



# **BEACH AUTHORITY**

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

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*Pereybère public beach*

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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.

Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign was carried out on six public beaches from **12 to 14 July, 2019** in the context of "Moris Nou zoli pei".

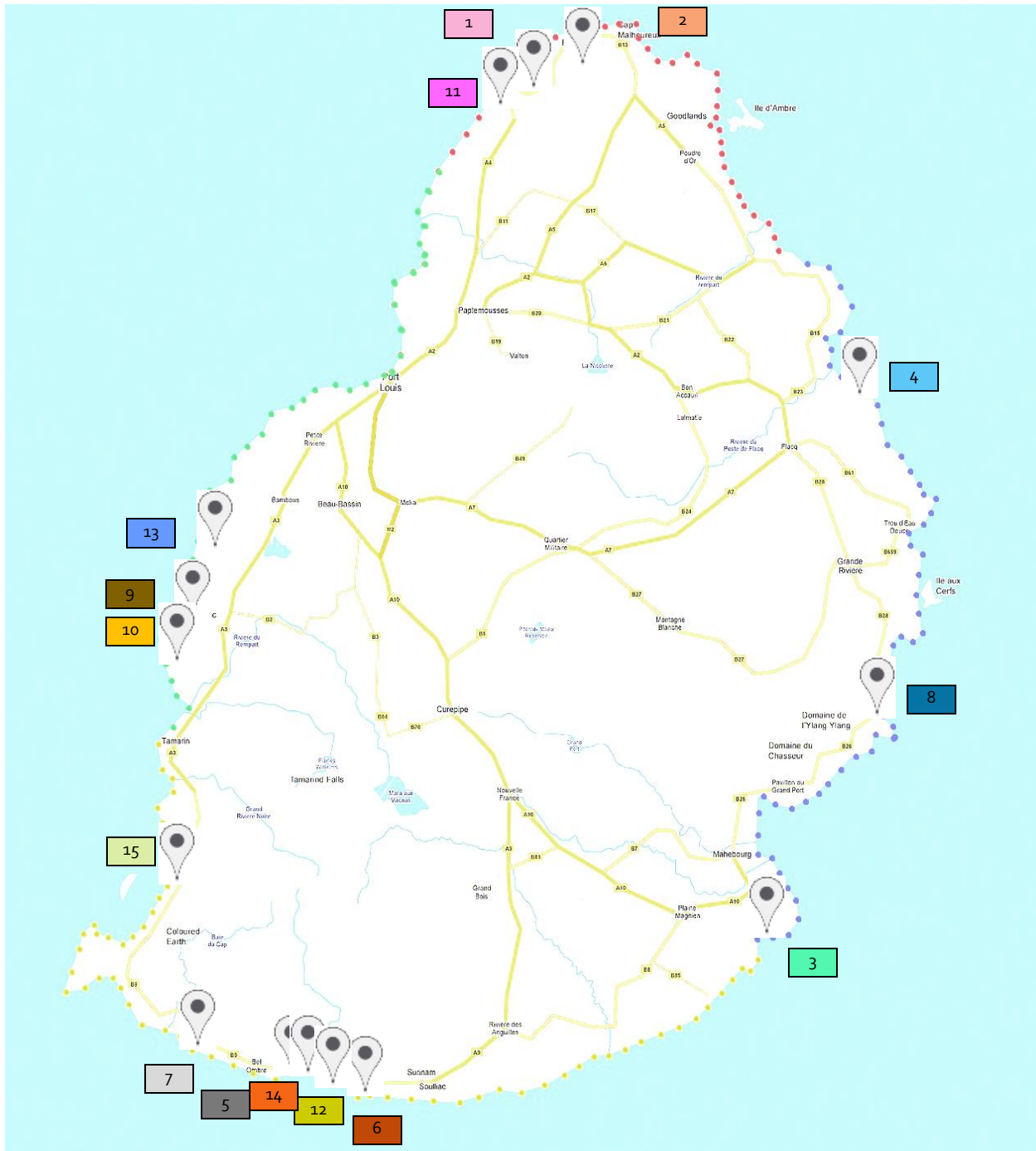
The clean-up campaign aims at not only partnering with stakeholders and local residents to clean-up public beaches but also to sensitise beach users as to the necessity of maintaining a clean and safe public beach.

