

RAMSAR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

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

22nd December 2020

Present:	Marine Resources (MR), Jersey Seafari's (SF), Jersey Kayak Adventures (JKA), National Trust (NT), Societe Jersiaise (SJ/GJ), Ecrehous Residents Association (ERA), Matris Isle Residents Association (MIRA), Jersey Marine Conservation (JMC), Earth Project Jersey (EPJ), Jersey Tour Guides Association (JTGA), Save Our Shoreline (SOS).
Apologies:	Parish of St Helier (POSH)

		Action
1.	Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting and Matters Arising	
	No comments on previous minutes.	
2.	Aquaculture and Fisheries Controls (equipment): MR spoke to Jersey Aquaculture Association to remind industry of tying bands together. MR to look further at lost fishing gear as this is a large piece of work. Talks over lost fishing gear being washed up, some possibility of a specific bin to be placed for lost fishing gear. Worries that a specific bin would be abused with all sorts of waste being put in. MR to look further into this.	MR
3.	Concerns raised over sea birds in St Aubin's harbour. MR have contacted Tim Liddiard at Natural Environment.	MR
4.	Marine mammal guidance under the new Wildlife Law review. Meg has been working on guidance note to go under new law. Draft is complete to help with interpretation. Meg unable to present but will do when next available.	
5.	Jersey Coastal National Park update – Board of Directors and proposed designation of intertidal areas Sponsorship from JEC. GJ to represent the marine element of this as part of the Société and RMA. Using the Francis Le Seur centre. NT highlighting important archaeology past chart datum. ERA (NR) – Wondering who approves the national parks plans and wants to make sure the offshore reef associations will be consulted with. GJ explained this will go through consultation document. EPJ – Wants to understand the hierarchy as worried that RMA group will not have any validity or authority. Clear discussion needed on lines of authority and responsibility. GJ – Assured others that this has been considered and concerns will be raised. MR – Explained RMA can push items forward straight to Environment Minister and is not beholden to CNP. JKA – Concern over group sizes (30 people). Not suitable for intertidal area. Put forward to the geopark and National park that these group sizes are unsuitable.	SJ

	<p>JMC – Concerns over representation of people on the board who are truly involved in the marine environment. Would like to understand backgrounds of board of directors. GJ – explained his position is to feedback from wider RMA group and can pass on information. GJ explained he gives official representation for the RMA. EPJ – Would like a vote to see if GJ position should officially represent RMA. GJ – To send email proposal to group afterwards.</p>	
6.	<p>Blue Marine Foundation – Overview of their Jersey projects and Project Manager position Additional funding to continue Sam Blampied research work post PhD. Looking at emerald ring around Jersey’s shoreline. Funding is available for three years. JMC – See’s this as very positive and would urge members to watch Lyme Bay video. ERA – Does not mention in job description helping RMA. Do we need clarity between another organisation now.</p>	
7.	<p>Working group updates Establish ecological baseline and assess change since site designation - Currently with Megan and to hopefully have a report for early 2021. Social media – No updates Signage – No updates. Legislative Review – Plan of action decided to look at RMA commitments and how they should be met – Also looking at what new legislation or changes are needed. Will update the group in January. Commercial activity sub group – No updates. Non biological features – BT currently working on separate project which will feed in. Coastal community valuation assessment – MR looking for student to take on in 2021. Geographic and ecological scope – BT to co ordinate with JMC and Andrew.</p>	MR
8.	<p>AOB EPJ – Concerned over regulatory framework for South coast development. Would like to see group action decision within RMA. Document to be drafted for next RMA meeting EPJ – Can RMA look at funding for SOS or RMA to carry out annual shellfish surveys to look at levels of contamination. FB suggested Blue Marine but more detail on survey plan needed first. There is a plan for surveys summer 2021. Wondering if funding can be found for local masters student. Next Meeting: 9th February 2021 10:00.</p>	