



# BEACH AUTHORITY



La Cambuse public beach

## CLEAN-UP MAURITIUS AND EMBELLISHMENT CAMPAIGN

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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, the promise matchless relaxing possibilities and are the incarnations of paradise to beach users.

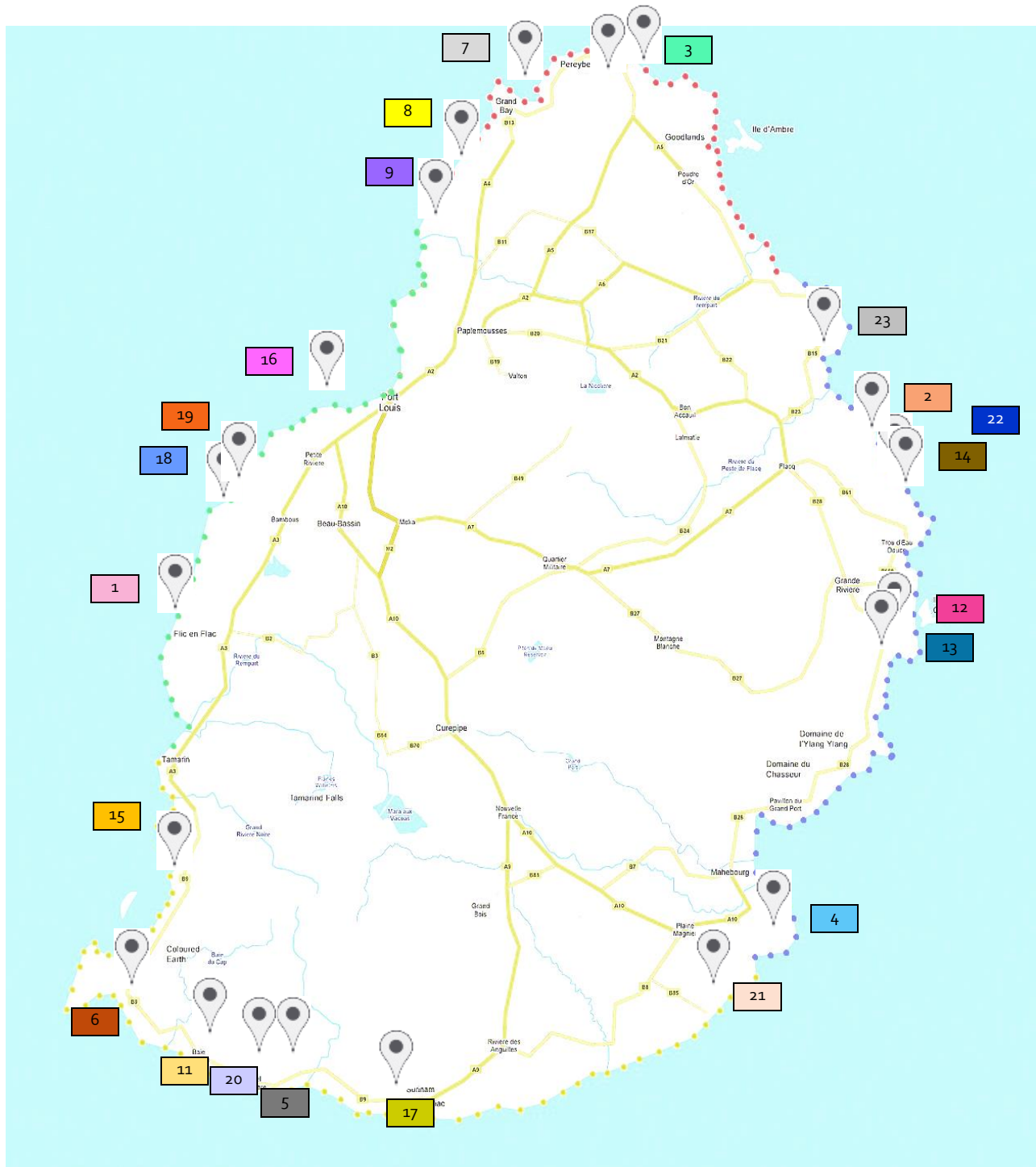
Our zeal is to provide better facilities and amenities on all proclaimed public beaches in Mauritius.