This document gives a brief description of the activities carried out by the Beach Authority during the month of **July 2019**, including Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign, upgrading and embellishment of several public beaches.

### Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands (Fisheries Division)
3. Ministry of Agro Industry and Food Security (Forestry Division)
4. Mauritius Police Force (National Coast Guard, Special Mobile Force and Groupe d'Intervention de la Police Mauricienne)
5. Local Authorities
6. Village Councils
7. Rotary Clubs
8. Hotel Groups
9. Non Governmental Organisations
10. Pleasure Craft Operators
11. Diving Associations
12. Laurelton Diamonds Ltd
13. Scavenging Contractors

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



1	Grand Baie public beach	8	Petit Sable public beach
2	Pereybère public beach	9	Flic en Flac public beach
3	Blue Bay public beach	10	Wolmar public beach
4	Belle Mare public beach	11	Mont Choisy public beach
5	Rivière des Galets public beach	12	Pomponette public beach
6	Riambel public beach	13	P. G. Anna public beach
7	Baie du Cap public beach	14	Saint Felix public beach
		15	Case Noyale public beach

**Activities:**

- i. Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign
- ii. Construction of Sub Office at Saint Felix public beach
- iii. Construction of Parking Areas at Wolmar and Palmar public beaches
- iv. Construction of Toilet Block at Flic en Flac public beach (near Ex-Mer de Chine)
- v. Upgrading of Access at Rivière des Galets public beach
- vi. Infrastructural Development Works at Riambel public beach
- vii. Corporate Social Responsibility Project by Laurelton Diamonds Ltd at Pomponette public beach
- viii. Other Minor Works carried out on public beaches

*Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur*

*General Manager*

*Beach Authority*

*July 2019*

## 1.0 Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign

As announced in the Budget Speech 2019/2020 by the Hon. Prime Minister, Minister of Home Affairs, External Communications and National Development Unit, Minister of Finance and Economic Development, Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign was carried out from **12 to 14 July, 2019** with a view to arouse awareness and to showcase the beauty of the island “Moris Nou zoli pei”.

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

- cleaning of beaches
- cleaning of lagoons
- tree plantation
- sensitisation campaign through distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers

The activities were 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*

1.1 *Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign at Grand Baie public beach on 12 July, 2019*

- Cleaning of Grand Baie public beach



*Cleaning of Grand Baie public beach*

➤ Cleaning of lagoon at Grand Baie public beach



*Cleaning of lagoon by Divers of National Coast Guard at Grand Baie public beach*



*Divers of National Coast Guard in collaboration with Staff of the Beach Authority and other stakeholders at Grand Baie public beach*

➤ Tree plantation at Grand Baie public beach



*Tree plantation by Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) at Grand Baie public beach*



*Watering of plants by the representatives of "Force Vives" and Police Department at Grand Baie public beach in the presence of Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) and Staff of the Beach Authority*



- Sensitisation campaign through distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Grand Baie public beach



*Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users at Grand Baie public beach*



*Stakeholders and participants of Mega Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign at Grand Baie public beach together with Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority)*

1.2 *Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign at Pereybère public beach on 12 July, 2019*

- Cleaning of Pereybère public beach



*Cleaning of Pereybère public beach*

➤ Cleaning of lagoon at Pereybère public beach



*Cleaning of lagoon by Divers of National Coast Guard at Pereybère public beach*

➤ Tree plantation at Pereybère public beach



*Tree plantation and watering of plant by Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) in the presence of Staff of the Beach Authority at Pereybère public beach*

- Sensitisation campaign through distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Pereybère public beach



*Distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users at Pereybère public beach*

### 1.3 *Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign at Mont Choisy public beach on 12 July, 2019*



*Stakeholders and participants of Mega Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign at Mont Choisy public beach together with Hon. S. Ramkaun (Parliamentary Private Secretary responsible for constituencies number 5, 6 and 7) and Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority)*



