

RAMSAR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

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

3rd November 2020

Present:	Marine Resources (MR), Jersey Seafari's (SF), Jersey Kayak Adventures (JKA), National Trust (NT), Le Mourier (LM), Societe Jersiaise (SJ), Ecrehous Residents Association (ERA), Les Minquiers Residents Association (MIRA) , Jersey Marine Conservation (JMC), Earth Project Jersey (EPJ), Jennifer Ellenger (JTGA).
Apologies:	Parish of St Helier (POSH), Save our Shoreline (SOS)

		Action
	No comments on previous minutes (April 2020)	
1.	Management Plan Review	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of tasks been given and agreed, any objections FB needs to be notified ASAP. • FB highlights the importance of the management plan and the amount of work that is needed from this point. 	All
2.	Wildlife Law	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns of slow progress throughout the group. • JMC - Proposal to begin a channel island red list including a Jersey level, possibility to be incorporated with student projects to help with workload. • ERA - Changes to the draft raised some concerns as not all changes have been previously agreed. • Any issues to be highlighted please send to FB to be collated and passed to Natural Environment (anonymised). 	All
3.	Jersey Heritage/Geopark	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns on clash of agendas between organisations with different objectives and aims in overlapping areas. • Widely accepted a holistic approach is needed in managing the natural environment with key stakeholders being in communication over projects. • Meeting with geopark team desirable to ensure common language to avoid conflict of messaging etc. • Suggestion of meeting with Jersey Heritage and possible invite to RMA future meetings. 	GJ / NR
4.	JILS.CAT report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use management plan as a reference to RMA reports • Widely accepted this report is of high value and is an evidence-based report that can be used by RMA in the future. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at small scale initiatives as result from report that can make 'quick fixes' for some issues raised. 	
5.	Offshore Reef Action Management:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ideas of integrated plan which Government can get behind. Develop and evolve extended management plan to protect marine environment but so it still allows 'enjoyment for all' as part of RAMSAR. Suggestions about the need for enforcement and restrictions making people accountable for wrong doings. Need to educate users of the importance of area and how they can prevent damage. Fine line between creating frictions with different parties with limited access ideas and relies on people being able to enforce, suggestion of random spot checks with Customs and Fisheries officers. 	
6.	Aquaculture and Fisheries Controls (equipment):	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of loose bands found, MR to remind aquaculture section. Marking of fishing gear, MR need coordinates and tags for found gear and can inform fishermen / clear if not sorted, suggested press release to inform public on how to contact and what to do when coming across lost fishing gear. Lost pot register: MR to look at charging more for pots tags making it more desirable for fishers to retrieve gear if lost. Emphasis not on recovery but on reporting. Jersey Fishermen Association have highlighted need for a system to dispose of old fishing gear. 	MR MR MR
7.	AOB:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern of nesting birds in St. Aubin's harbour, support for increasing penalties and education (signs), MR to mention to Natural Environment Officers. Signage being helped by Jersey Heritage. BT - Highlighted an Important archaeology location that the group needs to be aware of. MR explained aquaculture license conditions contain element to prevent disturbance to large rocks on the beach. SJ - Passenger dues scrapped for 2021. 	MR
	NEXT MEETING:	
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