INTRODUCTION

The Beach Authority was created under the Beach Authority Act 2002. Its mandate is to manage all proclaimed public beaches in Mauritius and Rodrigues islands. There are 126 proclaimed public beaches in Mauritius and 12 in Rodrigues making a total of 138 proclaimed public beaches under the jurisdiction of the Beach Authority. The main objectives and projects of the Beach Authority aim at improving the safety and comfort of the Mauritian public and the tourists at the public beaches.

The month of September 2017 was marked by several activities and projects carried out in connection with the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign 2017. The cooperation of several stakeholders including National Coast Guard, Mauritius Police Force, Ministries, NGOs and civilian population were sought.

Participants:
1. Beach Authority
2. Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development
3. European Union
4. National Coast Guard
5. Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping
6. Rotary Club of Grand Baie
7. Eco Green Power Co Ltd
8. Employees Welfare Fund
Map showing activities carried out on different public beaches during the period of 01 September to 30 September, 2017.
Activities:

i. Signing of MoU between Beach Authority, Employees Welfare Fund and District Council of Savanne for creation of a recreational park at St. Felix public beach.

ii. Agreement between Beach Authority and Rotary Club of Grand Baie for installation of Eco-bins on public beaches.

iii. Clean Up, Embellishment and Sensitisation Campaign at Mont Choisy public beach in collaboration with European Union.

iv. New toilet blocks, parking lots, retaining wall and a drainage system at Petit Sable public beach.

v. Upgrading of parking area at Grand Baie public beach.

vi. Construction of new toilet blocks at Pointe aux Piments public beach.

vii. New sub-office at Flic en Flac public beach.

viii. New water tanks at La Preneuse and La Cuvette public beaches.

ix. Construction of new toilet blocks at Melville public beach.

x. Enclosure of parking areas with plastic bollards at Wolmar and Grand Baie public beaches.

xi. Upgrading of existing toilet blocks at Trou d’Eau Douce public beach.

xii. Upgrading of Pointe des Lascars public beach.

xiii. Upgrading of Belle Mare public beach in collaboration with Mauritius Prison Service.

Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur  
General Manager  
Beach Authority
1.0 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION IN COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS

The collaboration of different stakeholders was sought by the Beach Authority to meet the objective of “keeping our environment cleaner, greener and safer.” In this respect, during the month of September 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed among Beach Authority, Employees Welfare Fund and District Council of Savanne for the creation of a recreational park at St Felix public beach. Furthermore, an agreement was signed between Beach Authority and Rotary Club of Grand Baie for the installation of eco-bins on several public beaches in the north. Another praiseworthy activity was organised by the European Union delegates in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development and the Beach Authority for the cleaning and embellishment of Mont Choisy public beach where an eco-bin was also launched on a pilot basis.

1.1 Recreational Park at St Felix public beach

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed among the Employees Welfare Fund (EWF), the Beach Authority (BA) and the District Council of Savanne (DCS) on the 31st August, 2017. The stakeholders agreed to set up a health track and additional recreational facilities at the St. Felix public beach. A sum of MUR 5M has been earmarked by the EWF for the project. This venture will surely be beneficial to the inhabitants of the vicinity namely Chemin Grenier, Chamouny, Rivière des Galets and Surinam amongst others.
Signing of MoU among stakeholders at the seat of Employees Welfare Fund.

The Chairman of BA, The General Manager of BA, The Chairman of EWF, The General Manager of EWF, The Chairman of DCS and The Chief Executive of DCS (from left to right)

The purpose of the MoU is to sign an agreement among the EWF, the BA and the DCS in order to successfully launch, implement, and ensure the efficient running, security and proper maintenance of the facilities to be set up at St Felix public beach. The MoU defines the responsibilities and sets forth the guidelines under which all parties concerned will have to abide by, so as to accomplish a common objective by ensuring the sustainability of the project. The construction of the Recreational Park started in September 2017 and is expected to be completed by November 2017.
Project components:

Construction of Footbridge

Construction of Pétanque Court and Jogging Track
1.2 Installation of Eco-bins on public beaches in the north

On 13th September 2017, an agreement was signed between the Beach Authority (BA) and the Rotary Club of Grand Baie (RCGB) at the seat of the Authority. The Beach Authority has given its approval for Eco Bins to be installed on the following public beaches:

- One at Trou aux Biches
- Three at Mont Choisy
- Two at Grand Baie
- Two at Pereybere

It was agreed that the supplier, Eco Green Power Co Ltd, will maintain the eco bins on a quarterly basis. The Rotary Club of Grand Baie will bear the costs of the project, which is being done in collaboration with the Beach Authority.
Signing of Agreement between the President of RCGB, Mr Clément Lam Wai Yam, the General Manager of BA, Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur and the Director of Eco Green Power Co Ltd, Mr Ramdawar Sewbalak