*Address by Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) in the presence of Hon. S. Ramkaun (Parliamentary Private Secretary responsible for constituencies number 5, 6 and 7), Mr. A. Beeputh (Senior Beach Enforcement Officer of the Beach Authority) and Mr. J. Mamode (Beach Enforcement Officer, Officer in Charge of Pereybère sub office) at Mont Choisy public beach*

➤ Cleaning of Mont Choisy public beach – mowing of grass



*Mowing of grass at Mont Choisy public beach*

➤ Cleaning of lagoon at Mont Choisy public beach



*Divers of Atlentis Diving Centre and National Coast Guard mobilised for cleaning of lagoon at Mont Choisy public beach*



*Cleaning of lagoon by Divers of National Coast Guard at Mont Choisy public beach*



➤ Tree plantation at Mont Choisy public beach



*Tree plantation by Hon. S. Ramkaun (Parliamentary Private Secretary responsible for constituencies number 5, 6 and 7) in the presence of Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) at Mont Choisy public beach*



*Watering of plant by Mrs. M. Khodabocus (Ag. Accounting Technician of the Beach Authority) in the presence of Staff of the Beach Authority at Mont Choisy public beach*

- Sensitisation campaign through distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Mont Choisy public beach



*Staff of the Beach Authority ready for distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers to beach users at Mont Choisy public beach*



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



*Mont Choisy public beach after Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign*

*The Beach Authority cleans and embellishes*

*... and having finished...*

*... moves on....*

*... and there is NO END*

1.4 *Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign at Flic en Flac public beach on 13 July, 2019*



*Address by Mr. R. Sowambar (Chairman of the Beach Authority) in the presence of Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) and Staff of the Beach Authority at Flic en Flac public beach*



*Address by Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) in the presence of Mr. R. Sowambar (Chairman of the Beach Authority) and Staff of the Beach Authority at Flic en Flac public beach*

➤ Cleaning of Flic en Flac public beach



*Personnel of Atics Ltd mobilised for cleaning of Flic en Flac public beach*



*Cleaning of Flic en Flac public beach by Personnel of Atics Ltd*

➤ Cleaning of lagoon at Flic en Flac public beach



*Cleaning of lagoon by Personnel of  
Groupe d'Intervention de la Police Mauricienne  
at Flic en Flac public beach*

➤ Tree plantation at Flic en Flac public beach



*Tree plantation by Mr. R. Sowambar (Chairman of the Beach Authority) in the presence of Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) and other stakeholders at Flic en Flac public beach*



*Tree plantation at Flic en Flac public beach in the presence of Mr. R. Sowambar (Chairman of the Beach Authority), Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority), Mr. O. Gobin (Project Officer of the Beach Authority), Mr. A. Beeputh (Senior Beach Enforcement Officer of the Beach Authority) and other stakeholders*

- Sensitisation campaign through distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Flic en Flac public beach



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



*Participants of Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign at Flic en Flac public beach on 13 July, 2019 together with Mr. R. Sowambar (Chairman of the Beach Authority), Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) and other stakeholders*



1.5 *Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign at Blue Bay public beach on 14 July, 2019*



*Address by Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) in the presence of Mr. O. Gobin (Project Officer of the Beach Authority), Mr. A. Nellacootee (General Manager of Le Peninsula Bay Beach Resort & Spa) and Staff of the Beach Authority at Blue Bay public beach*



