

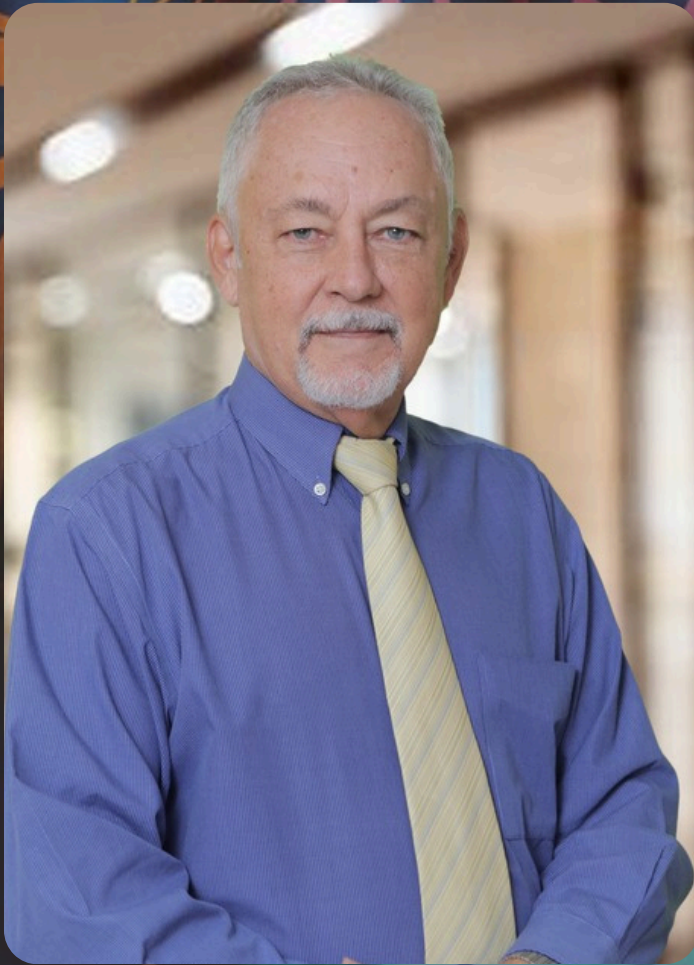
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SPECIAL EDITION



***"One Ocean for Today and
Tomorrow's Generation"***

Message from the Minister of Fisheries and Blue Economy
Celebrating 10 years of the Seychelles' Blue Economy.



A decade ago, Seychelles embarked on an ambitious vision, to harness the vast potential of our ocean in a way that safeguards our environment while delivering sustainable economic growth and social well-being. Today, we celebrate the tangible progress, the milestones achieved, and the lessons learned over these ten years.

Over the past decade, Seychelles has emerged as a global pioneer in the Blue Economy. We designated nearly one-third of our Exclusive Economic Zone for marine protection, safeguarding biodiversity while promoting sustainable fisheries and tourism. We strengthened regional and international partnerships, demonstrating that collective action is key to addressing the challenges our oceans face.

The true impact of these efforts goes beyond policies or statistics. It is reflected in the lives of Seychellois families, in the health of our coral reefs, in the resilience of our coastal communities, and in the new economic opportunities created for our youth and entrepreneurs.

As we reflect on this decade, it is clear that the blue economy is not a destination but a living, evolving journey. It demands sustained commitment, innovation, and inclusive governance to meet the mounting challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and shifting global dynamics.

This celebration is also a moment to honor all those who have contributed to this journey: our government officials, civil society, private sector partners, international collaborators, and above all, the communities who depend on and protect our ocean each day.

Looking ahead, the next decade calls for greater ambition and unity. Let us reaffirm our commitment to a blue economy that is equitable, sustainable, and resilient; one that leaves no one behind and ensures our ocean continues to nourish and inspire generations to come.

Your dedication and collaboration have been the cornerstone of our success. As we celebrate this milestone, let us look ahead with confidence and determination to build an even brighter future together.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely of Mr. Jean - Francois Ferrari, written over a stylized graphic of a green ribbon.

