RAMSAR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Brief notes and action points from meeting held at La Société Jersiaise 28^{th} June 2022

Present:	Marine Resources MR Ecrehous Residents Association ERA Minquiers Residents MIRA BLUE Marine Foundation BM Save our Shoreline SOS Ports of Jersey POJ
Apologies:	Jersey Seafaris JS Jersey Tour Guides JTG Jersey National Park JNP Jersey Marine Conservation JMC Jersey Kayak Adventures JKA National Trust for Jersey NTJ

		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 29th March 2021 3 Discuss proposed changes to the RMA Terms of Reference 4 Signage update 5 Legal review update 6 Management Plan/species monitoring update 7 RIS Updates 8 Relevant planning applications 	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting approved SOS Jersey sought to clarify on Agenda point 4 from the 29 th March minutes, the letters sent on the subject of the appointment of an independent environmental regulator. MR confirmed that an email has been sent to outgoing Minister for the Environment, The Assistant Minister for the Environment as well as the Director General for Infrastructure Housing and Environment and the Director of Natural Environment.	MR
	Infrastructure Housing and Environment and the Director of Natural Environment. A new email will be sent to the incoming Minister for the Environment once they are appointed. MR agreed to confirm to SOS Jersey once the email has been sent.	

	Minutes accepted by all	
3.	Discuss proposed changes to the RMA Terms of Reference	
	A few general comments about how Terms of Reference should clarify the agreement between GoJ and RMA, should clarify purpose and authority and ensure structure is effective. Agreement that MR would re-circulate the minutes with the highlighted changes made during the sub-RMA workshop, and request any further updates or comments to be sent from RMA to MR by 6 th July (ahead of the Sub-RMA meeting)	MR/ALL
4.	Signage update	
	MR have now affixed the Paternosters sign on Greve De Lecq pier.	
	NTJ is working on text for the Le Hocq sign and MR have a designated person within government to work on the pictograms once the text is complete. Then sign placement can be agreed.	MR/NTJ
	The aim is to install around four signs on the SE Coast, including Le Hocq	
	POJ to check if the Les Minquiers sign has been put up	POJ
	Note that RMA may need to update the Ecrehous sign at St Catherines and the Ecrehous in relation to the wildlife law, and recent updates to the codes of conduct in relation to the ASP and nesting birds. MR to check (The CI-RAMSAR website may also need updating)	MR
5.	Legal Review update	
	ER updated on the progress of the legal review. Bedell Cristin are close to completion and will be able to provide their findings by the end of the week. A representative will present the findings during our Sub-RMA meeting on 7 th July	ER
6.	Management plan/Species monitoring update	
	Work is progressing on the plan for species and habitat monitoring via the sub RMA	ERA
	POJ are able to provide charter data for trips to the offshore reefs upon request	
	BLUE raised whether any of the BRUV work scheduled under the species monitoring plans has the potential to lead to an MSc project. Marine Resources advised that this may be a possibility once a solid 3 year data set was established	
7.	RAMSAR Information sheet (RIS) updates	
	MR confirmed that the Ecrehous and Les Minquiers RIS forms had been completed and were with the JNCC for review. Once approval for these has been confirmed, MR will update the Paternosters and SE.	MR

8.	Relevant planning applications	
	MR confirmed that there is now a planning review group within Natural Environment	
	EIA's are sent to the planning review group for review and collective response	
	MR highlighted a few which had potential to impact the RAMSAR sites (surface water discharge plan at First Tower, Elizabeth Harbour redevelopment, excavation of landfill site at La Collette)	
	The RMA would need to decide the level of monitoring on planning applications it would like to set up in future.	
	MR will see what is involved to assess the volume of planning applications made on or adjacent to the RAMSAR site (to assess the viability of RAMSAR becoming a consulted party).	
	MR agreed to keep reporting on major planning applications in the meantime.	MR
9.	AOB	
	MR agree to contact constables in the new States Assembly to brief them on the work of the RMA and establish a rapport	MR
	MR confirmed, whilst they are happy to open the September meeting in an administrative capacity, the 6 month Chair rotation has now come to a conclusion. It is now in the interests of the RMA to focus on engaging a new chairperson (outside GoJ) to take up the position going forward.	ALL
	Next Meeting Tuesday 27 th September	