This document gives a brief description of all the activities carried out by the Beach Authority during the month of **February 2020** including Action Plan for Cleaning of Beaches and Lagoons as well as Embellishment of public beaches and, upgrading and embellishment carried out on our public beaches.

### Participants:

1. Beach Authority
2. Police Department:
  - National Coast Guard
  - Groupe d'Intervention Police Mauricienne)
3. Non-Governmental Organisation:
  - Lagon Blue Diving School of Blue Bay
  - Scout de Bel Ombre
4. Scavenging Contractors

Public beaches where activities were carried out during the month of February 2020:



1	Flic en Flac public beach	9	Pointe aux Piments public beach	17	Riambel public beach
2	Belle Mare public beach	10	La Cuvette public beach	18	Wolmar public beach
3	Pereybère public beach	11	P. G. Melville public beach	19	P. G. Anna public beach
4	Blue Bay public beach	12	Rivière des Galets public beach	20	Rivière des Galets public beach
5	Saint Felix public beach	13	Quatre Soeurs public beach	21	Tamarin public beach
6	Le Morne public beach	14	Palmar public beach	22	Petit Sable public beach
7	Grand Baie public beach	15	P. G. Petite Case Noyale public beach	23	Providence public beach
8	Grand Gaube public beach	16	Poste Lafayette public beach	24	Poudre d'Or public beach



**Activities:**

- 1.0 Implementation of Action Plan for Cleaning of Beaches (including lagoons) and Embellishment of public beaches**
- 2.0 Implementation of projects under Financial Year 2018/2019 (ongoing)**
  - 2.1 Construction of a new Sub Office at Saint Felix public beach
  - 2.2 Infrastructural Development Works at Riambel public beach
- 3.0 Implementation of projects under Financial Year 2019/2020**
  - 3.1 Upgrading of parking areas at Pereybère and Grand Baie public beaches
  - 3.2 Construction of open showers on public beaches
- 4.0 Minor Works carried out on public beaches**
  - 4.1 Minor Works carried out at the level of Pereybère Sub Office in the Northern Region (from Baie du Tombeau to Von Moltke public beaches)
  - 4.2 Minor Works carried out at the level of Belle Mare Sub Office in the Eastern Region (from Roches Noires to Rivière des Créoles public beaches)
  - 4.3 Minor Works carried out at the level of Flic en Flac Sub Office in the Western Region (from Grand River North West - Sable Noir to P. G. Petite Case Noyale public beaches)
- 5.0 Events held on public beaches**
  - 5.1 Clean-up Campaign at Rivière des Galets public beach
- 6.0 Meetings attended by Officers of the Beach Authority**

*Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur*  
*General Manager*  
*Beach Authority*

*February 2020*

## 1.0 Implementation of Action Plan for Cleaning of Beaches (including lagoons) and Embellishment of public beaches

The following activities as per the Action Plan were carried out during the month of February, 2020 at the level of the Sub Offices of the Authority:

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

The activities were carried out at Blue Bay public beach in collaboration with several stakeholders.

### 1.1 Cleaning of lagoon and embellishment campaign at Blue Bay public beach held on 28 February, 2020:

#### ➤ Cleaning of public beach



*Cleaning of public beach by volunteers from Lagon Blue Diving School of Blue Bay*

#### ➤ Cleaning of lagoon



*Cleaning of lagoon by volunteers from Lagon Blue Diving School of Blue Bay and personnel of National Coast Guard and Groupe d'Intervention Police Mauricienne*



➤ *Waste collected*



*Waste collected (approximate 60 kg) from cleaning of lagoon at Blue Bay public beach together with Members from Lagon Blue Diving School and Staff from Beach Authority*

➤ *Stakeholders present for cleaning of lagoon at Blue Bay public beach*



*Personnel of National Coast Guard and Beach Authority*



*Divers from Groupe d'Intervention Police Mauricienne and Staff from Beach Authority*



*Carting away of waste by Scavenging Contractor*



➤ *Tree plantation at Blue Bay public beach*



*Tree Plantation by volunteers from Lagon Blue Diving School of Blue Bay and Staff of Beach Authority*

