

**RAMSAR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING**

**Brief notes and action points from meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club**

24<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Present:	Marine Resources MR Écréhous Residents Association ERA Ports of Jersey POJ Save our Shoreline SOS Jersey Walk Adventures JWA Jersey Kayak Adventures JKA Minquiers Residents MIRA Jersey Tour Guides JTG National Trust NT Save our Shoreline SOS Natural Environment (Land Resource Management) NE
Apologies:	Jersey Marine Conservation Blue Marine Foundation
Absences:	Jersey Seafaris Island Rib Voyages

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting and Matters Arising</b>	ALL
	Minutes from this meeting will be circulated for approval following the meeting.  Matters Arising: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Apologies</li> <li>2 Approval of Minutes from previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023</li> <li>3 Chairpersonship</li> <li>4 "Threats and Risk assessment" for the four Jersey Ramsar sites workshop</li> <li>5 AOB</li> </ol>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes from previous meetings approved</b>	ALL
<b>3.</b>	<b>Chairpersonship</b>	ALL
	Grateful thanks were given to out-going chairperson Nicky Robinson. Following the invitation for applications for the position of chairperson one nomination for Andrew Mitchell was received. Andrew Mitchell was voted in unanimously as chairperson.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Threats and Risk assessment workshop</b>	
	The main agenda item for this meeting was a workshop to work through and approve the risk assessments for the four Jersey Ramsar sites. Four sub-RMA group meetings, one for each site, had met previously to pre-code the matrices.	

<p>It was noted that the risk and threats analysis completed today would be referred to in the Draft Jersey Marine Spatial Plan.</p> <p>NE (LRM) suggested an additional column be added to code the likely risk rating should the suggested additional controls be implemented. An 'aspirational risk'. This could help identify which additional controls would have the most impact.</p> <p>Workshop participants agreed to remove the 'Extension of 5 knot restriction to Ramsar boundary' as when considering the speed of tides, it is felt this could endanger vessels.</p> <p>MR suggested inviting a member of the biosecurity team to attend Ramsar meetings to provide specialist knowledge on Marine invasive species.</p> <p>ERA suggested that it would be advantageous for a customs or immigration official to accompany the regular fisheries patrols to the Ramsar sites, specifically the Écréhous and the Minquiers.</p> <p>It was agreed that we need to understand the legal position for dogs on Ramsar sites and the regulations concerning professional dog walkers and groups of dogs in their care.</p> <p>Continuity on the definitions used in the risk analysis is necessary. It was suggested that two terms only are used, resident or visitor. Visitor referring to the fact that regardless of who we are, we are all visitors to the sites.</p> <p>Associated planning and agricultural regulations need adding to the risk matrix.</p> <p>The meeting ended at 1345</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p> <p>MR</p>
<b>AOB</b>	
<b>Next Meeting</b> 9th January 2024, St Helier Yacht Club	