

S.I 48 of 2021**NATIONAL PARKS AND NATURE CONSERVANCY ACT***(Cap 141)***National Parks and Nature Conservancy (Procedure for Designation of Areas) Regulations, 1971 (S.I. 110 of 1971)*****Notice of intention to designate the Bancs de Sable Farquhar Atoll Special Reserve***

WHEREAS Bancs de Sable is being proposed as suitable for 'Special Reserve' protected area status because it has very high biodiversity values and contains species and habitats worthy of protection as detailed in the following paragraphs and the protection of Bancs de Sable will increase protection of low-lying coral islands within the Seychelles protected landscape;

AND WHEREAS the vegetation of Bancs de Sable is composed mainly of *Scaevolataccada*, *Tournefortiaargentea*, *Surianamaritima* (seaward side) and *Ipomoea* with extensive *Pemphisacidula* scrub over the southern half and some *Guettardaspeciosa* and a small Coconut *Cocos nucifera* grove centrally. The native parasitic vine *Lalyann san fen Cassythafiliformis* is abundant on *Pemphis* and *Suriana*. Approximately 140 pairs of Black-naped Terns *Sterna sumatrana* breed on Bancs de Sable and Ile aux Goëlettes making it the largest known population in the African region. White Terns *Gygisalba* and Greater Crested Terns *Thalasseusbergii* also breed on Bancs de Sable. The numbers of roosting and breeding Black-naped Terns and Greater Crested Terns on Bancs de Sable exceed the A4 threshold for a Bird Life International Important Bird & Biodiversity Area (IBA) (BirdLife, 2019). It is important that Bancs de Sable and Ile aux Goëlettes are both protected as breeding Black-naped Terns and the Greater Crested Terns and are susceptible to human disturbance and they move between both islands for breeding and roosting. It is important to note that the island is rat and cat free;

AND WHEREAS it is of uttermost importance to protect and conserve Bancs de Sable to preserve and enhance its value as an important seabird breeding and roosting site;

AND WHEREAS as required by regulations 2 and 3 of the National Parks and Nature Conservancy (Procedure for Designation of Areas) Regulations, 1971

(S.I 110 of 1971), read with the Transfer of Statutory Functions (Seychelles National Environment Commission) Order, 1998, (S.I 61 of 1998), the Minister responsible for Environment hereby gives notice of his intention to designate the area described in the Schedule as a Special Reserve;

AND WHEREAS copies of the map showing the area can be inspected free of charge during normal working hours at the following place —

- (i) The Documentation Centre of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change at the Botanical Gardens, Mont Fleuri, Mahe
- (ii) The Department of Environment, Fond B'Offay, Praslin.

In addition copies of the map showing the areas may be inspected on the following electronic platforms: www.meccc.gov.sc or sgerry@env.gov.sc

NOW THEREFORE any person having an interest in the area described in the Schedule who wishes to make representations regarding the proposed designated area, may do so by forwarding their written representations to the Principal Secretary, Environment Department, Botanical Gardens, Mont Fleuri before the 25th August, 2021.

SCHEDULE

COORDINATES

Bancs de Sable Farquhar Atoll Special Reserve

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Dated this 13th day of July, 2021.

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