

## FiTI Workplan 2024

### Activity Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly

April to July 2024

Communications/ Press Transparency	
Date/Month	Activity
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	The Chair spoke on FiTI during the Sustainable Tuna Association (STA) Conference on Transparency within the Indian Ocean Tuna fishery- a collaborative approach to fight illegal fishing and ensure long-term tuna stocks.
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Bonjour Seychelles Programme aired on the occasion of Tuna Week.
25 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Meeting with Vice President, Designated Minister, PS, BE, PS of Finance, and SFA on OGP FiTI Commitment.
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2024	Presentation of FiTI to Cabinet
31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024	Press Conference on FiTI report at the Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Media Training on the FiTI Report 2022 organized by the Danny Faure Foundation. The purpose was to explore how the media can actively contribute to the FiTI objectives by effectively communicating its principles, successes, and challenges to the wider public.
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Seychelles FiTI Report and Request for Information regarding Sea Cucumber Diving Accidents.

Workplan Summary	Outcome	Timeline
To upload any press release on Activities FiTI NMS group has participated in.	Completed	2024
The circulation of FiTI 2022 report to all National Stakeholders.	Completed	April 2024
Dissimilated the FiTI Report 2022 to various stakeholders including members of the Mahe Plateau Trap and Line Fishery Co-Management Plan.	Completed	April 2024
To upload FiTI Minutes on the MoFBE Website	Completed	June 2024
Updated the MSG contact information	Completed	June 2024
Review attendance-based records and the date of expiry of existing members' terms.	Ongoing	July 2024
Discussing the possibility of rotating the position of Chair of the National MSG between all three stakeholder groups that form part of the National MSG.	Completed. The solution was to introduce a Vice Chair.	July 2024
Ensuring that the procedures for nominating and replacing members of the National MSG are public and implemented in a way that is widely perceived as fair, open, and transparent. This process should incorporate the right of each stakeholder group to appoint its representatives.	Completed	July 2024

Ensuring that sufficient time is afforded to the staff member(s) selected to act as the FiTI National Secretariat (if they have other responsibilities)	Ongoing	August 2024
Defining the responsibilities of the FiTI National Secretariat, which must not only take into account the requirements of the FiTI implementation process (as outlined in sections A-C of the FiTI Standard) but also incorporate the views and expectations of the National MSG regarding such operational support.	Ongoing. Was revised as part of the newly updated "ToR"	August 2024
Defining the Department of Blue Economy's and the Seychelles Fishing Authority's respective organizational and personnel responsibilities for running the FiTI National Secretariat	Ongoing. Was revised as part of the newly updated "ToR"	August 2024
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The National MSG should also ensure that relevant meetings are open to observers, in accordance with the National MSG's ToR. To strengthen the implementation of the FiTI, the government may wish to consider additional means of institutionalizing the FiTI process in systematic government disclosures, national laws, and regulations, as well as in the government's budget-making process regarding the annual FiTI reporting process	Ongoing. Was revised as part of the newly updated "ToR"	
Work in progress on the Terms of Reference "ToR" by the MSG.	Ongoing	August 2024
Gazette Names: SFA to gazette the names of the people authorized to issue fisheries licenses.	Ongoing	September 2024
Follow-up of the recommendations of the Nation Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG) vis-à-vis various Ministries and SFA.	Ongoing	September 2024
Work on an Annual Work Plan for 2024 Draft an annual work plan for 2024, including an explanation for the absence of the 2023 work plan.	Ongoing	September 2024
Preparation for the second validation process: Seychelles needs to move from "meaningful progress", status to that of "compliance" status. This second validation process offers a unique opportunity to conduct an objective and standardized verification of Seychelles' post-performance as well as to identify lessons learned, enhancement opportunities, and corrective actions to further strengthen the operational effectiveness of the FiTI implementation and the overall impact of the FiTI for the sustainable management of a Seychelles' Marine fisheries	Ongoing	September 2024