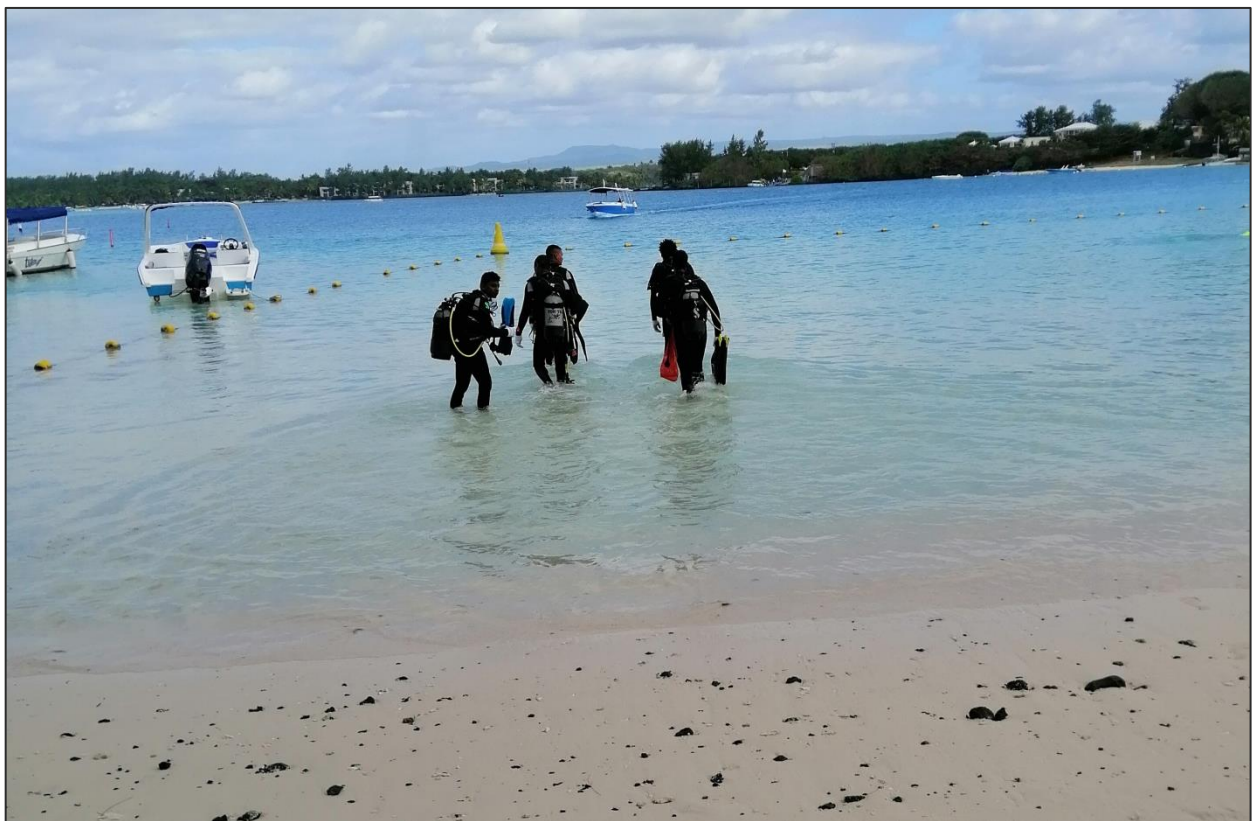
*Presence of Hon. A. Gayan (Minister of Tourism), Hon. M. S. Hurreeram (Chief Whip), Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority), Staff of the Beach Authority and other stakeholders at Blue Bay public beach in the context of Mega Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign*

➤ Cleaning of Blue Bay public beach



*Pressure cleaning of toilet block at Blue Bay public beach  
in the context of Mega Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign*

➤ Cleaning of lagoon at Blue Bay public beach



*Cleaning of lagoon by Personnel of National Coast Guard and Diving Associations at Blue Bay public beach*

➤ Tree plantation at Blue Bay public beach



*Tree plantation at Blue Bay public beach by Hon. A. Gayan (Minister of Tourism) in the presence of Hon. M. S. Hurreeram (Chief Whip), Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority), Mr. N. Domah (Chairman District Council of Grand Port) and other stakeholders*



*Watering of plant at Blue Bay public beach by Hon. M. S. Hurreeram (Chief Whip)*



*Tree plantation by beach users at Blue Bay public beach*

- Sensitisation campaign through distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Blue Bay public beach



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



*Wastes collected at Blue Bay public beach together with Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority), Staff of the Beach Authority and other stakeholders*



*Participants of Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign at Blue Bay public beach on 14 July, 2019 together with Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) and other stakeholders*