➤ *Sensitisation Campaign*



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



*Blue Bay public beach*

**2.0 Implementation of projects under Financial Year 2018/2019 (ongoing)**

**2.1 Construction of a new Sub Office at Saint Felix public beach**

In the context of the decentralisation of its activities, a fourth sub office is presently under construction at Saint Felix (South) public beach as from June, 2019. Following the termination of the contract agreement, the works consisting of installation of openings and fixing of roller shutter, levelling of part area, installation of septic tank and construction of leaching field, laying of tiles and fixing of kitchen sink, installation of hand wash basin and associated plumbing works, laying of floor tiles and fixing of skirting, laying of wall tiles and water closet, installation, testing and commissioning of electrical appliances are presently being carried out in house by a team of Handy Workers and General Workers of the Authority since 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 and the Sub Office is now operational as from 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

- Installation of openings and fixing of roller shutter



*Installation of openings and fixing of roller shutter – work completed*

- Levelling of part area



*Before*



*During*



*After*



2.1 Construction of a new Sub Office at Saint Felix public beach (continued)

- Installation of septic tank and construction of leaching field



Before



After

- Laying of tiles and fixing of kitchen sink



Before



After

- Installation of beta fence and landscaping works



Before



After

- Fixing of hand wash basin and associated plumbing works



Before



After

**2.1 Construction of a new Sub Office at Saint Felix public beach (continued)**

- Laying of floor tiles and fixing of skirting



*Work in progress*



*After*

- Laying of wall tiles and water closet



*Before*



*After*

- Installation, testing and commissioning of electrical appliances



*Work in progress*



*After*



**2.2 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 as from May, 2019 at Riambel public beach. The works are ongoing and are expected to be completed by **March, 2020.**

The project consists of:

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

*Construction of parking area - Before*



*After*



*Construction of new toilet block - Before*



*Work in progress*





### 3.0 Implementation of projects under Financial Year 2019/2020

#### 3.1 Upgrading of parking areas at Pereybère and Grand Baie public beaches

Vehicular access on the beach dynamic zone is one of the causes contributing to beach erosion. Accordingly, with a view to preserve the coastal zone, parking areas and accesses to public beaches are being upgraded to facilitate vehicular access as well as to restrict movement of vehicles to the beach frontage. Works relating to upgrading of parking areas at Pereybère and Grand Baie public beaches started on 08 January, 2020 and have been completed on **12 February, 2020**.

##### 3.1.1 *Pereybère public beach*

*Before*

*After*

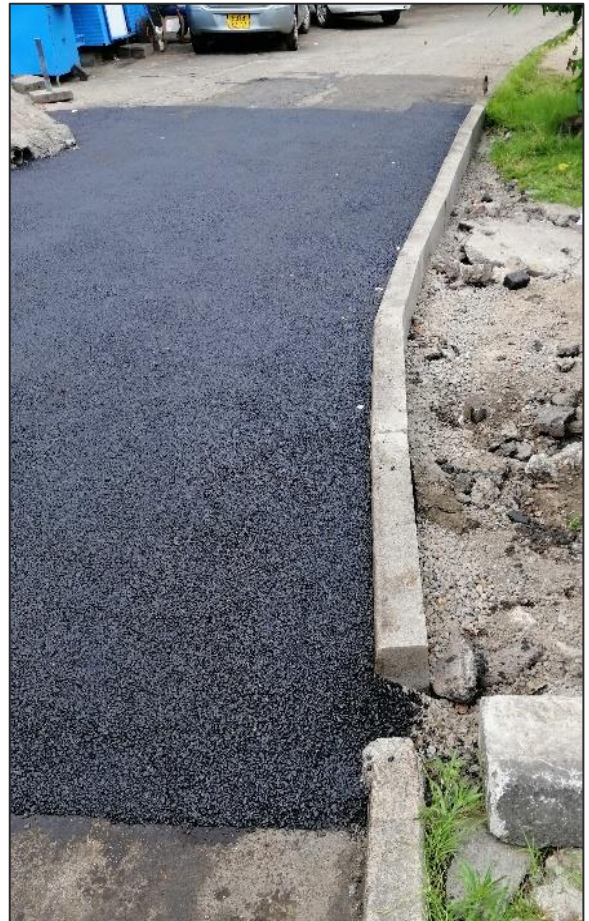




3.1.2 Grand Baie public beach

Before

After





### 3.2 Construction of open showers on public beaches

The most widespread activities on the public beaches refer to leisure and recreation. With a view to satisfy the increasing demand of the beach users, the Authority has embarked on the implementation of a project relating to the construction of open showers on public beaches. The works are ongoing and are expected to be completed by **mid-March, 2020** (at Flic en Flac public beach) and **mid-April, 2020** (at Belle Mare public beach).

