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**Seychelles Fisheries Authority**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Seychelles Fisheries Authority Act, 2024 introduced several key changes to strengthen and modernise the institutional framework governing the Authority. Notably, it formalised the change of name from the Seychelles Fishing Authority to the Seychelles Fisheries Authority, better reflecting the expanded scope of its mandate and functions.

The Authority was originally established in August 1984 under the Seychelles Fishing Authority (Establishment) Act as the executive arm of the Government of Seychelles in the field of fisheries, with the mandate to develop the fishing industry to its fullest potential while safeguarding the resource base for sustainable development.

In January 2019, the Authority became a financially autonomous State-Owned Enterprise. Subsequently, a comprehensive review and modernisation of the Establishment Act was initiated to align the Authority with the Public Enterprise Monitoring Commission Act and to update its functions in line with evolving sectoral needs and governance standards.

The Seychelles Fisheries Authority Act, 2024 was officially assented to by the President of the Republic of Seychelles on 23 July 2024 and gazetted on 29 July 2024, marking a significant milestone in strengthening institutional governance and the sustainable management of Seychelles' fisheries sector.

The Act provides for the authority to oversee the efficient management and sustainable development of the fisheries sector on a par with international norms, standards, and best practices and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

The Authority works closely with the Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture & the Blue Economy and is governed by a Board of Directors, which is responsible for its policy, control, and management oversight. A Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has supervision over and directs the day-to-day affairs of the Authority.

### 1.1 Details of SFA's Information Officer

As per the requirement of the Access to information Act 2018, SFA appointed Mrs. Meggy Tirant as the Information officer from 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 to date. Mrs. Tirant replaces Mrs. Tresa Bastienne who was the previous Information Officer.

## **2. MISSION AND VISION OR MANDATE OF THE ORGANISATION**

### **2.1. Our Vision**

*"Excellence in sustainable fisheries management and sector development"*

### **2.2 Our Mission**

*"Ensure optimal utilization of the fisheries resources for the benefit of the Seychellois people through sustainable management, ecosystem-based approaches, and integrated sector development"*

### **2.3 Functions**

The Seychelles Fisheries Authority (SFA) is the leading agency dedicated to the sustainable management and development of the Seychelles' rich marine resources. For over four decades, SFA has been at the forefront of ensuring the responsible stewardship of our fisheries, balancing economic growth with the preservation of our marine ecosystems.

The functions of SFA are to:

- (a) promote, develop and regulate fisheries;
- (b) advise the government on all matters related to fisheries;
- (c) assist in the formulation of national policies with respect to fisheries and lead the implementation of these policies;
- (d) assist in negotiations and represent Seychelles on matters related to fisheries;
- (e) promote and conduct scientific and development research related to fisheries;
- (f) enter into agreements in consultation with the authority responsible for ports, for the management or joint management of ports, harbors and related facilities;
- (g) administer the laws relating to fisheries and aquaculture and regulations made thereunder and other written laws relating to fisheries; and
- (h) advise the government on the manpower training requirements of Seychelles with regard to the fisheries sector.

## 2.4 Core values

- **Transparency & Accountability:** Being open and honest about our actions and taking responsibility for our decisions.
- **Integrity:** Doing the right thing and demonstrating ethical behaviour in any situation.
- **Reliability & Consistency in service delivery:** Providing a service that is dependable and maintaining our quality of service over time.
- **Positivity:** Applying a positive mental attitude to the work we do and aiming for excellence.
- **Stewardship & inclusivity:** Taking initiatives to make things better for our organization while welcoming and respecting the dignity of all.

