



# BEACH AUTHORITY



Le Bouchon public beach

## **CLEAN-UP MAURITIUS AND EMBELLISHMENT CAMPAIGN**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Beach Authority has upheld its objectives and is consistent with its mandate to ensure 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, in the context of the World Environment Day 2019, several activities were organised on public beaches in collaboration with stakeholders. This year, the focus for World Environment Day 2019 is on Air Pollution which calls upon governments, the private sector, Non-Governmental Organisations, local communities and individuals to come together to explore renewable energy and green technology opportunities to improve air quality in every region of the world.

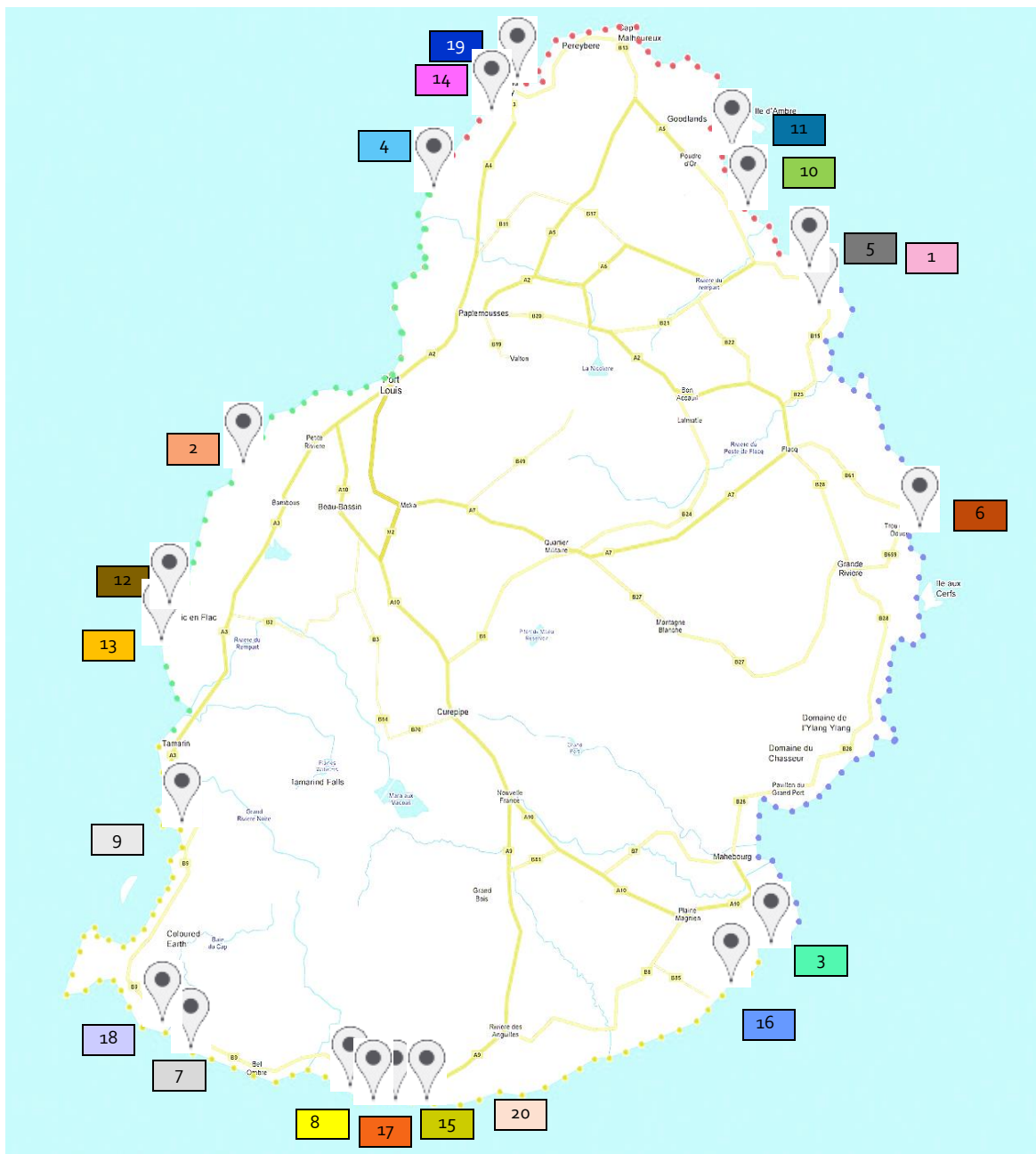
The celebration of this day provides us with an opportunity to broaden the basis for an enlightened opinion and responsible conduct by individuals, enterprises and communities in preserving and enhancing the environment.