#### 3.2.1 Flic en Flac public beach



#### 3.2.2 Belle Mare public beach



*Before*



*Work in progress*



**4.0 Minor Works carried out on public beaches**

The activities of the Beach Authority have been decentralised so as to ensure an effective service delivery through the setting up of four Sub Offices in the four geographical zones around the island namely Pereybère (North), St. Felix (South), Belle Mare (East) and Flic en Flac (West) public beaches. Various minor works are thus carried out in house (such as repairs and maintenance, mowing of grass, painting and landscaping, amongst others) on a region wise basis by a team of Handy Workers and General Workers posted at the Sub Offices.

**4.1 Minor Works carried out at the level of Pereybère Sub Office in the Northern Region (from Baie du Tombeau to Von Moltke public beaches)**

- Painting of changing room at La Cuvette public beach

*Before*

*After*



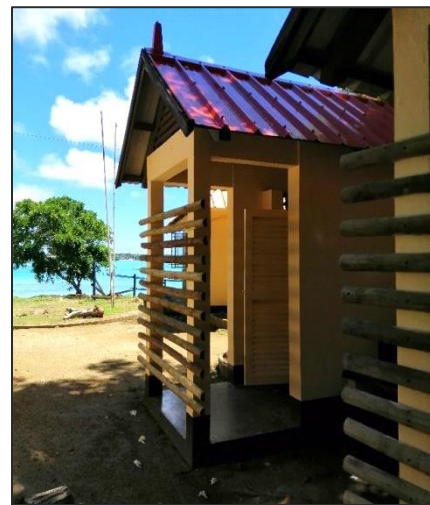


➤ Painting of changing room at La Cuvette public beach (continued)

*Before*



*After*



➤ Mowing of grass on public beaches

*Pointe aux Piments (opposite Aquarium) -  
Before*



*After*





➤ Mowing of grass on public beaches (continued)

*Grand Gaube - Before*



*After*



➤ Painting of toilet blocks on public beaches

*P. G. Melville - Before*

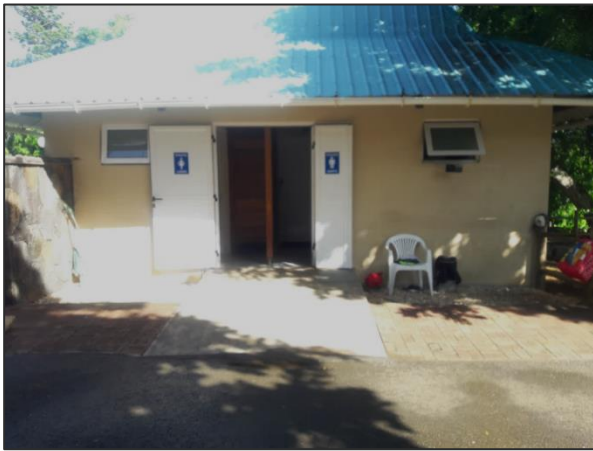


*After*



➤ Painting of toilet blocks on public beaches (continued)

*Poudre d'Or - Before*



*After*



*The Beach Authority cleans and embellishes*

*... and having finished...*

*... moves on....*

*... and there is NO END*



4.2 Minor Works carried out at the level of Belle Mare Sub Office in the Eastern Region (from Roches Noires to Rivière des Créoles public beaches)

- Painting of pine poles at Belle Mare public beach

*Before*



*After*



- Mowing of grass on public beaches

*Rivière des Créoles - Before*



*After*



*Quatre Soeurs - Before*



*After*





➤ Mowing of grass on public beaches (continued)