Mr. Jean - Francois Ferrari
Minister for Fisheries and Blue Economy

Celebrating a Decade of the Department of Blue Economy

Message from the Principal Secretary of the Department of Blue Economy.



Unlike traditional economic models that often prioritize short-term profits over long-term health, the Blue Economy seeks a balance between economic growth, environmental protection, and social well-being. Over the past decade, Seychelles has made landmark strides in redefining the relationship between ocean stewardship and economic development. Among our proudest accomplishments are:

- Seychelles' designation as the African Union's Blue Economy champion which has also been marked by our status as the first African nation and the fourth globally to ratify the High Seas Treaty, known as the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) agreement.
- Joint Management Area (JMA) where Seychelles and Mauritius have jointly established the JMA, the first collaborative management of an extended continental shelf in Africa, setting a precedent in shared ocean governance.
- The launch of the world's first Sovereign Blue Bonds, an innovative financial instrument that unlocked capital for marine conservation and sustainable fisheries.
- Ocean Literacy project a first of its kind in Africa where Seychelles is spearheading a national Ocean Literacy agenda to embed marine awareness and stewardship across schools, communities, and institutions.
- Implementation of projects to explore the Circular Economy and Marine Biotechnology sector.

The Department's journey reflects a holistic and inclusive approach to Blue Economy development grounded in sustainable economic development, science, innovation, and equity. As we look forward, we acknowledge that this is only the beginning.

Seychelles continues to face significant challenges. Financial barriers persist, particularly in high-investment sectors like marine renewable energy and biotechnology.

Climate change, with its devastating effects, rising sea levels, coral bleaching, and ocean acidification threatens both ecosystems and livelihoods. Over 90% of our population and infrastructure are vulnerable to coastal threats, placing urgent pressure on our marine resources.

We also confront critical capacity gaps in marine science and technology. But progress is being made. The way forward lies in deepening collaboration. International partnerships are key to unlocking finance, knowledge, and innovation. We invite global allies, private sector stakeholders, and the Seychellois people to join us as we enter a new chapter of ocean resilience and prosperity.

Ten years on, the Blue Economy has become more than a policy framework, Seychelles has turned its greatest vulnerability, its isolation and dependence on the ocean into a source of resilience and global influence.

The work is far from over, but the tide has turned, and in the heart of the Indian Ocean, the Seychelles sails forward boldly, charting a sustainable and inclusive ocean economy for Seychelles, and for the world.


Mrs. Phillianne Ernesta
Principal Secretary - Department of Blue Economy

More than a decade of impact: the Seychelles Blue Economy

2012

Seychelles and Mauritius signed an agreement to jointly manage an extended continental shelf of 396,000 km² creating the Joint Management Area (JMA).

2012

Seychelles negotiated and launched its first Debt-for-Nature Swap starting with a commitment at Rio+20 in 2012 to protect 30% of its ocean.

2015

The Department of Blue Economy is created to coordinate the development of the Seychelles Blue Economy.

SeyCCAT was established to channel these funds into marine conservation and climate adaptation; making Seychelles the first country to restructure external debt for ocean protection.

2015

The Blue Economy Roadmap is approved on the 31st January 2018 - It sets out clear priorities, strategies, and actions to sustainably develop Seychelles' ocean sectors.

2018

2018

Seychelles became the first country in the world to issue the Sovereign Blue Bonds.

2018

Seychelles pledged to host the Fisheries Transparency Initiative (FiTI) International Secretariat.

2018

Seychelles is designated as the African Union's Champion for the Blue Economy.

Department of the Blue Economy launched the first call for proposals under the Blue Investment Fund (BIF).

2019

SeyCCAT's Blue Grants Fund (BGF) is officially launched.

2019

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2019

FITI Secretariat is officially launched in Victoria, making Seychelles the first host country in the Global South.

2019

Seychelles hosted the Nekton Mission a deep-sea expedition that gathered scientific data on ocean ecosystems down to 500m.

2020

Department of Blue Economy recieved an \$800,000 grant to develop the marine biotechnology sector.

2020

Seychelles designated 30% of its Exclusive Economic Zone as Marine Protected Areas ahead of a decade.