Project Leader of RCGB, Administrative Manager of BA, Chairperson Projects Committee of RCGB, Purchase and supply Officer of BA, President of RCGB, General Manager of BA and Director of Eco Green Power Co Ltd (from left to right)
1.3 Clean Up, Embellishment and Sensitisation Campaign at Mont Choisy public beach

A Clean Up, Embellishment and Sensitisation Campaign was organised by the European Union in collaboration with the Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity, and Environment and Sustainable Development and the Beach Authority on **20th September 2017** at Mont Choisy public beach. Several stakeholders including Divers from the National Coast Guard and the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping participated in the event.
The following activities were carried out during the campaign:

### 1.3.1 Speeches

(a) Address by Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur, the General Manager of Beach Authority.

The General Manager welcomed and thanked everybody for their presence and collaboration. During his speech, the General Manager stated that “the Beach Authority was created under the Beach Authority Act 2002. Its mandate is to manage all proclaimed public beaches in Mauritius and Rodrigues islands. There are 126 proclaimed public beaches in Mauritius and 12 in Rodrigues making a total of 138 proclaimed public beaches under the jurisdiction of the Beach Authority. The purpose of the event is to arouse awareness in the public and to focus on our environmental vision for cleaner, greener and safer public beaches for the benefit of one and all.”

He announced that the programme of the day would consist of:

- Launching of an eco-bin on a pilot basis
- Plantation of endemic plants such as Baume de l’Ile Plate as well as coconut plants
- Cleaning of beach and the lagoon

The General Manager also highlighted that similar collaborative projects will be organised in the near future with other stakeholders.
Her Excellency Marjaana SALL underlined that “maritime activity is essential for eco-development and environment. European Union wants to include ocean governance and sustainable use of ocean and the conservation effort of our ocean.” Her Excellency also highlighted that “each action contributes to protect our ocean and our planet.”
(c) Address by the Hon. Etienne Sinatambou, Minister of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment & Sustainable Development

The Honourable Minister pointed out that “there should be a national awareness and people must not litter. It is not proper for some to mess up and others to clean.” The Minister mentioned that the beaches are very clean due to the strictness of the General Manager towards the contractors. Recently, contract awarded to one of the contractors has been resiliated because of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract.
1.3.1.1 Token of Appreciation

Photo Frames were offered by the Beach Authority to Her Excellency, Mrs. Marjaana Sall and the Honourable Minister Etienne Sinatambou.
1.3.2 Launching of Eco Bin

An eco-bin was launched on a pilot basis on that day. Several participants including beach users were initiated regarding the use of the eco-bin.
The Honourable Minister Etienne Sinatambou crushing plastic bottle

The Chairman of BA, Mr Roshan Singh Sowambar crushing plastic bottle
The General Manager of BA, Dr. Dhuneeroy Bissessur crushing plastic bottle

Mr. N. Bheemul, Board Member of BA crushing plastic bottle
Beach Users crushing plastic bottles

Crushed plastic bottles to be sent for recycling
1.3.3 Planting of endemic plants and coconut trees at Mont Choisy public beach

Endemic plants like Baume de l’Ile Plate and coconut trees were planted along Mont Choisy public beach by Her Excellency, the Ambassador of the European Union, The Minister of Environment, the Chairman of the Beach Authority, the General Manager of the Beach Authority and members of staff of the Beach Authority and Ministry of Social Security, National Solidarity and Environment & Sustainable Development.

*Planting of endemic plant by Her Excellency, Marjaana SALL*
Planting of coconut tree by The Honourable Minister Etienne Sinatambou

Planting of endemic plant by The Chairman of the Beach Authority
Planting of endemic plant by The General Manager of the Beach Authority

Planting of endemic plant by Mrs N. Soogun Environment Officer at the Parent Ministry
Planting of coconut trees by the staff of the Beach Authority

Photo souvenir of the Staff with the General Manager and Chairman of the BA
1.3.4 Cleaning of beach and lagoon

Cleaning of Mont Choisy public beach was done by the members of staff of the European Union and the Beach Authority. Moreover, Divers from the National Coast Guard and the Ministry of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping carried out the cleaning of the lagoon.

*The Ambassador of EU, the General Manager of the BA and the Divers of NCG (top)*

*Waste materials removed from the lagoon (bottom)*
The Honourable Minister Etienne Sinatambou distributing plastic bin bags and sensitizing beach users about keeping the beach and the environment clean.

Employees of Maxi Clean Co Ltd collecting waste retrieved from the lagoon by the Divers.
Photo souvenir of the Staff of BA with Her Excellency, the Ambassador of the European Union and the General Manager of the Beach Authority
2.0 Petit Sable public beach

New toilet blocks, parking lots, retaining wall and a drainage system to evacuate rainwater are being constructed at Petit Sable public beach.