*Petit Sable - Before*

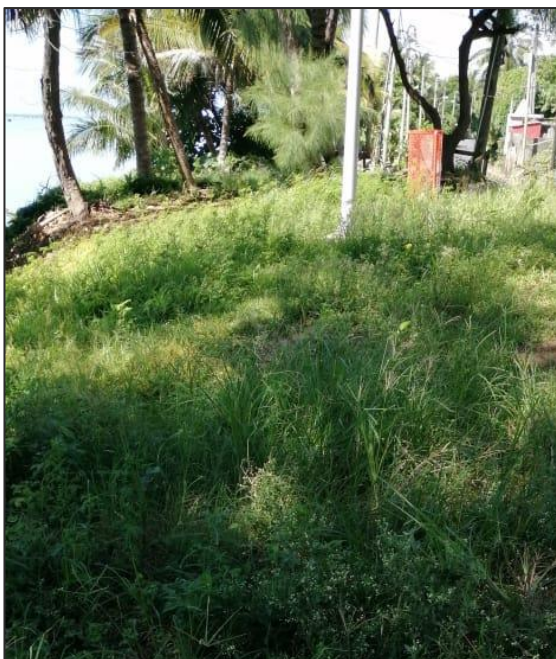


*After*



*Providence - Before*

*After*





➤ Mowing of grass on public beaches (continued)

*Belle Mare  
(near Residence Thalassa Hotel) - Before*



*After*



➤ Pressure Cleaning of toilet blocks on public beaches



*Toilet block at Belle Mare public beach*



*Toilet block at Palmar public beach*

➤ Demolition of old toilet block at Poste Lafayette public beach



*Before*



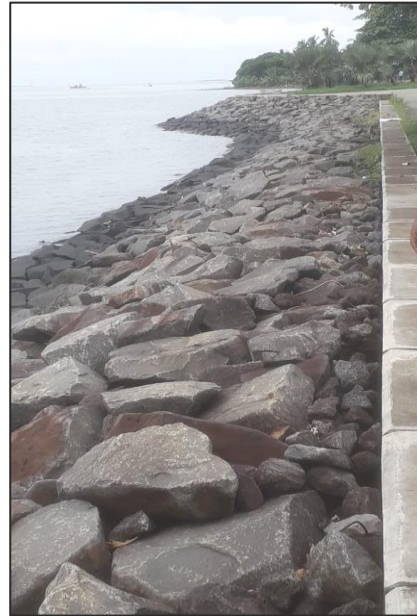
*After*



- Cleaning of rock revetment at Quatre Soeurs public beach by General Workers and Handy Workers of Beach Authority in collaboration with General Workers from Tourism Authority



*Before*



*After*

4.3 Minor Works carried out at the level of Flic en Flac Sub Office in the Western Region (from Grand River North West - Sable Noir to P. G. Petite Case Noyale public beaches)

- Mowing of grass on public beaches

*P. G. Petite Case Noyale - Before*



*After*





➤ Pressure Cleaning of toilet blocks on public beaches



*Toilet block at Flic en Flac public beach*



*Toilet block at Wolmar public beach*



*Toilet block at P. G. Anna public beach*



*Toilet block at Le Morne public beach*



*Toilet block at Tamarin public beach*



## 5.0 Events held on public beaches

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

A clean-up campaign was undertaken by the Beach Authority in collaboration with members of Scout de Bel Ombre at Rivière des Galets public beach on **29 February, 2020** with a view to sensitise the public on the importance to maintain our public beaches clean and safe. Plastic bin bags were provided by the Beach Authority.

➤ *Cleaning of public beach*



*Cleaning of public beach by members of Scout de Bel Ombre*

➤ *Tree plantation at Rivière des Galets public beach*



*Tree plantation by members of Scout de Bel Ombre*



➤ *Tree plantation at Rivière des Galets public beach (continued)*



*Tree plantation at Rivière des Galets public beach*



*Waste collected together with members of Scout de Bel Ombre and Staff of Beach Authority*



## 6.0 Meetings attended by Officers of the Beach Authority

### ➤ Meetings held at the Head Office/Sub Offices

S.N	Date	Name and Grade(s) of Officer(s) concerned	Subject/Purpose	Outcome of Meeting
1	11 February, 2020 (Belle Mare Sub Office)	Mr. A. Beeputh, Senior Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Belle Mare Sub Office Mr. H. Ramlochun, Beach Works Inspector Mr. S. Gangodin, Beach Works Inspector	Training and induction of Beach Traders	Beach Traders were sensitised on terms and conditions of their Beach Trader Licences
2	17 February, 2020 (Head Office)	All Officer in Charge of Sub Offices	Cleaning of public beaches	Tourism Authority will provide workers for cleaning (removal of bushes and shrubs) on public beaches not occupied by Field Services Unit
3	25 February, 2020 (Head Office)	Dr. D. Bissessur, General Manager with Head of Administrative, Finance, Human Resource and Procurement Sections	Exit meeting with Auditors	Discussion about draft management letter
4	27 February, 2020 (Head Office)	Dr. D. Bissessur, General Manager Mr. L. Chaytoo, Administrative Manager	2 <sup>nd</sup> (2020) Board Meeting	Follow up on Board decisions taken