2022

The Sustainable Ocean Management (SOM) Education Project is launched to integrating sustainable ocean management topics into the formal education of 12-13 year olds.

2022

President Wavel Ramkalawan became one of only two Patrons of the Ocean Decade Alliance

2022

Seychelles hosted and co-led the second leg of the Monaco Explorations Indian Ocean Expedition aboard the vessel S.A. AgulhasII

2023

Department of the Blue Economy launched its Communication Strategy and Implementation Plan

2024

Seychelles ratified the BBNJ Treaty (High Seas Treaty), becoming the first African country to reaffirming its leadership.

2024

The Department of Blue Economy trained 38 participants in BBNJ and Maritime Boundary Delimitation

More than a decade of impact: the Seychelles' Blue Economy

2024

10 local businesses benefit from the Challenge Fund administered by the Department of Blue Economy.

2025

The Seychelles Micro Continent Book is launched on the 31st January, 2025.

2025

Seychelles becomes FITI compliant.

Seychelles became the first SIDS to support the International Platform for Ocean Sustainability (IPOS).

2025

The Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan is officially launched on June 27, 2025.

2025

These achievements are moments of reflection. A reminder that while we have made great strides, we still face many challenges ahead. Yet, through strong partnerships both locally and internationally, nothing is impossible. The Department of Blue Economy remains confident that the next decade will be one of even greater success, driven by collaboration, innovation, and our shared vision for a sustainable ocean future.

A chat with MARYLYN CONFIANCE

As we mark a decade since the Department of the Blue Economy was established, we celebrate not just policies and projects, but the people who brought them to life.

This year, we sat down with Mrs. Marylyn Confiance, one of our longest serving team members, to reflect on what it means to help steer Seychelles' Blue Economy from vision to reality.



LOOKING BACK, WHAT WAS IT LIKE WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE BLUE ECONOMY FIRST STARTED 10 YEARS AGO?

Marylyn recalls that back then, everything was new the Blue Economy was a fresh concept for the country and there was a sense of uncertainty about how it would take shape. But today, she says, that idea has become a living reality.

Over the years, she has witnessed tremendous progress and development, with more focus than ever on blue initiatives, innovative financing, and emerging blue sectors.

Having worked with the Department since its inception, she feels proud to see how far Seychelles has come. What once felt uncertain now gives her confidence in the role of the Blue Economy and the promising opportunities it continues to bring for the nation.



WHAT PROJECT ARE YOU MOST PROUD OF BEING PART OF?

Marylyn shares that one of the proudest moments of her career was working alongside Mr. Raymond Chang Tave on the Maritime Boundary Delimitation, the project where it all began. This crucial work involved negotiating the delimitation of Seychelles' Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) with neighboring countries like Tanzania, Madagascar, Mauritius, and others.

She highlights the milestone of the Joint Management Area (JMA) established in 2012, where she played a key role in logistics and coordination. For Marylyn, the securing an additional 396,000 square kilometres of ocean space stands out as a meaningful achievement; proof of how the Maritime Boundary Delimitation Unit started with just two dedicated people and laid a strong foundation for others to build on today.



HOW HAS THE SEYCHELLES' BLUE ECONOMY EVOLVED OVER THE PAST DECADE?

She says the changes over the past ten years are clear and tangible from the creation of more job opportunities both on-site and within governance areas like policymaking, to the growth of small businesses tapping into blue sectors. She finds it encouraging to see how the Blue Economy can create real social prosperity for local entrepreneurs and small enterprises.

She also notes that new and emerging sectors, along with projects driven by innovation, have opened up even more possibilities. Today, the Department's scope of work has expanded greatly, and the number of stakeholders has grown beyond 25, a sign that the Blue Economy directly touches the lives of everyone in Seychelles in one way or another.



WHAT DOES BLUE ECONOMY DAY MEAN TO YOU PERSONALLY, ESPECIALLY THIS 10TH ANNIVERSARY?

Marylyn shares that for her, this year's Blue Economy Day is much more than just a date on the calendar, it's a celebration of 10 years of hard work that has been long in the making. It's also a meaningful moment of reflection, a chance to pause and truly acknowledge that the Seychelles Blue Economy is not just an idea, but something real and tangible that continues to grow and make an impact.