2.1 Clearing of site

2.2 Erection of Retaining wall
2.3 Drainage system

"Excavation phase"

"Blinding phase"
3.0 Upgrading of parking area at Grand Baie public beach

Parking area at Grand Baie public beach is being upgraded to provide better facilities to beach users. This will prevent unauthorized vehicles to get access to the public beach for the safety and security of beach users as well as to help in the prevention of beach erosion.

Before
Works in progress

Completion of Asphalting
4.0 Pointe aux Piments public beach

Construction of new toilet blocks will be completed by mid-October 2017.

4.1 Fixing of bases, strip footing and columns reinforcement

4.2 Erection of toilet blocks up to roof beams
4.3 Laying and fixing of slab reinforcement

4.4 Internal and external plastering works completed
5.0 Sub-office at Flic en Flac public beach

A new sub-office at Flic en Flac will be constructed to monitor closely all activities being carried out on the beach as well as to provide a better service to the public. The existing building structure will be pulled down for the construction of the new sub office.

5.1 Existing building in a poor state
6.0 Installation of new water tanks at La Preneuse and La Cuvette public beaches

New water tanks of nine thousand litres capacity will be installed at La Preneuse and La Cuvette public beaches and a water tank of four thousand litres will be installed at Riambel public beach.

*A tank of 9000 litres being installed at la Preneuse Public Beach*
7.0 Melville public beach

Construction of new toilet blocks at Melville public beach is ongoing.

7.1 Preparation of base

7.2 Erection of new toilet blocks
7.3 Preparation for casting of slabs

7.4 Excavation for leaching field
8.0 Enclosure of parking areas with plastic bollards at Wolmar and Grand Baie public beaches

The parking areas of Wolmar and Grand Baie public beaches are being enclosed with plastic bollards to prevent vehicular access to the beach for safety and security of beach users as well as to prevent beach erosion.

8.1 Wolmar public beach

Enclosure of parking facilities with plastic bollards
8.2 Grand Baie public beach

*Enclosure of parking area with plastic bollards*

*Casting of Plastic bollards to prevent vehicular access to the beach*
9.0 Upgrading of toilet blocks at Trou d’Eau Douce public beach

The existing toilet blocks at Trou d’Eau Douce public beach is being upgraded to provide better services to the beach users. The project will be completed by end of October 2017.

9.1 Installation of new water tanks

*Water tank placed on newly constructed concrete platforms*
9.2 Provision of wastewater disposal system

Provision of new Fiberglass Septic Tank and leaching field
10.0 Upgrading of Pointe des Lascars public beach

The Beach Authority installed concrete bollards all along the beach to prevent vehicular access to the beach for safety and security reasons.

*Before*

*After*
11.0 Upgrading of Belle Mare public beach in collaboration with Mauritius Prison Service

A Memorandum of Understanding for the upliftment of Belle Mare public beach was signed on **14th September 2016** between the Mauritius Prison Service and the Beach Authority.

The upliftment of Belle Mare public beach project has been developed under the scheme “Pay Back Mauritius” whereby detainees are given the opportunity to make reparation for the harm they have done through their offending. The aim is to utilize the resources of the prison system, detainee skills and labour towards a worthwhile community project, thus the upliftment of Belle Mare Public beach. The project also provides opportunities for detainees to develop necessary skills so that they may gain employment upon release, thus contributing to the economic well-being of the community.

11.1 Construction of fireplaces at Belle Mare public beach

*Construction of fireplace completed*
11.2 Construction of main bin at Belle Mare public beach.

The main bin has 3 compartments so that the wastes collected on the public beach can be sorted at source.

- The first compartment is for general wastes.
- The second compartment is for paper and cardboards.
- The third compartment is for cans, glass and plastic bottles.
11.3 Upgrading of sub-office at Belle Mare public beach

Fixation of CIS roof and structure completed

11.4 Enclosure of parking areas with plastic bollards

Removal of damaged pine poles
Installation of plastic bollards in parking areas to prevent vehicular access to the beach
Way Forward

The activities pertaining to the Clean-Up Mauritius and Embellishment Campaign is ongoing and the Beach Authority is fully involved in this laudable initiative. The collaboration of various stakeholders have been sought for the different activities as well as the implementation of relevant projects.

Much emphasis is being laid on sensitisation. The concept of a sensitisation campaign on a regular basis is to arouse awareness of beach users on the need to keep our beaches cleaner, greener and safer.

Furthermore, the Beach Authority will be opening 4 new sub-offices at Pereybere, Belle Mare, Flic en Flac and Blue Bay public beaches to provide better services to the public. In the near future, new projects will be initiated for further upgrading, embellishment and maintenance of the proclaimed public beaches.

An action plan for period March 2017 to March 2018 is annexed.
### Action Plan

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