### 3. ANNUAL REPORT REQUIREMENTS (AS PER SECTION 54 OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT)

SR No	ATI ACT REQUIREMENTS	No
1)	The total number of ATI requests for access received.	0
2)	<b><u>TYPE OF INFORMATION</u></b>	
	The number of requests for personal information	0
	The number of requests for public domain information	0
	The number of requests for third party information	0
	The number of requests for commercial and confidential Information	0
	The number of requests for law enforcement information	0
	The number of requests for privileged documents	0
	The number of requests for protection of life and safety of an individual information	0
	The number of requests for National Security and defence	0
	The number of requests for international relations	0
	The number of requests for Economic interest of the state	0
	The number of requests for Academic or professional examination and recruitment process information	0
	The number of requests for proposal submitted to Cabinet	0
3)	The number of requests for access granted in full.	0
4)	The number of requests for access refuse in full.	0
	The number of requests for access refuse in part.	0
5)	The number of times each provision of Part III ( <b>EXEMPTIONS</b> ) was relied on to refuse access in full.	0
	The number of times each provision of Part III ( <b>EXEMPTIONS</b> ) was relied on to refuse access in part.	0
6)	The number of requests abandoned after request	0
7)	The number of request but no records exist	0
8)	The number of cases in which the periods stipulated in section 11 were extended in terms of section 12.	0

<b>9)</b>	The number of review applications lodged with the head of the information holder.	<b>0</b>
<b>10)</b>	The number of reviews lodged on the ground that a request for access was regarded as having been refused in terms of section 14.	<b>0</b>
<b>11)</b>	The number of cases in which, as a result of a review, access was given to information.	<b>0</b>
<b>12)</b>	The number of requests transferred to another Public Body	<b>0</b>

<p><b>I.</b></p>	<p><b><i>A description of the steps or efforts taken by the head of the body to encourage all officers of that body to comply with the provisions of this Act;</i></b></p> <p>Adherence to the provisions of the Access to Information Act (ATIA) is of paramount importance for the leadership of SFA, which remains firmly committed to promoting good governance through enhanced transparency, accountability, and integrity across all aspects of the Authority’s operations.</p> <p>Ensuring the accessibility of information is a core priority for SFA. In this regard, the Authority actively fulfils its obligations under the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI), a global framework that promotes openness and accountability in fisheries governance. Notably, Seychelles became the first country in the world to be officially recognised as FiTI compliant, marking a significant milestone in national and international fisheries transparency. The Fisheries Information Management System (FIMS) has been instrumental in providing the public with access to fisheries-related data through a centralized, web-based platform. The system consolidates data from industrial, artisanal, semi-industrial, and aquaculture fisheries, offering both a public-facing interface and secure access for authorized users. Through interactive dashboards, charts, and tables, FIMS enhances transparency, reduces the need for ad-hoc data requests.</p> <p>SFA plays a central role in this achievement as a member of the National Multi-Stakeholder Group (NMSG) under FiTI and, accordingly, as a participant in the National Open Governance Partnership Committee. Through these platforms, SFA continues to support and advance Seychelles’ leadership in transparent, inclusive, and accountable fisheries governance.</p>
<p><b>II.</b></p>	<p><b><i>Any facts which indicate an effort by the body to administer and implement the spirit and intention of the Act according to its submitted plan;</i></b></p> <p>SFA, continues to demonstrate its commitment to administering and implementing the spirit and intent of the Access to Information Act (ATIA) in line with its approved implementation plan.</p> <p>Although no requests were received under the Act in 2025, SFA has established a Website Committee that meets on a regular basis to review and update the information published on the Authority’s website, as required. This mechanism ensures that information remains accurate, relevant, current, and accessible to the public, in accordance with ATIA requirements and SFA’s broader commitment to transparency and good governance.</p> <p>Furthermore, SFA confirms that all obligations and recommendations issued by the Public Enterprise Monitoring Commission (PEMC) are fully up to date and have been duly complied with.</p>

<b>III.</b>	Particulars of any penalties imposed against any person under this Act; <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> (If yes, list down) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No penalties have been imposed against any person under this Act
<b>IV.</b>	Particulars of any disciplinary action taken against any person under this Act; <b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> (If yes, list down) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No disciplinary action has been taken against any person under this Act.

