach*

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## INTRODUCTION

In order to contribute positively to both the society and the country's economy, the Beach Authority is fully involved in several activities and projects pertaining to the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign towards the protection of public beaches around the island.

The aim of the campaign is to create awareness about the pleasure and benefits the public can derive from an unpolluted and pristine beach environment. 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.

Clean-up inspires and works with communities to clean up, embellish and conserve our environment. Looking back over the past years of beach clean-up in Mauritius reveals an inspiring story of community momentum and achievement. The number of volunteers involved in beach clean-up has grown steadily.

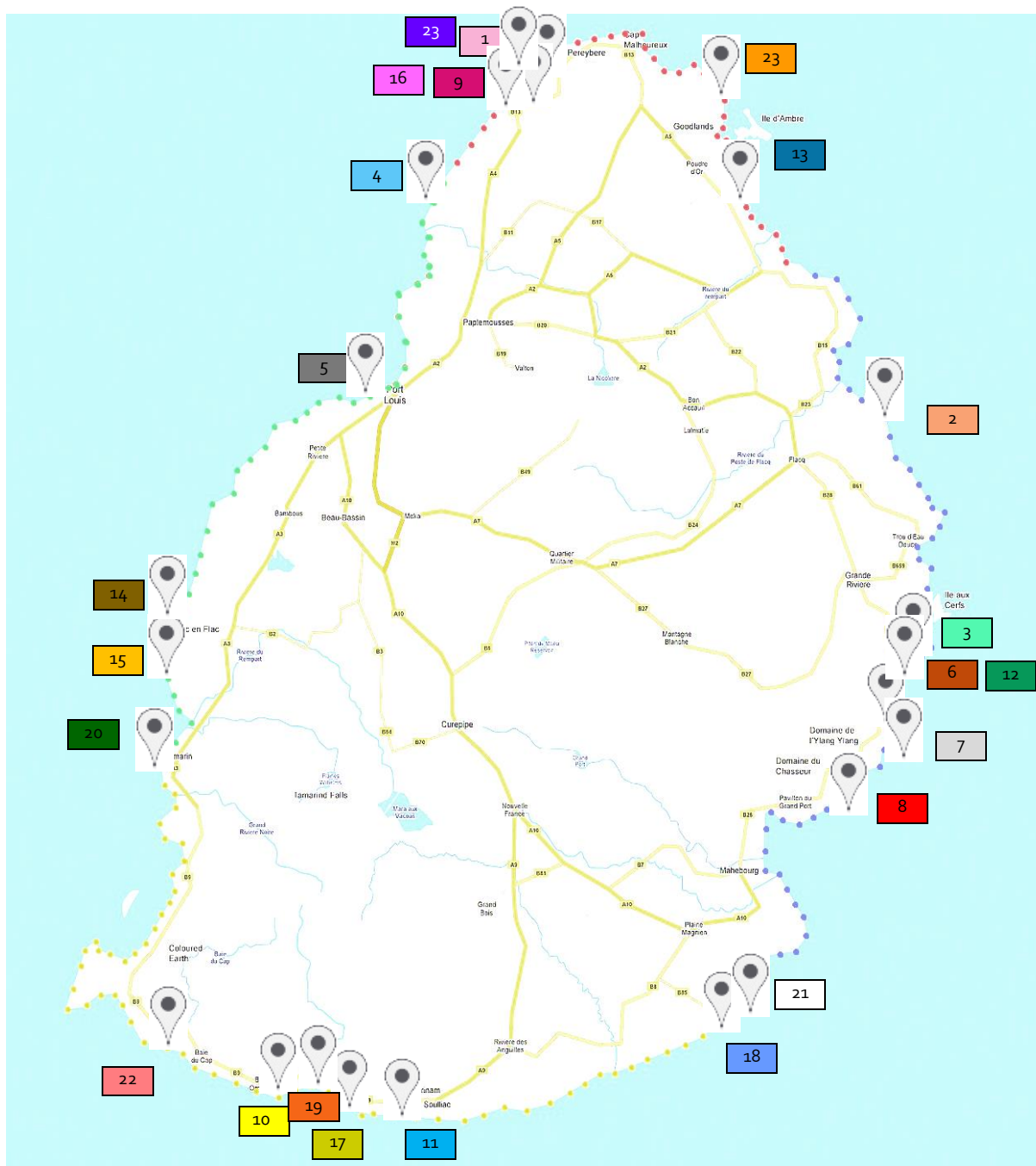
Some of the activities pertaining to upgrading and embellishment of several public beaches carried out during the month of **May 2019**, have been briefly described and illustrated in this document.

### Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Ministry of Youth and Sports
3. National Youth Civic Service of Savanne
4. Aldrex Suppliers Ltd
5. Mahebourg Rotaract Club
6. Scavenging Contractors



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



1	La Cuvette public beach	13	Poudre d'Or public beach
2	Palmaria public beach	14	Flic en Flac public beach
3	Grande Rivière Sud Est public beach	15	Wolmar public beach
4	Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)	16	Mont Choisy public beach
5	Sable Noir public beach	17	Pomponette public beach
6	Bambous Virieux public beach	18	Le Bouchon public beach
7	Pointe du Diable public beach	19	Saint Felix public beach
8	Providence public beach	20	Tamarin public beach
9	Grand Baie public beach	21	La Cambuse public beach
10	Rivière des Galets public beach	22	La Prairie public beach
11	Riambel public beach	23	Pointe aux Cannoniers public beach
12	Quatre Soeurs public beach	24	Belle Mare public beach
		25	Melville public beach

**Activities:**

- i. Clean-up Campaign at Rivière des Galets public beach in collaboration with Ministry of Youth and Sports and National Youth Civic Service of Savanne
- ii. Construction of Toilet Blocks at Flic en Flac public beach (near Ex-Mer de Chine)
- iii. Upgrading of Toilet Blocks on public beaches
- iv. Clean-up Campaign at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery) in collaboration with Staff of Aldrex Suppliers Ltd
- v. Upgrading of Children Playground at Bambous Virieux public beach
- vi. Construction of Parking Area at Pomponette public beach
- vii. Mowing of grass on public beaches
- viii. Clean-up Campaign at Le Bouchon public beach
- ix. Construction of Parking Areas at Wolmar and Palmar public beaches
- x. Pressure Cleaning of Toilet Blocks on public beaches
- xi. Corporate Social Responsibility Project by Laurelton Diamonds Ltd at Pomponette public beach
- xii. Upgrading of Access at Rivière des Galets public beach
- xiii. Other Minor Works carried out on public beaches
- xiv. Maintenance of Dangerous Bathing Panels on public beaches
- xv. Sensitisation Campaign at Belle Mare and Melville public beaches

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## 1.0 Clean-up Campaign at Rivière des Galets public beach in collaboration with Ministry of Youth and Sports and National Youth Civic Service of Savanne

A clean-up campaign was undertaken by the Beach Authority at Rivière des Galets public beach on **3 May, 2019** in collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports and National Youth Civic Service of Savanne with a view to sensitise the public on the importance to maintain our public beaches clean and safe. Plastic bin bags & disposable gloves were also provided by the Beach Authority and arrangements were made with the relevant scavenging contractor for provision of additional manpower and lorry for carting away of all wastes generated during the campaign.

About one hundred and thirty (130) bags of wastes, comprising mainly of plastic bottles, debris and sea wastes were collected and carted away.



*Rivière des Galets public beach before clean-up campaign*



### 1.1 *Cleaning of shoreline at Rivière des Galets public beach*



*Cleaning of shoreline at Rivière des Galets public beach*

### 1.2 *Cleaning of Rivière des Galets public beach*



*Cleaning of Rivière des Galets public beach*



### 1.3 Clean-up campaign at Rivière des Galets public beach



*Rivière des Galets public beach after clean-up campaign*



*Photo souvenir – participants involved in the clean-up campaign at Rivière des Galets public beach*



## 2.0 Construction of Toilet Blocks at Flic en Flac public beach (near Ex-Mer de Chine)

The Authority has embarked on the construction of a new toilet block at Flic en Flac public beach (near ex-Mer de Chine) with a view to provide better facilities to beach users. The works are ongoing and are expected to be completed by **July, 2019**.



