RAMSAR MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

Brief notes and action points from meeting held at La Société Jersiaise
27th June 2023

Present:	Marine Resources MR Écréhous Residents Association ERA Jersey Seafaris JS Island Rib Voyages IRV BLUE Marine Foundation BM Jersey Marine Conservation JMC 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
Apologies:	

		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 held on 10th January 2022 3 Chairpersonship 4 Ramsar Management framework document 5 Ramsar Sites Management Plan – Écréhous 6 Discussion on the annual report write up Q1 2024 (action/owner of tasks) 7 Timeline for the DRAFT Management Plans for all 4 sites (discuss when/how we'd like to do another workshop). 8 RIS Updates 9 AOB	
2.	**Minutes from previous meeting approved**	
3.	**Chairpersonship** ERA agreed to continue as chair until the next meeting when they will stand down. We will then be seeking nominations for the position	ALL
4&5	**Ramsar Management framework document and Ramsar Sites Management Plan – Écréhous**	

	The sub-RMA group are working on the Ramsar Management Framework and development of all 4 management plans. The DRAFT framework document and the Ecrehous plan was circulated in December to all stakeholders for review.	
	General comments on monitoring	
	JMC raised the issue of Seal disturbance from vessel traffic with a view to strengthening monitoring and protection around known seal haul out areas, and noted that seals become unsettled within 100m of a vessel. JS and IRV elect not to take charters through the known channels, and added that they have encountered more seals than ever at the Ecrehous during recent times.	MR
	JS confirmed that he was aware of some vessels that may be causing more disturbance than others and was happy to share registration numbers with PoJ	JS/PoJ
	Agreed that as the JS and IRV visit the reefs daily in the summer, that a private sightings channel within epicollect would be valuable. JMC suggested to speak to Alderney Wildlife Trust to develop this, so that the data is consistent and aligns with the Grey Seal Annual report. It was also recommended to speak to NT re Cameras for Wildlife	
	JMC/MR agreed to meet and discuss how Sea search surveys can be integrated into Ramsar. Any further repeat transects/studies would require funding. A key area to focus on could perhaps be the mearl beds at the Ecrehous.	JMC/MR
	MR agreed to discuss/promote RAMSAR student projects with JICAS (Jersey International Centre for Advanced Studies). Could there be a bursary for a focussed study on Ramsar?	MR
6	**Discussion on the annual report write up Q1 2024 (action/owner of tasks)** ERA stressed importance of concluding the recommendations from the report and factoring them into the next cycle. Also probably worth highlighting the key areas for reporting on (not reporting on everything). MR confirmed any monitoring would have ownership (by organisation) assigned and that activity would need to follow standard and internationally recognised procedure e.g. standard breeding bird survey methodology. ERA would like to see a process diagram for the escalation process. MR agree but we need to understand/set the limits of acceptable change (LAC) framework first.	
7	**Timeline for the DRAFT Management Plans for all 4 sites (discuss when/how we'd like to do another workshop).** Draft plans underway for 3 sites so far – we will continue to develop them within the Sub-RMA and circulate in due course. We will arrange a similar style workshop like January once we are ready to rick assess each site.	
8	**RIS Updates**	

		All 4 RIS almost complete and we will make available on CI Ramsar site in due course	MR
9	**AOB**		
	To consider/propose an extension of SE Coast Ramsar site to include St Catherine Sea grass beds.		
	Next Meeting TBC		