

Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI)
National Multi-Stakeholder Group (NMSG)
Department of Blue Economy, Maison Collet, Victoria
8th March 2024
10h00am

National Multi-Stakeholder Group Meeting Minutes

Date	8 th March 2024
Venue	Department of Blue Economy, Maison Collet
Time	10:00am

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Members Present	Mr. Philippe Michaud (PM)	Chair
	Ms. Kim Samy (KS)	FiTI National Secretariat, Department of Blue Economy
	Ms. Daniella Larue (DL)	2022 FiTI Report Compiler
	Marie-Therese Purvis (MP)	S4S/CEPS
	Mr. Robin Dogley (RD)	Aquarius
	Ms. Wilna Accouche (WA)	Green Island Foundation
	Mr. Roy Clarisse (RC)	Department of Fisheries
	Mr. Muditha	AFPES
	Mr. Rodney Nicole (RN)	Belombre Fishermen Association
	Mr. Selwyn Edmond (SE)	Seaward Co Ltd.
	Mr. Faizal Suleman (FS)	Glacis Fishermen Association
	Mr. Antoine Marie Moustache (AM)	Nature Seychelles
Honorable Wallace Cosgrow (WC)	(United Seychelles Opposition)	

OBSERVERS

Other Members Present	Mr. Gervais Verlaque (GV)	Seychelles Maritime Academy
	Ms. Betty Victor (BV)	Seychelles Fishing Authority

	Ms. Julia Malbrook (JM)	Seychelles Fishing Authority
	Mr. Yannick Memme (YM)	FiTI International Secretariat
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>		
Absent with Apologies	Honorable Regina Esparon (RE)	The Linyon Demokratik Seselwa Party (Government Party).
	Mr. Cyril Bonnelame (CB)	Transparency Initiative
A. Welcome words and notes by Chair		
The Chair greeted and welcomed all members of the NMSG to the second NMSG Meeting of the year 2024.		
Agenda Item		Action
B.	1. Confirmation of Minutes And Agenda	The Chairperson called the meeting to order and members confirmed the minutes of the previous meeting. The agenda for the current meeting was reviewed and approved.
C.	2. Comments and feedbacks on Detailed Summary 2022 Report	<p><u>Large-Scale Fisheries</u></p> <p>2.0 Ms. D. Larue raised concerns about discrepancies in the allocation of the reported quota of 36,587 Mt. among 13 purse seiners.</p> <p>2.1 Mr. R. Clarisse clarified that while the reported quota was accurate; it was not distributed equally among the 13 purse seiners.</p>

2.2 Mr. V. Lucas, supported Mr. R. Clarisse's explanation, referencing information from the consultant who did the annual report.

2.3 The NMSG acknowledged the identified discrepancies and agreed to document them for future reference.

2.4 Ms. D. Larue emphasized the importance of improving financial reporting through the FiTI process, particularly in relation to additional catch figures.

2.5 The NMSG proposed replacing the term 'excess' with 'additional' and recommended a review of the reported catch figures.

Fisheries Law Enforcement

3.0 Ms. D. Larue highlighted inaccuracies in the reported monitoring, control, surveillance, and enforcement costs and expressed receiving limited information on allocation.

3.1 Ms. D. Larue suggested addressing concerns about uncertain calculations in the MCS enforcement cost either in the FiTI Report or directly with the SFA.

3.2 Ms. B. Victor recommended resolving the identified issue internally within the SFA, indicating it need not be specifically highlighted in the FiTI Report.

Labour Standards

4.0 Ms. D. Larue recommended revising and evaluating the chapter on labour standards within the 2022 FiTI Report.

		<p>Next Steps The Chairperson outlined the following next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of Chairperson’s Foreword. • Compilation of the NMSG Quote. • Compilation of the Report Compiler’s Report. • Consolidation of comments into Draft 2. • Circulation of the latest draft by 15th March. • Finalization of the Report by the beginning of April. <p><i>Members of NMSG agreed with the above mentioned discussions and next steps.</i></p>	
D.	3.Update on People Power Project	The Chair informed the meeting that there will be the up coming workshop and survey.	
E.	AOB	<p>Members of NMSG raised queries about the fisheries bill.</p> <p>Mr. R. Clarisse confirmed that the bill has not been read by the parliament yet.</p>	
F.	Decide Date for next meeting	The next meeting has been scheduled for Friday 5th April 2024.	Ms. K. Samy will send calendar invites.
Concluding Strategic Items and Actions			
	i.	<i>SFA and MoFBE to publish records of stakeholder consultations related to fisheries policies, laws, and regulations.</i>	
	ii.	<i>Review and rectify discrepancies in the allocation of fishing quotas among purse seiners.</i>	
	iii.	<i>Investigate and correct inaccuracies in reported monitoring and enforcement costs.</i>	
	iv.	<i>Revise the chapter on labour standards in the 2022 FiTI Report.</i>	
End of meeting		There being no other matters, the meeting adjourned at 12:00pm	

Mr. Philippe Michaud

Chair

Ms. Kim Samy

National Secretary to the Board