*Construction of new toilet blocks at Flic en Flac public beach (near Ex- Mer de Chine)  
Laying of block walls in progress*



*Flic en Flac public beach*



### 3.0 Upgrading of Toilet Blocks on public beaches

Amenities on public beaches are prone to deteriorate due to weather conditions. With a view to offer better facilities to beach users, the Beach Authority has also undertaken a project to upgrade existing toilet blocks on public beaches. The upgrading of toilet blocks at Palmar, Sable Noir and La Cuvette public beaches has been completed in **May, 2019**.



*Upgraded toilet block at Sable Noir public beach*



*Supply & fixing of new  
Water Closet  
at La Cuvette public beach*



*Supply & fixing of new wash basin  
at La Cuvette public beach*

#### 4.0 Clean-up Campaign at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery) in collaboration with Staff of Aldrex Suppliers Ltd

A clean-up campaign was organised at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery) in collaboration with Staff of Aldrex Suppliers Ltd with a view to create awareness amongst the public for a cleaner and greener public beaches. Plastic bin bags & disposable gloves were also provided by the Beach Authority and arrangements were made with the relevant scavenging contractor for provision of additional manpower and lorry for carting away of all wastes generated during the campaign.

About fifty (50) bags of wastes, comprising mainly of plastic bottles & bags, grass and left overs were collected and carted away.

The clean-up campaign comprised of:

- cleaning of beach & shoreline
- mowing of grass
- carting away of waste

#### 4.1 *Cleaning of public beach*



*Cleaning of Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)*



#### 4.2 *Cleaning of shoreline at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)*



*Cleaning of shoreline at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)*

#### 4.3 *Mowing of grass at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)*



*Mowing of grass at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)  
(work in progress)*



#### 4.4 Wastes collection at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)



*Wastes collected at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)*



*Photo souvenir – participants involved in the cleaning campaign at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)*



## 5.0 Upgrading of Children Playground at Bambous Virieux public beach

Amenities on public beaches are likely to deteriorate with time and weather conditions. So as to keep all facilities up to the standard and in good running condition, the Authority has upgraded the existing equipment found at the children's playground of Bambous Virieux public beach.



*Before*



*After*



*Before*



*After*



## 6.0 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 **mid-June, 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



*Works in progress*



## 7.0 Mowing of grass on public beaches

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

### 7.1 Mowing of grass at Pointe du Diable public beach



*Before*



*After*

### 7.2 Mowing of grass at Providence public beach



*Before*



*After*



### 7.3 Mowing of grass at Quatre Soeurs public beach



*Before*



*After*

### 7.4 Mowing of grass Poudre d'Or public beach



*Before*



*After*



## 8.0 Clean-up Campaign at Le Bouchon public beach

A clean-up campaign was organised by the Mahebourg Rotaract Club at Le Bouchon public beach on 18 May, 2019. Cigarette butts were collected which are amongst the major sources of micro waste pollution on public beaches. Plastic bin bags and disposable gloves were provided by the Beach Authority.

**2,425** cigarette butts were collected and were kept under the custody of the Mahebourg Rotaract Club to be handed over to the Triolet Rotaract Club for recycling and to be used for artisanal purposes.



*Collection of cigarette butts at Le Bouchon public beach*



*Counting of cigarette butts by members of Mahebourg Rotaract Club at Le Bouchon public beach*



## 9.0 Construction of Parking Areas at Wolmar and Palmar public beaches

Vehicular access on the beach dynamic zone is one of the causes of beach erosion. Accordingly, with a view to protect and preserve the coastal zone, parking facilities have been provided on public beaches so as to restrict vehicles access up 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**.



*Construction of parking area at Wolmar public beach  
(Works in progress)*



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

### 10.1 *Mont Choisy toilet block*



### 10.2 *Grande Rivière Sud Est toilet block*





### 10.3 Bois des Amourettes toilet block



### 10.4 Palmeraie toilet block





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

Laurelton Diamonds Ltd, through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) scheme, has contributed in the embellishment of the environment of Mauritius by supporting the Beach Authority in upgrading the Pomponette public beach with basic amenities.