### ➤ Other Meetings at Ministries/Departments and on public beaches

S.N	Date and place of meeting	Name and Grade(s) of Officer(s)	Subject/Purpose	Outcome of Meeting
1	04 February, 2020 (Baie Jacotet)	Mr. K. Megha, Beach Enforcement Officer	Reconstruction of Ste Marie bridge at Baie Jacotet	Tree plantation to be carried out on 29 February, 2020
2	06 February, 2020 (Police Head Quarters)	Mr. J. Mamode, Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Pereybère Sub Office)	Safe City Project	Awaiting specifications from CEB as regards to the depth of trechning works to be carried on public beaches i.c.w safe city cameras



S.N	Date and place of meeting	Name and Grade(s) of Officer(s)	Subject/Purpose	Outcome of Meeting
3	03 February, 2020 (Blue Bay public beach)	Mr. K. Megha, Beach Enforcement Officer	Proposal from Ministry of Youth and Sports for placing of an arena at Blue Bay public beach	Representatives of Ministry of Youth and Sports requested to submit relevant documents for examination by the Beach Authority
4	03 February, 2020 (Blue Bay and La Cambuse public beaches)	Mr. K. Megha, Beach Enforcement Officer	Pre-handing over exercise with representatives of Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change (Solid Waste Management Division)	Status of all amenities and facilities at Blue Bay and La Cambuse public beaches were noted
5	5 February, 2020 (Tourism Authority)	Mr. Y. Jhurry, Beach Works Inspector	Greening of all boat operators	Working group on lagoon pollution
6	10 February, 2020 (Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change)	Mr. A. Beeputh, Senior Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Belle Mare Sub Office	Bid Evaluation Committee - Replacement of casuarina trees within the beach dynamic zone of Flic en Flac public beach	Evaluation of bids received
7	13 February, 2020 (Prime Minister Office)	Mr. A. Beeputh, Senior Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Belle Mare Sub Office	Working Group on New Economic Activities at the Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones Administration and Exploration	Further consultation with promoter on the proposed project
8	14 February, 2020 (Ministry of Tourism)	Dr. D. Bissessur, General Manager Mr. L. Chaytoo, Administrative Manager, Mr. L. Appadu, Senior Beach Works Inspector Mr. A. Beeputh, Senior Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Belle Mare Sub Office	Cleaning of beaches	Tourism Authority will provide resources for the cleaning of proclaimed beaches (prioritisation) which are not being cleaned and maintained by Field Services Unit



S.N	Date and place of meeting	Name and Grade(s) of Officer(s)	Subject/Purpose	Outcome of Meeting
9	14 February, 2020 (Tourism Authority)	Mr. M. Bohorun, Beach Enforcement Officer	Request for embarkation point for signboard at Sunset Boulevard	Request cannot be acceded to
10	17 February, 2020 (Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change)	Mr. A. Beeputh, Senior Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Belle Mare Sub Office	'Les Assises de l'Environnement'	Follow up committee
11	17 February, 2020 (Le Goulet public beach)	Mr. Y. Jhurry, Beach Works Inspector	Plan of work for cable at Le Goulet public beach	Discussions about programme of work
12	18 February, 2020 (Ministry of Tourism)	Mr. J. Mamode, Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Pereybère Sub Office	15 <sup>th</sup> Coordination Committee on sea-based tourism projects	Discussions about proposal received from promoters for sea-based tourism projects
13	18 February, 2020 (Bras d'Eau public beach)	Mr. S. Gangodin, Beach Enforcement Officer	Proposal for relocation of existing toilet block at Bras d'Eau public beach	Views and comments to be submitted by all stakeholders
14	18 February, 2020 (National Heritage Fund)	Mr. K. Beezadhur, Beach Works Inspector	Heritage sites falling in Souillac Heritage Trail	Forth coming Souillac Heritage Trail where Telfair public beach will be used as a meeting point
15	18 February, 2020 (Quatre Soeurs public beach)	Mr. V. Jeetun, Beach Works Inspector	Deployment of labour from Tourism Authority	Day to day cleaning of Quatre Soeurs public beach
16	19 February, 2020 (Tourism Authority)	Mr. A. Beeputh, Senior Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Belle Mare Sub Office	Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment for Embarkation Point	Further consultation will be followed with the Consultant
17	24 February, 2020 (Ministry of Tourism)	Dr. D. Bissessur, General Manager Mr. L. Chaytoo, Administrative Manager Mr. A. Beeputh, Senior Beach Works Inspector and Officer in Charge of Belle Mare Sub Office	Cleaning of beaches	Scavenging Contracts for cleaning of public beaches and toilet blocks will be managed by the Solid Waste Management Division till June, 2020. Advice will be sought from the State Law Office by the Parent Ministry as regards to transfer of existing scavenging contracts from Solid Waste Management Division to Ministry of Tourism



