

## RAMSAR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

### Brief notes and action points from meeting held at La Société Jersiaise

23/01/2020

Present:	National Trust (NT), Jersey Seafaris (JS), Ecrehous (ER), Jersey Marine Conservation (JMC), Minqs (MA), Marine Resources (MR), Jersey Tour Guides (JTG), Societe Jersiaise (SJ), Earth Project Jersey (EPJ), Jersey Walk/Kayak Adventures (JWA)
Apologies:	Save Our Shoreline Jersey.

		Action
<b>1.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting and Matters Arising</b>	
	December minutes accepted without amendment	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Code of Conduct</b>	
	<p>ER has proof read the code of conduct. All of the Jersey code is complete but some CI level info is missing. The code of conduct will be present at World Wetlands day. SJ asked if a photography competition could be put forward with a theme around RAMSAR sites. SJ have been informed and an exhibition could be held at pier road. JMC proposed using videos as this is what many children are interested in. MR have contacted other islands to ensure they are happy with the information they have provided (replies by 24<sup>th</sup> Jan) before making a decision on whether the other Channel Island sections are to be included or if simplified Jersey code should be used for World Wetlands Day.</p> <p>JS presented several ideas around a photo competition for the code of conduct. One of these was to use a specific hashtag so all entrants are able to enter online. It was decided the hashtag would be advertised on the day the competition started with JS heading this. Prizes have been offered by JWA and JS. Prizes also include winning photos being included in the code of conduct.</p>	<p>MR</p> <p>SJ</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>ICZM</b>	
	SJ looking to bring parties together to speed up the process. JMC highlighted that ground-truthing is needed for habitat mapping done for Marine Spatial Planning. MR explained that funding is set aside in the spring and this is when/if funding is going to be handed out to Jersey organisations.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Signage</b>	
	ER showed the final prints of the new signage. Following discussion, the SE coast access points will all have a standardised format to include RAMSAR information, pictograms etc. Some current signs are in bad condition and are unintelligible. Widely agreed the google translate app is incredibly useful and therefore only need signs in	<p>ER</p>

	English. ER also has a contact list for the signage sub group. New members have been advised and will be contacted. Will need a graphic designer.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>World Wetlands Day</b>	
	February 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> . Highlighted it is a two day event. The Monday morning is a school event with 150 pupils attending. Highlighted extra advertising is needed and would be grateful if the poster can be shared. SJ will send on a link via Eventbrite to try and understand attending numbers. Proposed that Environment Minister may be able to give a small presentation to open the event. MR will print the offshore reef signage for the event. A rotor will be sent out via email for volunteers for Sunday and Monday. MR to bring an admiralty chart displaying the RAMSAR areas and to liaise with ER regarding MR facilities. New group will be set up by Blue Marine Foundation around commercial exploitation. <b>SJ to send out Eventbrite list for numbers to be understood.</b>	JMC MR  SJ
<b>6.</b>	<b>RAMSAR Management Plans</b>	
	SJ presented the current Ecrehou document including objectives, threats etc. This is not yet a finalised document. Highlighting the budget and funding schemes is a large area that needs addressing. SJ will send the document to MR for comments and updates and then to RAMSAR members. Draft should be finalised in spring 2020. JWA highlighted that a lot of the appendices work that is not yet finished is already done or common knowledge and can be short sections. ER highlighted the report must not be specific to scientists and be welcoming for the general public.	SJ MR
<b>7.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	Discussed on further funding for SJ work as this is currently being undertaken voluntarily.	
	EPJ – SOS have been in contact with RAMSAR bureau in Switzerland and they feel RAMSAR should have been reporting spills etc. MR spoke to environmental protection team, they looked at RAMSAR criteria and said none of the pollution incidents have met the scale of magnitude. MR highlighted the need for formal communication with SOS to discuss whether a process is needed regarding RAMSAR reporting criteria.	
	NT – Asking whether Blue Marine are giving a presentation to the States next month.	MR
	<b>Next Meeting</b>	
	7 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	