WHAT DO YOU THINK SETS SEYCHELLES APART AS A BLUE ECONOMY LEADER?

Marylyn says it's Seychelles' uniqueness that sets it apart not just its strategic geographic position, but also its remarkable geology and rich marine resources. She highlights Seychelles' ability to protect its ocean health and sustainably manage its resources while still pursuing economic growth is what sets Seychelles apart as a leader in the Blue Economy.



WHAT HAS KEPT YOU MOTIVATED TO WORK IN THE DEPARTMENT FOR SO LONG?

Marylyn says what keeps her motivated is the team spirit within the Department. Although small, the team has strong energy and commitment, which makes the work lighter and more rewarding. She appreciates how the Department can adapt and improvise, no matter the challenges; a quality that keeps her inspired to keep contributing every day.



WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE FOR THE FUTURE OF SEYCHELLES' BLUE ECONOMY?

Marylyn's wish for the future is that more people, especially the younger generation, will take an active interest in joining the Blue Economy sector. She hopes everyone will understand the importance of taking responsibility when using the ocean and its resources. For her, mindfulness is everything; caring for the ocean means securing a better future for all.



As we honour the past 10 years, voices like Marylyn remind us that the real power behind our ocean leadership is our people, their dedication, resilience, and belief that a small island nation can help shape a better ocean future for all.

EVENTS

UNOC3 Seychelles: “Towards a Sustainable Ocean” - A Step Towards Sustainable Ocean Stewardship



The Department of the Blue Economy, in collaboration with the French Embassy and the French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD), successfully hosted UNOC3 Seychelles: Towards a Sustainable Ocean. A workshop designed to shape Seychelles' contribution to the upcoming United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC) in France.

Held on Friday, 6th June 2025, at the Docklands Auditorium in Victoria, the event brought together ministers, key stakeholders, and experts from various sectors for productive discussions on ocean governance, sustainability, and Seychelles' leadership in advancing global marine policy. The programme featured two thematic sessions.

Session 1 – *Our Ocean, Our Future*

The first session highlighted Seychelles' ongoing efforts to conserve and sustainably manage its ocean resources.

Key speakers included:

- Mr. Chrissant Barbe, Director General of the Department of Blue Economy, who outlined Seychelles' sustainable Blue Economy framework.
- Ms. Helena Sims, SMSP Project Manager, who provided updates on the Marine Spatial Planning Initiative.
- Dr. Ameer Ebrahim, Director of Environmental, Marine & Fisheries Consulting, who shared insights on sustainable fisheries and their socio-economic benefits.
- Mr. Philippe Michaud, Consultant at the Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy, who reflected on the progress and outlook of Seychelles' fisheries sector.

Session 2 – *Exploring Technical and Scientific Innovations*

The second session focused on innovative, science-driven solutions to ocean challenges.

Highlights included:

- Dr. Jerome Harley, Director of the James Michel Blue Economy Research Institute, who presented the Seychelles Seagrass Mapping and Carbon Assessment Project and its role in advancing blue carbon solutions.
- Lt. Commander Timothée Sevaistre, French Maritime Advisor, who spoke on maritime security cooperation and decision-support systems for ocean governance.
- Ms. Morgane Kerdonkuff, Port Stopovers Director at Plastic Odyssey, who showcased practical low-tech solutions for tackling plastic pollution.
- Mr. Daniel Hugelmann, Co-founder of Ocean Labs, who demonstrated how marine remote sensing buoys are enhancing the monitoring of Marine Protected Areas in Seychelles.

The Department of the Blue Economy extends its gratitude to the French Embassy, IRD, and all participants for their invaluable contributions and looks forward to continued collaboration as Seychelles prepares to help shape global ocean action at UNOC3 in France.

EVENTS

Seychelles Represented at the 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3)



The 3rd United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3), co-hosted by France and Costa Rica, officially opened on 9 June 2025 in Nice, France, under the theme “Accelerating action and mobilizing all actors to conserve and sustainably use the ocean.” Building on the momentum from previous conferences in New York (2017) and Lisbon (2022), UNOC3 aims to advance Sustainable Development Goal 14 (Life Below Water) through stronger partnerships, increased investment, and science-based ocean action.

