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Fisheries Transparency – A Member Experience with the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)

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Multi-purpose approach of transparency in fisheries

**Management
of fisheries by
governments**

**Compliance
of fishing
activities**

**Authenticate
seafood in
supply chains**

Increase public availability and credibility of basic information on a country's fisheries sector to support participatory governance

Provide real-time, technology-supported information on activities of fishing vessels to identify illicit behaviour

Increase information to trace fish through the entire supply chain ('from sea to plate') to strengthen consumer confidence



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Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)



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The FiTI is a global multi-stakeholder partnership that supports coastal countries in increasing the accessibility, credibility and usability of national marine fisheries management information.



Transparency for sustainable fisheries



Public Registry of National Fisheries Laws, Regulations and Official Policy Documents



Fisheries Tenure Arrangements



Foreign Fishing Access Agreements



The State of the Fisheries Resources



Large-Scale Fisheries (Vessel Registry, Payments for fishing, Recorded catch data)



Small-Scale Fisheries



Post-Harvest Sector and Fish Trade



Fisheries Law Enforcement



Labour Standards



Fisheries Subsidies



Official Development Assistance



Beneficial Ownership

Transparency as the bedrock for MCS activities



- Provides context of national fisheries
- Allows dialogue and exchange of information
- Improves data quality
- Enables stakeholders to understand and even contribute to MCS activities → integrated, cost-effective MCS solutions
- Builds trust and provides accountability of MCS activities

Seychelles and the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)



Implementing country

Seychelles is committed to implement the FiTI Standard and is currently recognized as a FiTI Candidate country

Seychelles was the first country ever to publish an annual FiTI Report

Host country

Seychelles is also the host country of the FiTI International Headquarter

Prior to FiTI: Significant lack of fisheries transparency

- Seychelles not data deficient, but lacked easy public access to fisheries information
- Spirit of 'reactive transparency' instead of 'proactive transparency' within Seychelles Fishing Authority
- Confidentiality and other legal issues prevented the publication of information/contracts
- Improvements needed on data quality (e.g. financial information)
- Led to misunderstandings (rumours) and underappreciation of fisheries by general public

Since 2020, Seychelles is publishing annual FiTI Reports!

Transparency in action: Fishing Access Agreements

Foreign fishing access agreements in 2021

Agreements that allow foreign vessels to fish in Seychelles' waters

- European Union (EU)
- Mauritius
- Taiwan Deep-sea Tuna Longline Boat Owners and Exporters Association (TTA)
- Top Fortune International (TFI)
- Dongwon Industries Co. Ltd.

Agreements that allow Seychelles-flagged vessels to fish in third country waters

- Mayotte (EU)
- Mauritius

Seychelles and Taiwan signs new fisheries agreement



The Principal Secretary for Fisheries, Roy Clarisse, told reporters that the changes made to the agreement are to ensure that it is transparent. He said there was a non-disclosure clause in the previous agreement that has now been removed to make it compliant with **Fisheries Transparency Initiative's (FiTI)** standards.

Transparency in action: Licenses for sea cucumber fisheries



Name of vessel	SFA Number	Name of vessel owner	Address	Name of skipper
Muscadin	SZ20457-01-4-61484	Agnele Pillay	Baie Lazare	Ralph Simeon
Vainqueur	SZ20472-01-4-88026	Ai Qin Wang	Marie Anglaise	Saul, Jean Louis, Benjamin Azemia
Brizar	SZ20397-01-4-76637	Beche De Mer PTY LTD	Mare Anglaise	Terry Chetty
Great White	SZ20459-01-4-31827	Charles Marzocchi	Anse Etoile	Mervin Smith
Orca	SZ20493-01-4-88267	Charlmaigne Fontaine	Glacis	Robert Maillet
Eureka	SZ20687-01-4-88272	Courgette De Mer(Pty) Ltd	Providence	Charlmaigne Fontaine
Etelis	SZ20492-01-5-16818	Daught Sauzier	Cascade	Marcus Quatre
Labriz	SZ20536-01-4-10518	David Cupidon	Bel Ombre	Kevin Tirant
Lasirans	SZ2064-01-4-87043	Deep Ocean Pty Ltd	Barbarons	Derrick August
Phoenix Rising	SZ21208-01-4-11375	Franky Jean	Providence	Christopher Valmont
Croix Du Sud	SZ20480-01-4-55184	Gaetan Payet	Bel Ombre	Terry Arissol
Nael	SZ2057-01-4-88273	Georges Payet	Bel Ombre	Michael Hoareau
Faith	SZ20508-02-4-51436	Gino Lespoir	Anse Etoile	Shaun Fernadez
Lady Mary	SZ20458-01-4-26207	Melton Charles	Roche Caiman	Dave Athanse
Pti Frer	SZ20481-01-4-88017	Paradise Sea Cucumber (Pty) Ltd	Bel Ombre	Imier Sophola
Ti Lans	SZ2113-01-4-16572	Pascal Lesperance	Takamaka	Wakeford Revera
Anonyme	SZ20370-01-4-23584	Patrick Port-Louis	Anse Etoile	Emiliano Isnard
Galate	SZ20382-01-3-22537	Paul Morin	Au cap	Melton Charles
St Paul	SZ2059-01-4-88198	Paul Oreddy	Foret Noire	Revens Louise
Blue Chaser	SZ20581-01-4-28429	Rallis julius	Belonie	Marty Smith
Mars	SZ21204-01-4-88662	Ralph Jeannevol	Belonie	David Morgan
Dolphin	SZ20452-01-3-52437	Robin Larose	Bel Ombre	Gerry Bastienne
Escapade	SZ20396-01-4-96874	Roy Naya	North East Point	Terry Jeanne
Zekler	SZ20381-01-3-71163	T&F Fishing	Plaisance	Albert Hoareau
Loraz	SZ20380-01-3-22619	Timothy Morin	Plaisance	Jerry Malvina

