

RAMSAR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

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

14th December 2021

Present:	Marine Resources MR Ecrehous Residents Association ERA Minquiers Residents MIRA Jersey Seafaris JS Jersey Marine Conservation JMC National Trust for Jersey NT Save our Shoreline SOS Earth Project Jersey EPJ Jersey Tour Guides JTG
Apologies:	Vice-Chairman of the Comité des Connétables Jersey Kayak Adventures Jersey National Park BLUE Marine Foundation SOS Jersey

		Action
	Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting and Matters Arising	
	Minutes from this meeting will be circulated for approval following the meeting Matters Arising 1 Apologies 2 Approval of Minutes from previous meeting (circulated by MR 13 th October 2021) 3 New Chair / chair arrangement 4 Clarify RMA position and actions in relation to SOS Jersey Report 5. St Catherine's Ramsar 6. Écrehous seal colony traffic route & flow. 7. Marine Mission for World Wetlands progress 8. Archaeology report – attached.	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting approved	

<p>3.</p>	<p>Chairperson Appointment</p> <p>JMC Proposed MR for the position on a temporary basis</p> <p>ERA suggested to seek an external, non-invested Chair by July 2022 (an individual who will put the RMA agenda above their own agenda) - agreement by all, but would need to find a mechanism to identify and vote in a new chairperson</p> <p><i>Action:</i> NT/SOS Jersey both have candidates in mind and will revert with their names in due course if they are interested</p> <p>MR agreed to act as interim chair until a solution is found / until June 2022, and a member from MR will continue to act as secretary</p> <p><i>Action:</i> MR to send out calendar invites from January 2022</p> <p>Agreement that an RMA sub-committee/ working group would be commissioned, meeting every month to keep things moving forward and perhaps give focus to specific areas/project tasks (in working hours, in town).</p> <p>Sub-committee members will be MRx2, EPJ, ERA, NTJ, MIRA</p> <p>RMA meetings will move to every 2-3 months</p> <p>Over time and as actions are delivered, the sub-committee will likely disband and revert back to the RMA meetings</p> <p>EPJ suggested to change the seasonality of meetings, more frequent winter meetings and less frequent summer meetings when the outside tasks are being completed</p> <p><i>Action:</i> MR to set up set of meetings from January 2022</p> <p>SJ currently not represented</p> <p><i>Action:</i> SJ to provide new representative</p>	<p>NT/SOS</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>SJ</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Clarify RMA position and actions in relation to SOS Jersey Report/ letter sent to the Minister of the Environment</p> <p>SOS Jersey presented SOS Jersey report “the urgent need for independent environment regulation”</p> <p><i>Action:</i> MR to share PDF document with RMA</p> <p><i>Action:</i> MR to circulate the statement “SOS Jersey are asking, in light of the information given in the report, for the RMA to support the appointment of an independent regulator” and solicit individual support/dissent to the statement.</p> <p>Feedback will be provided to the group</p>	<p>MR</p>

	<p>MR presented the letter sent to the Minister of the Environment in November 2021 by SOS Jersey, where it was stated that the RMA accepted the contents of the SOS Jersey report and supported the need for an independent regulator</p> <p>ERA raised concerns over the letter, stating that at the July RMA meeting members had agreed with the principle of an independent regulator, but had not agreed on the contents on the report. This was echoed by some other members of the group.</p> <p>It was agreed that a communication be sent to the Minister of the Environment to say that with reference to the letter, matters were still very much under consideration and that the letter would be retracted for the time being</p> <p><i>Action:</i> MR to draft the follow-up communication and send to Michael Du Pre for his agreement</p> <p>JTG noted thanks to SOS Jersey for the lifetime of work/dedication to environmental issues</p> <p>MR/ERA advised it was good practice in future to copy in the body that you are representing on such important communications, and to ensure that a united position was sought beforehand</p> <p>SOS Jersey confirmed that the raw data from which the report was drawn has not been shared with the Environment Department, or any independent regulator</p> <p>MR suggested data should be made available to Marine Resources or to an independent third party for assessment against equivalent Government data.</p> <p>SOS Jersey stated a lack of confidence in sharing data with government.</p>	MR
5.	<p>Management plan review and update. Section 4 (Signage)</p> <p>ERA have completed some work around RAMSAR signage plan</p> <p><i>Action:</i> MR to circulate ERA email/documents around RAMSAR plan for signage.</p> <p><i>Action:</i> ALL to review by 20th December and provide feedback. If ERA does not hear from you then they will assume you have accepted the content and move forward</p>	MR ALL
6.	<p>International Wetlands Event 31st January</p> <p>JMC reminded everyone about the event @ Radisson Blu on 31st January</p> <p><i>Action:</i> MR to email RMA and ask if anyone would like a stand/presence at the event</p>	
AOB		

	JMC confirmed they were discussing with Jersey Seafaris regarding the seal colony in the channel at the Ecrehous, with potential recommendation to limit/close off traffic through the passage. More stakeholder engagement required	JMC/ER A
	Next Meeting Tuesday 29th March	