Seychelles’ participation at UNOC3 was coordinated and spearheaded by the Department of the Blue Economy, with the national delegation led by Minister Flavien Joubert, Minister for Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment. The delegation includes representatives from the Department of Blue Economy, Seychelles Ports Authority, Department of Fisheries, and Department of Environment, alongside technical experts from national institutions engaged in marine conservation, sustainable development, and ocean governance.

At UNOC3, Seychelles reaffirmed its leadership and commitment to advancing a sustainable ocean agenda. Prioritized was the global ratification of the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Treaty which Seychelles is the first African country to ratify.

Bilateral meetings conducted which highlighted priorities such as: the call for expanded ocean research that goes beyond traditional science, integrating socio-economic dimensions, community knowledge, and local voices to ensure that the Blue Economy model remains environmentally sustainable, economically viable, and socially inclusive.

Ahead of UNOC3, Seychelles participated in the Blue Economy and Finance Forum (BEFF) held on 7–8 June at the Grimaldi Forum in Monaco. Led by H.E. Ambassador Ian Madeleine (Ambassador to the USA and Permanent Representative to the UN), the Seychelles delegation joined global partners to launch new projects and announce the Nice Ocean Action Plan. The Forum also featured the signing of a Sustainable Mediterranean Cruise Charter by Monaco and France, strengthening efforts to reduce cruise tourism’s environmental footprint through joint regulation and innovation.

The Department of Blue Economy also took part in the high-level event “Celebrating High Seas Action: Accelerating the Race for Ratification and Ambitious Implementation of the BBNJ Agreement.” Co-hosted by Seychelles and 11 other governments with support from the High Seas Alliance, NRDC, IUCN, and Bloomberg Philanthropies. The event marked a pivotal moment for advancing global ocean governance and marine biodiversity protection.

In another key side event “Beyond Sustainability: The Promise of a Regenerative Blue Economy – From Concept to Practice” co-hosted by IUCN, AFD, and OECD, Seychelles brought forward the perspectives and aspirations of Seychellois youth within the regenerative blue economy discourse.

Additionally, Seychelles contributed to the High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy’s event, “Investing in Our Ocean’s Future”, held aboard the Tall Ship Statsraad Lehmkuhl on June 9. As a Sherpa to the Ocean Panel, Seychelles showcased how strategic partnerships have driven progress in:

- Innovative Financing: including the world’s first sovereign blue bond and debt-for-nature swaps supporting marine conservation.
- Ocean Governance: through the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan, Joint Management Areas, and integrated monitoring and evaluation frameworks.
- Ocean Literacy and Education: through initiatives such as integrating ocean literacy in the national curriculum and piloting the Ocean ChatGPT tool in partnership with IPOS.

Seychelles’ strong presence at UNOC3 reflects its enduring commitment to championing sustainable ocean stewardship and driving global action for a healthy, productive, and resilient ocean for generations to come.



Images captured during the Third United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC3)

EVENTS

Seychelles and Mauritius Convene for 29th Joint Commission & 34th Technical Committee meeting on the Mascarene Plateau.

The Republic of Mauritius and the Republic of Seychelles convened the 29th Meeting of the Joint Commission of the Joint Management Area (JMA) of the Mascarene Plateau from 21 to 23 July 2025 in Port Louis.

The session which was being held alongside the 34th Meeting of the Technical Committee of the Joint Commission, underscores the strong collaboration between the two island nations in the sustainable management of marine resources.

The meeting was co-chaired by the Secretary to Cabinet and Head of the Civil Service, Mr Suresh Chundre Seeballuck, the Director General of the Department for Continental Shelf, Maritime Zones, Administration & Exploration at the Prime Minister's Office, Dr Mohammed Rezah Badal and the Consultant at the Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy of Seychelles, Mr Philippe Michaud.