This document gives a brief description of the activities carried out by the Beach Authority during the month of **June, 2019**, regarding celebration of World Environment Day & World Ocean Day and, upgrading and embellishment of several public beaches.

### Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development
3. Ministry of Tourism
4. Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands (Fisheries Division)
5. Mauritius Police Force
6. Tourism Authority
7. District Council of Flacq
8. District Council of Black River
9. District Council of Grand Port
10. Mauritius Girl Guides Association
11. Le Défi Vert
12. Laurelton Diamonds Ltd
13. Scavenging Contractors

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



1	Bras d'Eau public beach	11	Poudre d'Or public beach
2	Albion public beach	12	Flic en Flac public beach
3	Blue Bay public beach	13	Wolmar public beach
4	Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Cemetery)	14	Mont Choisy public beach
5	Roches Noires public beach	15	Pomponette public beach
6	Trou d'Eau Douce public beach	16	Le Bouchon public beach
7	Baie du Cap public beach	17	Saint Felix public beach
8	Rivière des Galets public beach	18	La Prairie public beach
9	La Preneuse public beach	19	Pointe aux Cannoniers public beach
10	Von Moltke public beach	20	Riambel public beach

**Activities:**

- i. Change of Address
- ii. Celebration of World Environment Day at Bras d'Eau public beach
- iii. Construction of Sub Office at Saint Felix public beach
- iv. Clean-up Campaign at La Prairie public beach in collaboration with Mauritius Girl Guides Association
- v. Clean-up Campaign at Albion public beach
- vi. Construction of Toilet Blocks at Flic en Flac public beach (near Ex-Mer de Chine)
- vii. Celebration of World Environment Day at Blue Bay public beach
- viii. Mowing of grass on public beaches
- ix. World Environment Day – Tree Plantation Campaign at Le Bouchon public beach
- x. Construction of Parking Areas at Wolmar and Palmar public beaches
- xi. Pressure Cleaning of Toilet Blocks on public beaches
- xii. Upgrading of Access at Rivière des Galets public beach
- xiii. Other Minor Works carried out on public beaches
- xiv. Corporate Social Responsibility Project by Laurelton Diamonds Ltd at Pomponette public beach
- xv. Infrastructural Development at Riambel public beach
- xvi. Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign
- xvii. Celebration of World Ocean Day at Von Moltke public beach in collaboration with Educators and Students from Universal College

*Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur*

*General Manager*

*Beach Authority*

*June 2019*

## 1.0 Change of Address

The **Head Office** of the **Beach Authority** has now moved to:

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*Ebène Heights Building, Ebène*

## 2.0 Celebration of World Environment Day at Bras d'Eau public beach

To commemorate the celebration of the World Environment Day (WED) 2019, a tree plantation campaign was organised by the Mauritius Police Force (Eastern Division) in collaboration with the Beach Authority on **7 June, 2019** at Bras d'Eau public beach. Several stakeholders namely the Police Band, National Coast Guard, Special Mobile Force, Fire & Rescue Service, Constance Prince Maurice, Radisson Blu Poste Lafayette Resort & Spa, Poste de Flacq Roman Catholic Aided School and Rajiv Gandhi, Poste de Flacq, Rajcoomar Gajadhur Government Schools participated in the event.

This year, the focus for WED 2019 is on "Air Pollution" which calls upon governments, the private sector, Non-Governmental Organisations, local communities and individuals to come together to explore renewable energy and green technology opportunities to improve air quality in every region of the world.

The ceremony was held in the presence of Hon. R. Dayal (Member of Parliament), Mr. R. Sowambar - Chairman of the Beach Authority, Mr. V. Hurdoyal - Chairman of District Council of Flacq, Mr. P. Purmassur - Superintendent of Police and members of Poste de Flacq Elderly Group. The function was graced by musical performances.