## 4. THE CATEGORIES OF INFORMATION (AS PER SECTION 55 OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT)

LIST OF CATEGORIES	LOCATION OF THE INFORMATION
1. Manuals, policies, procedures or rules or similar instruments which have been prepared for, or are used by, officers of the body in discharging that body's functions, exercising powers and handling complaints, making decisions or recommendations or providing advice to persons outside the body with respect to rights, privileges or benefits, or to obligations, penalties or other consequences, to or for which persons may be entitled or liable;	Website: <a href="http://www.sfa.sc">www.sfa.sc</a> Available upon request on: <a href="mailto:info@sfa.sc">info@sfa.sc</a>
2. The name, designations and other particulars of the Information Officer of the public body, including his or her contact details and electronic addresses where persons may submit requests for information;	Website: <a href="http://www.sfa.sc">www.sfa.sc</a> Available upon request on: <a href="mailto:info@sfa.sc">info@sfa.sc</a>
3. Any prescribed forms, procedures, processes and rules for engagement by members of the public with the public body	Website: <a href="http://www.sfa.sc">www.sfa.sc</a> Available upon request on: <a href="mailto:info@sfa.sc">info@sfa.sc</a>
4. The particulars of any arrangement, statutory or otherwise, that exists for consultation with, or representation by, members of the public in relation to the formulation or implementation of its policies, or similar documents;	Website: <a href="http://www.sfa.sc">www.sfa.sc</a> Available upon request on: <a href="mailto:info@sfa.sc">info@sfa.sc</a>
5. Detailed information on the design and execution of any subsidy programmes implemented with public funds, including the amounts allocated and expended, the criteria for accessing the subsidy, and the beneficiaries	Website: <a href="http://www.sfa.sc">www.sfa.sc</a> Available upon request on: <a href="mailto:info@sfa.sc">info@sfa.sc</a>
6. All contracts, licences, permits, authorisations and public-private partnerships granted by the public body;	Website: <a href="http://www.sfa.sc">www.sfa.sc</a> Available upon request on: <a href="mailto:info@sfa.sc">info@sfa.sc</a>
7. Reports containing the results of surveys, studies or tests, including scientific or technical reports and environmental impact assessment reports, prepared by the public body;	Website: <a href="http://www.sfa.sc">www.sfa.sc</a> Available upon request on: <a href="mailto:info@sfa.sc">info@sfa.sc</a>
8. The particulars of its organisations, functions and duties;	Website: <a href="http://www.sfa.sc">www.sfa.sc</a> Available upon request on: <a href="mailto:info@sfa.sc">info@sfa.sc</a>
9. Information containing interpretations or particulars of acts or policies administered by the body;	Website: <a href="http://www.sfa.sc">www.sfa.sc</a> Available upon request on: <a href="mailto:info@sfa.sc">info@sfa.sc</a>
10. The annual report submitted to the information commission under section 54 of this act;	Website: <a href="http://www.sfa.sc">www.sfa.sc</a> Available upon request on: <a href="mailto:info@sfa.sc">info@sfa.sc</a>
11. Any other relevant information	Website: <a href="http://www.sfa.sc">www.sfa.sc</a> Available upon request on : <a href="mailto:info@sfa.sc">info@sfa.sc</a>

## 5. CHALLENGES

No challenges were recorded in 2025 in relation to the implementation of the Access to Information Act (ATIA).

## 6. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Information Commission continue to prioritise and strengthen ongoing training and capacity-building programmes for designated Information Officers and relevant public sector staff.

## 7. DECLARATION

I declare that in accordance to Section 54 of the Access to Information, Act 2018, the Annual Report are to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and complete as per the requirements.

<b>Meggy Tirant</b>	<i>M. Tirant</i>	<i>17/02/2026</i>
Name of Information Officer	Signature	Date

I confirm that this Annual Report is verified and true, accurate and complete to my knowledge as the Head of Information Holder of the Seychelles Fisheries Authority on the date stated below.

<b>Dr. Jan Robinson</b>	<i>[Signature]</i>
Name of Head of Information Holder	Signature

Dated this *17/2/26* of February 2026.

