

TERMINAL EVALUATION

Project ID:	9563
Project Name:	Third South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project (SWIOFish3)
Countr(ies):	Seychelles
Implementing Agency:	World Bank

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

Third South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project (SWIOFish3)

Country

Seychelles

GEF ID

9563

Implementing Agency

World Bank

Executing Entity

Ministry of Finance, Trade and the Blue Economy

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

FSP

Objective

To improve management of marine areas and fisheries in targeted zones and strengthen fisheries value chains in the Seychelles

B. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

6/16/2017

Agency Approval

9/29/2017

Implementation Start

9/29/2017

First Disbursement

8/2/2019

Expected MTR

12/3/2021

MTR Submission

8/29/2025

Actual MTR

12/3/2021

Expected Completion

6/28/2024

Actual Completion

6/28/2024

Actual TE

6/28/2024

TE Submission

8/29/2025

Final Disbursement

C. Disbursements

Project Financing

11,269,860.00

Cumulative Disbursement

10,070,445.00

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Main Terminal Evaluation Findings

The GEF component of the project specifically targeted Component 1 - expansion of sustainable use Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Component 2 - improving the governance of priority fisheries. The results of these activities were measured against three result indicators for C1 and three indicators for C2. For C1, the two results that were achieved were: 1.1 Area with submission for gazettment to the Parliament as a sustainable-use marine protected area with agreed-upon management plans developed in a consultative manner, with 41,000,000 HAs gazettes, but only 10,000,000 attributed to the budget; and 1.2. Annual air surveillance trips in sustainable-use marine protected areas. For the third one, with a target of having three sustainable marine protected areas managed by non-state actors, progress was delayed due to obstacles to the general preparation and implementation of the management plans caused by COVID restrictions which made it difficult to organise stakeholder consultations. For component 2, four of the five species management plans have been implemented, and i. Praslin Fishery Management Plan- Following throughout government consideration, this management plan was integrated in the co-management plan above to create the general Mahe Plateau Management Plan. ii. Tuna Fishery- The draft management plan was drafted under a SWIOFish3 consultancy and submitted to SFA in June 2024. SFA and Department of Fisheries will now be responsible for finalising and gazettment of the plan.

B. Stakeholder Engagement

The PDO5 indicator evaluates the proportion of Seychelles citizens who rate the management of sustainable-use marine areas and selected fisheries as 'Satisfactory' or above, with results disaggregated by sex and age. This indicator reflects public perception of two key marine environment management strategies supported by the project: sustainable-use marine protected areas and fisheries management plans, particularly the Mahé Plateau fisheries management plan. To report on this indicator, the project engaged the University of Seychelles (UniSey) to conduct a perception study. The survey employed random sampling across the three most populated islands (Mahé, Praslin, and La Digue) to ensure statistical robustness. The survey design included a literature review, internal scrutiny, and two focus group discussions, followed by a pilot test. A team of 10 trained enumerators, including UniSey Environmental Science students and an alumnus, conducted the surveys primarily on weekends. Data collection was done using Kobo Toolbox and its Android application. The survey covered all 26 recognized districts in Seychelles, with samples stratified by age and sex. Out of 730 surveys collected, 674 were usable, yielding a 92% response rate.

C. Gender Equality

At the very start of implementation, the project commissioned a Gender assessment of the Blue Economy. All surveys to monitor stakeholder perception of both the MPA plans and the fisheries management plans were disaggregated by gender, with a nonimal variance of 75% of females and 71.3% of males rating the management as satisfactory. On a broader level, it is worth noting that after the departure of the original PIU manager a year from completion, the PIU was staffed entirely with three Seychellois women, who together led the project to successful completion.

D. Knowledge Management

The project facilitated capacity building, training sessions, attendance to workshops and on-the-job training opportunities for Seychellois in fields such as marine conservation, sustainable fisheries management, and data analysis to name a few. This not only improved the immediate capacity to manage marine resources but also ensured that the skills and knowledge gained will remain within the country, benefiting future projects

and initiatives beyond SWIOFish3. A final project video was produced in creole, published on Youtube with English subtitles and is available here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zna9_i9b4DY.

III. Core Indicators

Indicator 2 Marine protected areas created or under improved management

Ha (Expected at PIF)	Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Ha (Achieved at TE)
	10000000	10000000	64739500

Indicator 2.1 Marine Protected Areas Newly created

Total Ha (Expected at PIF)	Total Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Total Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Total Ha (Achieved at TE)
	5000000	10000000	41000000

Name of the Protected Area	WDPA ID	IUCN Category	Total Ha (Expected at PIF)	Total Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Total Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Total Ha (Achieved at TE)
Amirantes(Marine) to Fortune Bank Area	555643549	Protected area with sustainable use of natural resources		0.00	5,000,000.00	20,500,000.00
Amirantes/D'arros/Poivre/Bird Islands	555643548	National Park		5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	20,500,000.00

Indicator 2.2 Marine Protected Areas Under improved management effectiveness

Total Ha (Expected at PIF)	Total Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Total Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Total Ha (Achieved at TE)
	5000000		23739500

Name of the Protected Area	WDPA ID	IUCN Category	Total Ha (Expected at PIF)	Total Ha (Expected at CEO Endorsement)	Total Ha (Achieved at MTR)	Total Ha (Achieved at TE)	METT score (Baseline at CEO Endorsement)	METT score (Achieved at MTR)	METT score (Achieved at TE)
Amirantes to Fortune Bank Sustainable	555643549	Protected area with sustainable use of		5,000,000.00		21,758,900.00			65.00

ble Use Area		natural resources							
Cosmole do and Astove Archipelago		Others				532,100.00			
Farquhar Archipelago Sustainable Use Area		Others				1,448,500.00			

IV: Co Financing

Sources of Co-financing	Name of Co-financier	Type of Co-financing	Investment Mobilized	Anticipated at CEO(\$)	Materialized at MTR(\$)	Materialized at TE(\$)
GEF Agency	The World Bank	Loan	Investment mobilized	5,000,000.00	2,007,915.00	4,570,000.00
GEF Agency	The World Bank	Guarantee	Investment mobilized	5,000,000.00		5,000,000.00
Recipient Country Government	Government of Seychelles	In-kind	Recurrent expenditures	16,000,000.00		16,000,000.00
Civil Society Organization	The Nature Conservancy	Loan	Investment mobilized	20,000,000.00		20,000,000.00
Private Sector	Private investors	Loan	Investment mobilized	5,000,000.00		15,000,000.00
Beneficiaries	Private sector	Equity Investment	Investment mobilized	3,000,000.00		1,500,000.00

Total Co-financing		54,000,000.00	2,007,915.00	62,070,000.00
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Comments

V: ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS

Overall Project/Program Risk Classification

PIF	CEO Endorsement/Approval	MTR	TE
		Low	Medium/Moderate

Measures to address identified risks and impacts

The World Bank and the government agreed on a post-closing E&S risk management plan to ensure that present and future blue bond-funded sub-projects comply with E&S requirements until the end of the blue bond maturity in October 2028. It was agreed that the MFBE would put in place an E&S post to monitor compliance until then with World Bank support. After October 2028, it was agreed that DBS would assume this responsibility. An E&S specialist has since been recruited, started in March 2025 and is currently screening proposals for both the BIF and the GBF to ensure compliance with environmental and social safeguards.

VI. ANNEX

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