*Photo souvenir – participants & stakeholders involved in the celebration of World Environment Day 2019 at Bras d'Eau public beach*



*Address by Hon. Raj Jayeshwur DAYAL (Member of Parliament) in the presence of Mr. Roshan Singh SOWAMBAR (Chairman of Beach Authority), Mr. P. Purmassur (Superintendent of Police) and other stakeholders*



*Tree plantation by Mr. R. SOWAMBAR (Chairman of Beach Authority) in the presence of Hon. J. DAYAL (Member of Parliament), Mr. P. Purmassur (Superintendent of Police), Mr. V. Hurdoyal (Chairman District Council of Flacq) and members of the press*



*Tree plantation by Mr. P. Purmassur (Superintendent of Police), in the presence of Hon. J. DAYAL (Member of Parliament), Mr. R. SOWAMBAR (Chairman of Beach Authority), Mr. V. Hurdoyal (Chairman District Council of Flacq) and members of the press*



*World Environmental Day celebration at Bras d'Eau public beach (Tree plantation)*





*Tree plantation by Officers of the Beach Authority and primary school students at Bras d'Eau public beach*



*Musical performance by Police Band at Bras d'Eau public beach*



*Musical performance by Police Band (Special Mobile Force) at Bras d'Eau public beach*



*Musical performance by members of Poste de Flacq Elderly Group at Bras d'Eau public beach*

### 3.0 Construction of Sub Office at Saint Felix public beach

In quest for excellence and with a view to cope with the continuous changing environment, to enhance the quality of our beaches as well as to ensure a good service delivery, three sub offices have already been set up in the three geographical zones around the island namely Pereybère (North), Belle Mare (East) and Flic en Flac (West) public beaches and are fully operational. A fourth sub office is presently under construction at Saint Felix (South) public beach and works are expected to be completed by **August, 2019**.



*Construction of new sub office at Saint Felix public beach  
(Strip footing works ongoing)*

*The Beach Authority cleans and embellishes*

*... and having finished...*

*... moves on....*

*... and there is NO END*

#### 4.0 Clean-up Campaign at La Prairie public beach in collaboration with Mauritius Girl Guides Association

A clean-up campaign was undertaken by the Mauritius Girl Guides Association at La Prairie public beach on **23 June, 2019** in collaboration with the Beach Authority with a view to sensitise the public on the importance of maintaining our public beaches clean and safe. The United Nation Environment, National Coast Guard, District Council of Black River and We-Recycle also participated in the campaign. The General Manager of the Beach Authority, Dr. D. Bissessur, was the guest of honour on that day.

Plastic bin bags were provided by the Authority.



*Welcome address by Mrs. J. Li (President of Mauritius Girl Guides Association) in the presence of Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority and guest of honour), Mrs. P. Allet-Eleonore (Chief Commissioner, Mauritius Girl Guides Association), Mrs. A. Poonyth-Seeworam (representative of UN Environment), Captain Manu (Commandant National Coast Guard) and other stakeholders*



*Address by Dr. Dhuneeroy BISSESSUR (General Manager of the Beach Authority and guest of honour)*



*Beach Authority banner placed at La Prairie public beach in the context of World Environmental Day 2019*

*From left to right – Mr. R. Nundoo, Mr. V. Jeetun, Mr. Y. Ramlochun, Mr. V. Sumessur, Mr. R. Gowreea, Mr. A. Beeputh, Mr. S. Gangodin, Mr. M. Bohorun and Mr. J. Mamode*

4.1 *Cleaning of La Prairie public beach*



*Personnel of Beach Authority & National Coast Guard ready for cleaning of La Prairie public beach*



*Cleaning of La Prairie public beach by members of Mauritius Girl Guides Association*

## 5.0 Clean-up Campaign at Albion public beach

A clean-up campaign was organised by the Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with several stakeholders (namely Beach Authority, Tourism Authority, Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands (Fisheries Division), Ministry of Environment Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development, Mauritius Police Force, District Council of Black River, Club Med – Albion, Association des Hoteliers and Restaurants de Ile Maurice – AHRIM, Village Council of Albion, Pleasure Craft Operators of Albion, Mauritius Scuba Diving Association and Fishermen of the locality, amongst others) on **15 June, 2019** at Albion public beach.