1.6 *Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign at Belle Mare public beach on 14 July, 2019*



*Address by Mr. R. Sowambar (Chairman of the Beach Authority) in the presence of Mr. R. Geerwar (Beach Enforcement Officer, Officer in Charge of Belle Mare sub office) and Staff of the Beach Authority at Belle Mare public beach*



*Presence of Hon. P. Roopun (Minister of Arts and Culture), Hon. R. Rampertab (Parliamentary Private Secretary responsible for constituency number 9), Hon. R. Dayal (Member of Parliament), Mr. R. Sowambar (Chairman of the Beach Authority), Staff of the Beach Authority and other stakeholders at Belle Mare public beach in the context of Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign*

➤ Cleaning of Belle Mare public beach



*Cleaning of Belle Mare public beach*



*Belle Mare public beach after Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign*



➤ Cleaning of lagoon at Belle Mare public beach



*Divers from Groupe d'Intervention de la Police Mauricienne and Diving Associations at Belle Mare public beach*



*Wastes collected from cleaning of lagoon at Belle Mare public beach together with Hon. R. Rampertab (Parliamentary Private Secretary responsible for constituency number 9), Hon. R. Dayal (Member of Parliament), Mr. R. Sowambar (Chairman of the Beach Authority), Staff of the Beach Authority, Divers from Groupe d'Intervention de la Police Mauricienne and other stakeholders*

➤ Tree plantation at Belle Mare public beach



*Tree plantation at Belle Mare public beach by Hon. P. Roopun (Minister of Arts and Culture) and other stakeholders*



*Tree plantation at Belle Mare public beach by Hon. R. Dayal (Member of Parliament) and other stakeholders*



*Tree plantation at Belle Mare public beach by Mr. R. Sowambar (Chairman of the Beach Authority) and Staff of the Beach Authority*

- Sensitisation campaign through distribution of plastic bin bags and flyers at Belle Mare public beach



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



*Wastes collected at Belle Mare public beach together with Staff of the Beach Authority*



*Participants and stakeholders of Mega National Cleaning and Embellishment Campaign at Belle Mare public beach on 14 July, 2019*

## 2.0 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  
(laying of blocks and casting of columns ongoing)*

### 3.0 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 construction of parking area at Wolmar public beach has been completed on **09 July, 2019** and construction of parking area at Palmar public beach is expected to be completed by **mid-August, 2019**.



*Wolmar parking area with traffic signs and crushed corals*



*Provision of plastic composite poles and kerbs for parking area at Wolmar public beach*



*Provision of evergreen blocks at the entrance of parking area at Wolmar public beach*

**4.0 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 **August, 2019**.



*Wooden roof truss – construction in progress  
Fixing of anodised roller shutters*



*Laying of wall tiles  
Work in progress*



*Fixing of manhole cover  
Work completed*

## 5.0 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 has been upgraded to facilitate movements of beach users. The works have been completed on **03 July, 2019**.



*Before*



*After*



## 6.0 Infrastructural Development Works at Riambel public beach

In line with its mandate to embellish public beaches in Mauritius, the Beach Authority has embarked on infrastructural development projects on several 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



*Construction of new toilet block at Riambel public beach  
Laying of blocks - work in progress*



*Levelling and compacting of parking area at Riambel public beach  
Work in progress*

## 7.0 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. A handing over ceremony was held at Pomponette public beach on **5 July, 2019**. Twenty five (25) endemic trees were planted with a view to increase the sink for carbon sequestration, embellish Pomponette public beach as well as to sensitise the public for cleaner, greener and safer public beaches.



*Welcome address by Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) in the presence of Mr. S. Rungasamy (Plant Director of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd), Mrs. V. Malié (Human Resource Manager of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd), Mr. R. Gowreea (Technical Officer, Officer in Charge of St. Felix sub office) and Staff of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd at Pomponette public beach*



*Address by Mr. S. Rungasamy (Plant Director of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd) in the presence of Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority), Mrs. V. Malié (Human Resource Manager of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd), and Staff of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd at Pomponette public beach*



*Vote of thanks by Mr. R. Gowreea (Technical Officer, Officer in Charge of St. Felix sub office) in the presence of Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority), Mr. S. Rungasamy (Plant Director of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd) and Staff of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd at Pomponette public beach*

➤ Amenities placed at Pomponette public beach

Two (2) mini-kiosks, four (4) picnic tables and eight (8) litter bins and have been funded by Laurelton Diamonds Ltd through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) project .



