

RAMSAR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Brief notes and action points from meeting held online

13th July 2021

Present:	Marine Resources (MR), National Trust (NT), Societe Jeriaise (SJ), Ecrehous Residents Association (ERA), Matris Isle Residents Association (MIRA), Jersey Tour Guides Association (JTGA), National Park Jersey (NPJ), Earth Project Jersey (EPJ), Ports of Jersey (PoJ), National Trust (NT), Save Our Shoreline (SOS).
Apologies:	Jersey Marine Conservation (JMC),

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1.	Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting and Matters Arising	
	Minutes not sent to group but will be forwarded after meeting for review.	
	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apologies 2. Previous Minutes and Action Points 3. Management Plan update - Legal Review, offer from Bedell Cristin 4. SOS Jersey 10 Year Report presentation and discussion (click here for a link to the full report). 	
3.	<p>Management Plan update - Legal Review, offer from Bedell Cristin</p> <p>ERA received a proposal from retired advocate (Bedell Cristin) to conduct a legal review regarding the current work on the RAMSAR management plan. This would be undertaken by law students over 4 weeks with Bedell Cristin supervising the report. Funding has not yet been secured. ERA awaiting a reply from environment department regarding funding for this project. This has been sent to Director of Environment, Willie Peggie.</p> <p>ERA propose to begin with the Ecrehous for the legal review and then move onto the other RAMSAR sites (Paternosters, SE coast and Minquiers). The time frame for this is dependent on funding but hoping to be kick started in the next few months.</p>	
4.	<p>SOS Jersey 10 Year Report presentation and discussion</p> <p>10-year SOS report was presented to RMA members. This report highlighted the need for an independent environmental regulator on island and is still awaiting a reply from environmental department regarding the results from this report. SOS highlighted the issue of management of sea lettuce in St Aubin's bay and pollution events being sourced by St Helier infrastructure.</p>	

	<p>EPJ – Presented a background on the Horizon incident.</p> <p>SOS asked for support from the group regarding an independent regulator. ERA voiced concerns over aspects of the content of the report and-comments made during the ensuing discussions. ERA would like to see a specific RMA recommendation separate from the report to be published.</p> <p>MRA agrees with ERA and would like to see an RMA response regarding these issues.</p> <p>SOS proposed a drafting of letter from RMA group to Environment department. The consensus from the group was positive but were in favour to go through the report and create an independent RMA response following their own investigations.</p>	
	<p>AOB: JMC proceeding with work regarding extension of RAMSAR site to include St Catherine’s sub tidal zone. MR highlighted further discussions with stakeholders and consultation being needed to ensure all stakeholders and members of the public are aware. ERA Meeting with JMC, SJ and MR regarding extension of RAMSAR site shortly.</p> <p>Discussions ongoing with SE terrestrial landowners and finding the individuals who have rights to certain land. Discussions are ongoing with Constable.</p> <p>Wildlife Law 2021 is now in place and on www.jerseylaw.je with information regarding the new law being publicised soon. SJ recommend a proposal for specific bird nesting areas which can be discussed further at next RMA meeting.</p>	
	<p>Next Meeting: 10:00 Tuesday 21st September</p>	