The following personalities were present:

- Hon. A. K. Gayan, Minister of Tourism
- Hon A. Aliphon, Parliament Private Secretary (PPS) responsible for constituency number 14

The clean-up campaign comprised of:

- cleaning of shoreline (from Fish Landing Station to National Coast Guard - Albion)
- cleaning of lagoon
- planting of endemic trees

Plastic bin bags were distributed to all participants by Officers of the Beach Authority with a view to create awareness amongst the public for cleaner and greener public beaches. Arrangements were made with relevant scavenging contractor for provision of additional manpower and lorry for carting away of all wastes generated during the campaign.

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



*Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users by Hon. A. Aliphon Parliament Private Secretary (PPS) responsible for constituency number 14 and representatives from Ministry of Tourism and Beach Authority*

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



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



5.3 *Cleaning of shoreline at Albion public beach from Fish Landing Station to National Coast Guard*



*Cleaning of shoreline at Albion public beach by Personnel of Mauritius Fire & Rescue Service*

5.4 *Cleaning of lagoon at Albion public beach*



*Divers of National Coast Guard, Scuba Diving Association & Mauritius Fire and Rescue Service mobilised for cleaning of lagoon at Albion public beach*

5.5 *Planting of endemic trees at Albion public beach*



*Planting of endemic tree by Hon. A. Aliphon Parliament Private Secretary (PPS) responsible for constituency number 14 in the presence of Hon. A. K. Gayan, Minister of Tourism, other stakeholders and members of the press*

5.6 *Wastes collection at Albion public beach*



*Wastes collected at Albion public beach*

## 6.0 Construction of Toilet Block 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 manholes  
(Works in progress)*



*Construction of three window cills  
(Works in progress)*

**7.0 Celebration of World Environment Day at Blue Bay public beach**

To mark the celebration of World Environment Day 2019, the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment and Sustainable Development organised various activities, including free guided tours for the general public in glass bottom boats at Blue Bay Marine Park on **23 June, 2019** in collaboration with the Beach Authority. The Ministry of Health and Quality of Life and pleasure craft operators of Blue Bay Marine Park also participated in the event.

Sensitisation campaign was also carried out by the Beach Authority at Blue Bay public beach with a view to create awareness about the pleasure and benefits the public can derive from an unpolluted and pristine beach environment. Plastic bin bags and flyers were distributed to beach users.



*Beach Authority banner placed at Blue Bay public beach in the context of celebration of World Environment Day 2019*

**7.1 Free guided tours to Blue Bay Marine Park**



*Officer of the Beach Authority guiding visitors to pleasure crafts for embarkation to Blue Bay Marine Park*

7.2 Sensitisation Campaign at Blue Bay public beach



*Distribution of plastic bin bags to beach users*

**8.0 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.

**8.1 Mowing of grass at Pointe aux Cannoniers (The Vale) public beach**



*Before*



*After*

**8.2 Mowing of grass at Pointe aux Piments (near Cemetry) public beach**



*Before*



*After*

8.3 *Mowing of grass at Roches Noires public beach*



*Before*



*After*

8.4 *Mowing of grass at P. G. Petite Case Noyale public beach*



*Before*



*After*

**9.0 World Environment Day – Tree Plantation Campaign at Le Bouchon public beach**

A tree plantation campaign was organised by the Beach Authority in collaboration with several stakeholders namely District Council of Grand Port, Le Défi Vert, Radio Plus, Omnicane Ltd, Polytol Paints Ltd and Mahebourg Espoir Education Centre on **13 June, 2019** at Le Bouchon public beach in the context of the celebration of World Environment Day (WED).

Forty six (46) endemic trees were planted with a view to increase the sink for carbon sequestration, embellish Le Bouchon public beach as well as to sensitise youngsters on a cleaner, greener and safer public beaches. Plastic bin bags and disposable gloves were provided by the Beach Authority, flyers were also distributed to all stakeholders present with a view to sensitise the general public about keeping our beaches clean and safe.

**9.1 Planting of endemic trees by members of Mahebourg Espoir Education Centre**



*Planting of endemic trees at Le Bouchon public beach by members of Mahebourg Espoir Education Centre*



**10.0 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 vehicular 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)*



*Construction of parking area at Wolmar public beach -  
Fixing of traffic signs (Works in progress)*

## 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 block and its relevant amenities. Pressure cleanings were carried out, amongst others, at the following toilet blocks during the month of **June, 2019**:

### 11.1 *Mont Choisy toilet block*



*Pressure cleaning inside toilet blocks at Mont Choisy public beach*



*Pressure cleaning around the open shower at Mont Choisy public beach*

11.2 *Trou d'Eau Douce toilet block*



*Pressure cleaning at Trou d'Eau Douce public beach*

11.3 *Flic en Flac toilet block*



*Pressure cleaning at Flic en Flac 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 early **July, 2019**.



