SEYCHELLES FISHERIES AUTHORITY

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and Blue Economy
REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES

Support to Design and Implement a Tuna Fish Grading System for Seychelles Fishing Industry Project

About the project

A 2020 Seychelles Fisheries Authority study found that a significant amount of fish waste is discarded at landfill sites each year. While the government has invested in fisheries infrastructure and introduced policy and legislative reforms, key challenges remain, including the absence of a regulated grading system, disputes over fish quality and value, limited seafood branding, and difficulties in accessing new markets.

With support from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, this proposal aims to pilot a recognized grading system for selected tuna species, strengthen marketing and branding initiatives, diversify seafood products, reduce post-harvest losses, and build a more sustainable, higher-value fisheries sector that supports livelihoods and food security. The project seeks to improve product quality and value, expand market opportunities, and strengthen the sustainability and resilience of the fisheries sector. The Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and the Blue Economy is a direct project partner and will coordinate project components related to the development of a well-established Seychelles Seafood brand.

Project at a glance

Total Grant
US$ 214,00

Donor
Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations

Project Start Date
April 2025

Project End Date
April 2027

Project Partner:

Ministry of Fisheries, Agriculture and the Blue Economy

Objective:

Sustainably transform and diversify the ocean's economy while promoting research and innovation in the fisheries sector, to ensure food security

Intended outcome

Promote sustainable practices and enhance the economic viability of the Seychelles Seafood Brand.

Outcome indicator

Overall increase in export of Seychelles fish and fish products.

Output 1:

Fish grading system for the Seychelles Fisheries sector developed through a pilot project in the Semi-Industrial Sector for at least two common tuna species.

Indicator

A fish grading system for the Seychelles Semi Industrial sector and export market.

Output 2:

A well-established Seychelles Seafood brand created.

Indicator

Well-established Seychelles Seafood brand, portraying its premium-quality resources that can certify its fish grade.