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18	25 February, 2020 (Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change)	Mr. Y. Ramlochun, Beach Works Inspector	Environmental Impact Assessment Report for the proposed coastal protection works at Bois des Amourettes	Proposal for coastal protection works same as Quatre Soeurs public beach
19	25 February, 2020 (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Regional Integration and International Trade)	Ms. B. Nundoosing, Beach Works Inspector	OIC-AFD Project 'Increasing resilience in the Indian Ocean coastal ecosystem'	Planning of site visit to be carried out at Flic en Flac public beach
20	25 February, 2020 (La Pointe Cassis Le Morne Village public beach)	Mr. K. Megha, Beach Enforcement Officer	Survey on dry/dangerous trees at La Pointe Cassis Le Morne Village public beach	Representatives of Ministry of Agro-Industry and Food Security (Forestry Services) took note that some one hundred (100) trees need to be felled
21	26 February, 2020 (Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change)	Mr. A. Beeputh, Senior Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Belle Mare Sub Office	Bid Evaluation Committee - Replacement of casuarina trees within the beach dynamic zone of Le Morne public beach	Evaluation of bids received
22	26 February, 2020 (Grand Baie – near Restaurant Le Capitaine)	Mr. R. Nundoo, Beach Works Inspector	Coastal protection and landscaping works at Grand Baie – Restaurant Le Capitaine	Clearance awaited from other stakeholders
23	26 February, 2020 (Riambel public beach)	Mr. R. Gowreea, Technical Officer and Officer in Charge of St. Felix public beach Mr. K. Beezadhur, Beach Works Inspector	Infrastructural development works at Riambel public beach	Contractor instructed to make good all defects pointed out prior to request for handing over exercise
24	26 February, 2020 (Pointe aux Piments public beach – near Fish Landing Station)	Mr. Y. Jhurry, Beach Works Inspector	Wooden structure placed by Villas Mon Plaisir	Representative of Villas Mon Plaisir requested to remove the wooden structure already placed
25	27 February, 2020 (Ministry of Environment, Solid Waste Management and Climate Change)	Mr. A. Beeputh, Senior Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Belle Mare Sub Office	Bid Evaluation Committee - Replacement of casuarina trees within the beach dynamic zone of Le Morne public beach	Evaluation of bids received

S.N	Date and place of meeting	Name and Grade(s) of Officer(s)	Subject/Purpose	Outcome of Meeting
26	27 February, 2020 (Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Oberoi Hotel))	Mr. J. Mamode, Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Pereybère Sub Office	Provision for toilet block and upgrading works at Pointe aux Piments public beach (near Oberoi Hotel)	Discussion about Implementation of project for provision of toilet block and upgrading works with representatives of Ministry of Housing and Lands and hotel promoter. Representatives of Oberoi Hotel requested to submit any amendment to the said proposal
27	27 February, 2020 (Mont Choisy public beach)	Mr. J. Mamode, Beach Enforcement Officer and Officer in Charge of Pereybère Sub Office	Authorisation to use Mont Choisy public beach for fun day	Site visit carried out with all stakeholders. Committee informed that authorisation has already been granted for the fun day



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## WAY FORWARD

The activities related to the Action Plan for cleaning of beaches (including lagoons) and embellishment of public beaches are ongoing and the Beach Authority is fully involved in this laudable initiative.

Moreover, in line with its mandate, the Beach Authority is doing its utmost effort to uplift all proclaimed public beaches in Mauritius with facilities such as toilet blocks, fireplaces, lighting facilities, picnic tables, kiosks and bins for the benefit and comfort of the beach users.



*Gris Gris public beach*

*For cleaner, greener and safer public beaches*