*Mini kiosk with treated pine poles benches at Pomponette public beach*



*Litter bin at Pomponette public beach*



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

➤ Tree plantation at Pomponette public beach



*Tree plantation at Pomponette public beach by  
Dr. D. Bissessur  
(General Manager of the Beach Authority)*



*Tree plantation at Pomponette public beach by  
Mr. S. Rungasamy (Plant Director of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd)  
in the presence of Dr. D. Bissessur  
(General Manager of the Beach Authority) and Staff of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd*

➤ Commemorative plate



*Commemorative plate at Pomponette public beach*



*Commemorative plate at Pomponette public beach,  
 Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority),  
 Mr. S. Rungasamy (Plant Director of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd),  
 Mrs. V. Malié (Human Resource Manager of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd),  
 Mr. R. Gowreea (Technical Officer, Officer in Charge of St. Felix sub office)  
 and Staff of Laurelton Diamonds Ltd*



*Dr. D. Bissessur (General Manager of the Beach Authority) and other stakeholders at Pomponette public beach*

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

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

#### 8.1 *Upgrading works at Flic en Flac public beach*



*Planting of palm trees at Flic en Flac public beach*

8.1 *Upgrading works at Flic en Flac public beach*

➤ *Painting of wooden parapet*



*Before*



*After*

➤ *Painting of cubicle*



*Before*



*After*

➤ *Painting of toilet doors and openings*



*Before*



*After*



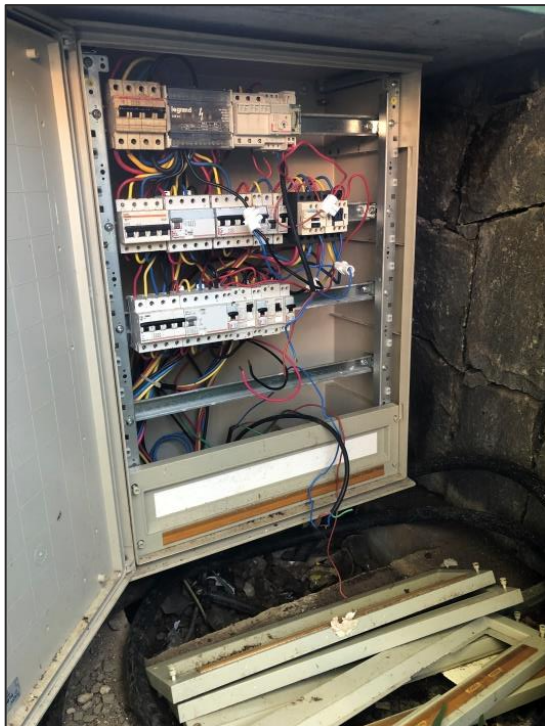
*Presence of corals on the beach*



*Collecting and burying of corals  
Work in progress*



8.2 *Vandalism at Petit Sable public beach  
Repair of cubicle and replacement of electrical breakers*



*Before*



*After*

8.3 *Damaged parapet wall at P. G. Anna public beach*



*Replacement of damaged parapet wall at P. G. Anna public beach  
Work in progress*

8.4 *Fixing of flag pole at Flic en Flac sub office*



8.5 *Placing of wooden parapet at Case Noyale public beach*



8.6 Reinstatement of signage at Baie du Cap public beach



Before



After



Before



After

8.7 *Relocation of CEB meter at Mont Choisy public beach to avoid tampering by public*



*Laying of electric cables for relocation of CEB meter at Mont Choisy public beach*



*Relocated CEB meter at Mont Choisy public beach*

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## 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.



*Blue Bay public beach*