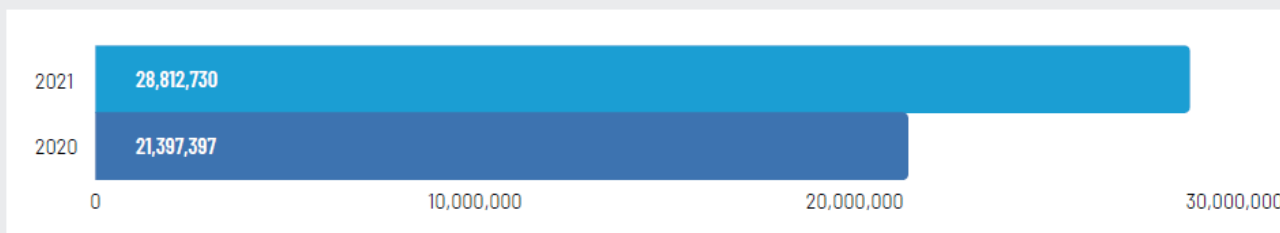
As part of this 2021 FITI Report, the MOFBE confirmed that:

- no processes and procedures are published for entry into the sea cucumber fishery as no new entrants can be accommodated, given that it is a limited entry fishery and the current status of some species of sea cucumbers are observed to be overfished.

Transparency in action: Fisheries law enforcement (1/2)

Financial and human resources deployed by the government to ensure compliance with national legislation

- This value includes the operational and staff budget for the Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) Division of SFA as well as funds provided to support MCS through the sectoral support of the EU/Seychelles Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement.
- Financial information from other relevant authorities is not available.
- Information on human resources is not available.



	2021	2020
Number of inspections of fishing vessels at sea and in ports	1,146 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a significant increase in number of inspections for semi-industrial and artisanal vessels as a direct result of the implementation of the Mahe Plateau Trap and Line Fishery Co-Management plan which requires inspection to enforce minimum size limits as well as bag limits. 	376
Number of convictions for major offences in the fisheries sector	3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Sri Lankan vessels were apprehended for IUU fishing in 2021. One was successfully prosecuted, and two cases were set aside. 	3

Transparency in action: Fisheries law enforcement (2/2)



As part of the 2021 FITI reporting process, SFA published on its website, the record of convictions of major offences in the fishing sector as well as a list of foreign vessels apprehended as a result of IUU fishing which occurred during 2020 and 2021.

As detailed in Seychelles' 2020 FiTI Report, several compliance and policy instruments exist and are available online which provide strategic directions guiding fisheries compliance.



The SFA has secured funding to complete the “National Plan of Action (NPOA) for Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing”, and write it into national policy.



There is no comprehensive report covering national activities and strategies for ensuring compliance of fishing vessels and the post-harvest sector with national legislation for 2021. SFA has not indicated when this will be available although funding has been secured.

Next steps



Continuous improvements of transparency through implementation of FiTI National Multi-Stakeholder recommendations



Regular information provision to the general public through new Fisheries Management Information System (FIMS)



Improved collaboration with other FiTI countries in the Western Indian Ocean region, e.g. Madagascar

Thank you for your attention!



“The government of Seychelles has a clear vision to make Seychelles’ fisheries the most transparent in the world. We have nothing to hide. We have everything to share.

Reporting and transparency in all resource management has become an important requirement for most countries, and Seychelles is not an exception.

Through the Fisheries Transparency Initiative we are demonstrating our commitment to good governance and the establishment of responsive, inclusive institutions.

This is a tool for future development, and it must be our guiding principle to share all data and information on resources with all stakeholders.”

Mr. Jean-François Ferrari

Designated Minister & Minister for Fisheries and the Blue Economy, Republic of Seychelles

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