

Press Release

Subject: Massive deposit of wastes along the Lumley beach

Freetown, 4th June 2025: The Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Affairs and the National Tourist Board have observed that the net installed by the Propel Organisation and Engineers Without Borders to trap dirt from flowing into the ocean via the Juba and Kaningo Creek axis has broken due to the massive flow of plastic waste and heavy debris. This has resulted in a significant deposit of dirt along the Lumley/Aberdeen beach. In collaboration with the beach bar operators, the NTB has been clearing and disposing of waste in the designated landfill. However, we are still challenged by the volume of garbage being deposited. The public is further informed that Sargassum (seaweed) is to be expected during this period. This, coupled with the massive pile of dirt on the beaches, poses a more serious challenge.

The public is hereby informed to prepare for this challenge over the next four months—from June to October 2025—until the end of the rainy season.

As we intensify our efforts to maintain a clean beach and a smart environment, we appeal to the general public, particularly beach users, to acknowledge the current situation and cooperate with our ongoing efforts.

We also encourage individuals, institutions, and organisations (both public and private) to support the ongoing cleaning efforts.

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Signed by

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