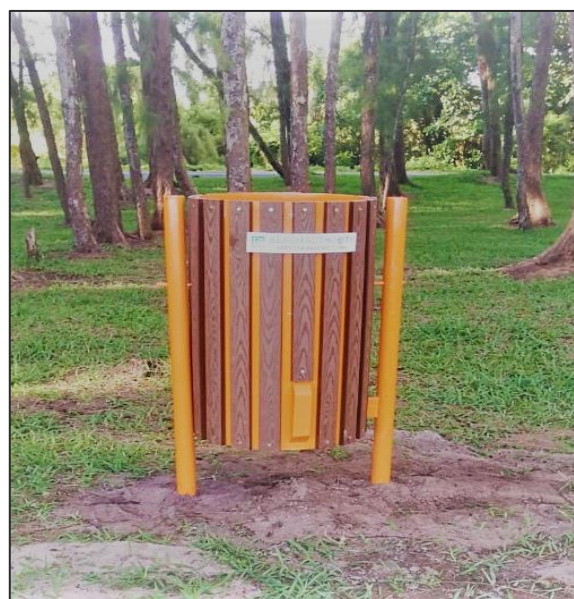
The installation of four (4) picnic tables, eight (8) litter bins and two (2) mini-kiosks have been completed in **May, 2019**.



*Picnic table (with recycle plastics) at Pomponette public beach*



*Mini-kiosk at Pomponette public beach*



*Litter bin at Pomponette public beach*



## 12.0 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 by mid-June, 2019.



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



### 13.0 Other Minor Works carried out on public beaches

Some minor works, amongst others, carried out during the month of **May, 2019** are depicted hereunder:

#### 13.1 Maintenance of coconut trees at Flic en Flac public beach



*Before*



*After*



*Watering of coconut plants at Flic en Flac public beach by a General Worker of the Beach Authority*



### 13.2 Reinstatement of signage at St. Felix public beach



Before



After

### 13.3 Fixing of plastic composite bollards at Flic en Flac public beach to prevent vehicular access and for the safety and security of beach users



Fixing of plastic composite bollards at Flic en Flac public beach  
(Works in progress)



13.4 Fixing of traffic sign and reinstatement of wooden parapet at Flic en Flac public beach



Before



After

13.5 Felling & carting away of dry and dangerous casuarina trees at Flic en Flac public beach



Works in progress



### 13.6 Reinstatement of damaged pine poles at La Cambuse public beach



*Before*



*After*

### 14.0 Maintenance of Dangerous Bathing Panels on public beaches

With a view to sensitise the public about dangerous bathing zones, some eighty seven (87) panels have been placed on public beaches around the island. Nevertheless, such amenities are prone to deteriorate with time and weather conditions. The Authority ensures that maintenance of dangerous bathing panels is regularly carried out on public beaches. This will help to ensure the safety and security of all beach users.

#### 14.1 Painting of dangerous bathing panels at Riambel public beach



*Before*



*After*



## 14.2 Painting of dangerous bathing panels at Riambel public beach



Before



After

## 14.3 Reinstatement of dangerous bathing panel at La Prairie public beach



Before



After

## 14.4 Painting of dangerous bathing panel at Pointe aux Cannoniers public beach



Before



After



### 15.0 Sensitisation Campaign at Belle Mare and Melville public beaches

A sensitisation campaign was carried out by the Beach Authority at Belle Mare and Melville public beaches on **26 May, 2019** with a view to create awareness amongst the public for a cleaner and greener public beaches. Plastic bin bags were distributed to beach users.



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



### 15.1 Sensitisation Campaign at Melville public beach



*Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users at Melville public beach*



## WAY FORWARD

The Beach Authority has embarked on sensitisation campaigns aiming at creating awareness among the public at large on beach environmental issues, fostering a sense of responsibility as well as a greater motivation and commitment towards the protection of the environment and our beaches.

Our main actions aim at upgrading, embellishing, protecting the environment and preventing environmental beach degradation. To sensitise the public about the **do's** and **don'ts** pertaining to promote good practices and conservation and protection of our beaches, plastic bin bags are distributed to beach users on a regular basis.

Moreover, to shape our younger generation to be more responsible regarding the importance of safety and cleanliness of our beaches, flyers will be distributed in schools.

The Beach Authority also aims at sensitising beach users and the public about environmental issues and thus engaging in unison to create an enjoyable place for one and all.



*Bain Boeuf public beach*