

Summary of local fishing licence arrangements, fees, duration, transferability and divisibility in place for the year 2020.

Permit / authorization / Rights	Fees	Duration	Transferability	Divisibility	Source / Comments
Recreational fishing vessel licence					
Recreational fishing permit not required	No fees applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Article 18 of Fisheries Act (2014)
Sport fishing vessel licences					
Sport fishing vessel permit	Paid through hire craft licence ¹	Per annum	Not transferable	Not addressed. No current restrictions in place.	Article 18 of Fisheries Act (2014)
Organisation of competition sport fishing	No fee in place, but see footnote below	Per competition	Not transferable	Not addressed. No current restrictions in place.	Article 19 of Fisheries Act (2014)
Scientific fishing licence					
Authorisation to undertake scientific research on fisheries	No fees stated	As per terms and conditions specified by the SFA.	As per terms and conditions specified by the SFA.	As per terms and conditions specified by the SFA.	Article 10 of Fisheries Act (2014)
Cultural Use fishing licence					
No cultural use fishing licence exist	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	There is no fishery which is associated with cultural use in Seychelles.
Commercial fishing vessel licences					

¹ A Hire Craft licence fee needs to be paid to Seychelles Licensing Authority as per the Schedule Fees of the Licences Act (2010). The Control of Hire Craft Act defines a Hire Craft as ‘a boat let out for hire for fishing as a sport or for pleasure purposes only’, therefore it is implicit that payment of the licence provides hire craft the permission to fish. Licence fee varies, depending on the length of the vessel, between SCR 500 to SCR 10,000 per annum and between SCR 1,410 to SCR 28,200 if the licence is paid for three years. Section 18 of the Fisheries Act makes provision for a sport fishing permit to be paid to SFA while Section 19 makes provision for a ‘competition sport fishing fee’. However, at present no fees are being charged by SFA and the vessels are not requiring permission from SFA to fish. SFA states that they are working on a framework to implement such licences.

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Artisanal fishing vessel licence	SCR 500	One year	Not transferable ²	Not specifically addressed ³ but there are plans to restrict the number of licences issued ⁴	Stipulated in Section 7A(3)(a) of the Fisheries Regulations (1987) The fee of SCR 500 is maintained in the FCP
Semi-industrial longline vessel licence	SCR 500	One year	Not transferable	Not specifically addressed; there are no individual or collective quota in place for Seychelles' semi-industrial longline fleet	An extract of the existing licence conditions is stated in the FCP
Seychelles-flagged industrial longline fishing licence	USD 20,125 – USD 24,000	Per year	Not transferable	For the year 2020, each industrial longline had a Yellowfin quota of 50 Mt to compensate for the exceeding of the TAC in 2018 and 2019.	Stated in FCP Verified in the SFA foreign fishing licences payment files. Payment defined in international agreements.
	USD 17,500	Per half-year			
Seychelles-flagged purse seine fishing vessel licence	USD 90,000 ⁵	Per year	Not transferable	For the year 2020, each purse seine had a Yellowfin quota of 2,555 Mt.	Stated in FCP Vessel have the option to pay access fee in two equal instalments
Seychelles-flagged supply vessel licence	USD 5,000	Per year	Not transferable	Restrictions apply as per IOTC Resolution 19/01 to reduce the use of supply vessels From 1 January 2018 to 31	Stated in FCP. Verified in the SFA foreign fishing licences payment files

² Article 24 of the Fisheries Act (2014) states 'a licence or permit granted under this Sub-Part or regulations made under section 20 shall not be transferable except as otherwise prescribed for the limitation of entry into a fishery.' Whereas article 29 states that 'an authorisation shall not be transferred under this Act, regulations made thereunder or a plan for the management of a fishery.' These two articles apply to all fishing licences and permits.

³ Article 6 of the Fisheries Act (2014) provides the legal framework for introducing quota in any fishery for the purpose of limiting catch or effort.

⁴ As part of Phase 2 of the implementation of the 'Mahé Plateau trap and line fishery co-management plan', there are plans to develop and implement a fishery licencing framework to enable future effort reduction by controlling the number of licences issued.

⁵ Can be paid in two equal instalments.