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



*Rivière des Galets public beach*

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

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

**13.1 Painting of bench at La Preneuse public beach**



Before



After

**13.2 Fixing of signage at Poudre d'Or public beach**



Before



After

**13.3 Construction of concrete platform for water tank at La Prairie public beach**



Works in progress

13.4 *Removal of damaged benches on public beaches*



*Baie du Cap public beach  
(Before)*



*Baie du Cap public beach  
(After)*



*Saint Felix public beach  
(Before)*



*Saint Felix public beach  
(After)*

13.5 *Repair of damaged bin cover at Saint Felix public beach*



*(Before)*



*(After)*

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

The Beach Authority has embarked on a programme to seek the assistance of stakeholders to embellish public beaches. In this context, 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.



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



*Mini-kiosk and litter bin at Pomponette public beach*

## 15.0 Infrastructural Development at Riambel public beach

In light with its mandate to embellish public beaches in Mauritius, the Beach Authority has embarked on infrastructural development projects on public beaches. After Bel Ombre and Petit Sable public beaches, infrastructural development works are being carried out at Riambel public beach. The works are expected to be completed by **August, 2019**.

The project consists of:

- construction of a new toilet block
- construction of a parking area for 25 vehicles
- fixing of composite plastic bollards in the perimeter of the parking area and along the coastal road to prevent vehicular access to the beach
- landscaping works



*Fixing of kerbs at the main entrance of parking area at Riambel public beach  
(Works in progress)*



*Foundation works for construction of new toilet blocks  
at Riambel public beach  
(Works in progress)*



## 16.0 Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign

As announced in the Budget Speech 2019/2020 by the Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Development, a Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign will be carried out from **12-14 July, 2019** with a view to arouse awareness and to showcase the beauty of the island.

The action plan of the Beach Authority in the context of the Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign consists of:

- cleaning of beach
- cleaning of lagoon
- tree plantation
- sensitisation campaign through distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers

The activities will be carried out on the following public beaches in collaboration with several stakeholders, namely, Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands (Fisheries Division), Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security (Forestry Division), Mauritius Police Force (National Coast Guard, Special Mobile Force and Groupe d'Intervention de la Police Mauricienne), Local Authorities, Village Councils, Rotary Clubs, Hotel Groups, Non-Governmental Organisations, Pleasure Craft Operators, Diving Associations, relevant Scavenging Contractors, amongst others:

S.N	Date	Public beach
a.	12 July, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Grand Baie public beach</li> <li>➤ Pereybère public beach</li> <li>➤ Mont Choisy public beach</li> </ul>
b.	13 July, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Flic en Flac public beach</li> </ul>
c.	14 July, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Blue Bay public beach</li> <li>➤ Belle Mare public beach</li> </ul>

*For a cleaner, greener and safer public beaches*

## 17.0 Celebration of World Ocean Day at Von Moltke public beach in collaboration with Educators and Students from Universal College

To mark the World Ocean Day 2019, a clean-up campaign was organised on **7 June, 2019** at Von Moltke public beach and its surroundings in collaboration with Universal College and the Beach Authority with a view to create awareness amongst the public for a cleaner and greener public beaches.

Plastic bin bags and disposable gloves were provided by the Beach Authority. Arrangements were also made with the relevant scavenging contractor for carting away of all wastes collected during the campaign.

About forty seven (47) bags of wastes, comprising mainly of plastic bottles and bags as well as left overs were collected and carted away.



*Cleaning of shoreline at Von Moltke public beach by students of Universal College*



*Photo souvenir – participants in the clean-up campaign at Von Moltke public beach in the context of celebration of World Ocean Day*

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## WAY FORWARD

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

The Beach Authority has left no stone unturned in order to create awareness about the pleasure and benefits that the public can derive from an unpolluted and pristine beach environment.

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.

We have achieved a lot in such a short time, however, there is still a long way to go.



*Belle Mare public beach*



*Coconut tree planted in 2015 at Belle Mare Public Beach has started to blossom.*