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				December 2019: 1 supply vessel in support of not less than 2 purse seiners, all of the same flag State.	Payment defined in international agreements
Fishing activity licences⁶					
Mackerel net fishing activity licence	SCR 100	One year	Not transferable	There are no current restrictions on the number of mackerel and sardine net fishing activity licences that can be issued. The use of net fishing is restricted only for boats, fishing is restricted to designated areas and between 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.	Section 10(1) of the Fisheries Regulations makes provision for a net or combination of nets exceeding 50 metres in length to be licenced There are no provisions for nets < 50 m and no fees are stipulated The SCR 100 was introduced in the FCP
Sardine net fishing activity licence	SCR 100	One year	Not transferable		
Sea cucumber fishing licence	SCR 7,000	One year	Not transferable	Number of licences limited to 25 with a collective quota of 375,000 pieces divided among 3 species (White Teat Fish, Prickly Red Flower Teat Fish) Open season is from November to May annually Licenced vessels need to have a crew of no more	The SCR 7,000 fee for sea cucumber fishing licence is stipulated in the FCP but in Section 19A(4) of the Fisheries Regulations (1987), the stated fee is SCR 300 There is no evidence that this older fee has been repealed

⁶ Consequently, for those pursuing a fishing activity listed in this table, two sets of licence fees (vessel licence fee and fishing activity licence fee) are applicable.

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				than 8 persons, of which only 4 are divers	
Lobster fishing licence	SCR 500	Per open season	Not transferable	Limited entry fishery. Article 6(2)(g) of the Fisheries Act makes provisions for controlling access. For the 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 season only 10 and 16 licences were issued respectively.	A licence fee of SCR 500 for one open season along with a refundable compliance bond of SCR 5,000 is stipulated in the FCP.
Other fishing activity-related licences					
Sea cucumber processing licence	SCR 20,000	Per year	Not transferable	Number of licences limited to four.	Stipulated in the FCP.
Licence for live fish trade	SCR 2,000	Per year	Not transferable	Maybe restricted ⁷ Licences no longer issued	Article 25(A)(7) of the Fisheries Regulations (1987). Live fish trade is not banned, but is no longer permitted in Seychelles.
Certificate of Authorisation to fish on the High Seas or in a third country's jurisdictional waters					
<u>Seychelles-flagged vessel:</u> Authorisation to fish outside Seychelles' waters for Seychelles-owned vessels	SCR 500	Per year	Not transferable	Not addressed No current restrictions in place	Article 25, 26, 27 of Fisheries Act (2014) SCR500 fee obtained from the SFA's MCS division (as no official source published)

⁷ According to Section 25A(6) of the Fisheries Regulations (1987) can be in the form of quotas or on other regulations or management plans in place.

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Seychelles-flagged vessel: Authorisation to fish outside Seychelles' waters for foreign-owned vessels	SCR 2,500 or USD 500	Per year	Not transferable	Have to abide by TAC set by IOTC for Yellowfin tuna	Article 25, 26, 27 of Fisheries Act (2014) Stated in FCP Verified in the SFA local fishing licences payment files

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Industrial longline fishery					
Foreign-flagged industrial longline fishing licence <i>[Non-EU agreements]</i>	USD 20,125 – USD 24,000	Per year	Not transferable	Not currently limited	Stated in FCP Verified in the SFA foreign fishing licences payment files Payment defined in international agreements
	USD 17,500	Per half-year	Not transferable	Catches of Seychelles-flagged longline vessels is currently less than 5,000 Mt Above this level, IOTC quotas start to apply	
Foreign-flagged industrial longline fishing licence <i>[EU agreement]</i>	EUR 7,200 ⁸	Per year	Not transferable	Fish under the EU's quota for Yellowfin tuna	As per EU/Seychelles Fisheries Partnership Agreement Protocol
	USD 17,500	Per half-year			

⁸ Equivalent of EUR 80 per tonne for 90 tonnes of tuna and tuna like species caught within Seychelles' Fishing Areas. Note that the 2014 – 2020 EU/Seychelles Agreement there was a distinction between fees paid by vessel owners for longline vessel below 250 GRT (Euro 7,200) and for vessels above 250 GRT which is no longer present in the 2020-2026 Agreement which has a flat rate of Euro 7,200 for the first and second year and Euro 7,650 from the third to sixth year.

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Purse seiner fishery					
Foreign-flagged purse seine fishing licence <i>[Non-EU agreements]</i>	USD 110,000 – USD 120,000	Per year	Not transferable	Foreign purse seiner fish under their country or block's own quota for Yellowfin tuna	Stated in FCP
Foreign-flagged purse seine fishing licence <i>[EU agreement]</i>	EUR 56,000 (vessel) ⁹	Per year	Not transferable	Fish under the EU's quota for Yellowfin tuna	As per EU/Seychelles Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreement protocol
Supply vessels					
Foreign-flagged supply vessel licence <i>[All agreements]</i>	USD 5,000	Per year	Not transferable	Restrictions apply as per IOTC Resolution 19/01 to reduce the use of supply vessels From 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019: 1 supply vessel in support of not less than 2 purse seiners, all of the same flag State	Stated in FCP Verified in the SFA foreign fishing licences payment files Payment defined in international agreements

⁹ Equivalent of EUR 80 per tonne for 700 tonnes of tuna and tuna like species caught within Seychelles' Fishing Areas. The fee will increase to euro 59,500 per year (equivalent of EUR 85 per tonne for 90 tonnes) from the third to sixth year.