The Joint Commission meeting served as a platform for deliberations and decision-making on key projects and initiatives under the JMA framework. Established in 2012 by virtue of a treaty between Mauritius and Seychelles, the Joint Management Area of the Extended Continental Shelf of the Mascarene Plateau covers approximately 400,000 km² and represents a unique model of shared ocean governance.

Prior to the meeting, Dr Badal and Mr Michaud signed the minutes of the Technical Committee meeting, reflecting the progress made by the working groups.

In a statement Dr Badal emphasised that the JMA stands as a unique framework for the joint management of the seabed and subsoil of the Mascarene Plateau. He recalled ongoing initiatives such as marine spatial planning to ensure environmental compliance, exploratory fisheries for sedentary species like sea cucumbers, and efforts to assess hydrocarbon potential through a proposed multi-client seismic survey.

Mr Michaud, for his part, noted that exploratory fishing of sea cucumbers is progressing steadily through joint ventures between Mauritian and Seychellois operators. He pointed out that the initiative remains in a scientific and data-gathering phase, which will guide future decisions regarding possible commercial exploitation. He also announced that the next Technical Committee meeting is expected to be held in Seychelles by the end of this year.

The discussions highlighted several critical areas of collaboration, including environmental monitoring, geotechnical surveys, and opportunities for blue carbon initiatives and carbon credit mechanisms. Attention was also drawn to the implications of the recently adopted Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Agreement on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity.



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Launching of the Seychelles Micro Continent

The Department of Blue Economy, in partnership with L'Organisation de la Francophonie (OIF), has launched The Seychelles Micro Continent book. The book was officially launched in both English and French on 31st January 2025 at Kenwyn House. This landmark project, which has been in development for over five years, finally secured funding in 2023 when the Department obtained a grant of 18,000 euros from OIF to bring this vision to life.

The resulting publication is a valuable knowledge tool designed to educate and inspire. It explores the geological foundation of Seychelles and its direct links to key economic sectors such as fisheries, tourism, and renewable energy. By providing clear, accessible insights, the book will inform future decision-making, research, and capacity-building efforts in the country.

The content was researched and written by Mr. Jean-Luc Mondon, whose expertise shaped the publication over the course of a year. As project consultant under the OIF Grant, Mr. Mondon highlighted its scientific significance, especially in bridging the gap between geology and economic development. The book is expected to serve as an important reference for policymakers, researchers, students, and industry stakeholders.

As 2025 marks the Department of Blue Economy's 10th anniversary, this publication arrives at an ideal moment serving as a tangible tool to support the Department's commitment to strategic communication, capacity building, and public engagement under the anniversary theme: "One Ocean for Today and Tomorrow's Generation."

The book is available for viewing on the Ministry of Fisheries and Blue Economy website: www.mofbe.com



Spotlight on the Seychelles Micro-Continent Workshop aimed at fostering dialogue and discovery

The Department of Blue Economy successfully hosted an engaging workshop on the Seychelles Micro-Continent at the University of Seychelles (UniSey) on Friday, 7th February 2025.

Bringing together 40 participants including students, government representatives, and civil society stakeholders. The workshop created a valuable space for discussion on the significance and potential of Seychelles' unique maritime geological feature in shaping the future of the Blue Economy.

A notable highlight was the strong participation of women, with 29 of the attendees being women, an impressive 72.5%, demonstrating the vital role women continue to play in advancing sustainable ocean governance and Blue Economy development in Seychelles.

The session aimed to raise awareness and deepen understanding of the Seychelles Micro-Continent's geological, environmental, and economic importance. Participants benefited from expert presentations, lively discussions, and interactive exchanges that highlighted its relevance for national ocean governance, conservation, and emerging economic opportunities.

The Department of Blue Economy remains committed to promoting knowledge-sharing and inclusive dialogue as Seychelles continues to champion the Blue Economy, both at home and on the global stage.



Department of Blue Economy hosts its first lessons-sharing seminar under the Blue Economy Champion Workplan

- The Department of Blue Economy successfully hosted its first online seminar under the ‘Champion of Blue Economy Workplan’ on the 30th of May 2025, an initiative delivered in partnership with the African Union.

This event formed part of Seychelles’ ongoing commitment to strengthen regional cooperation, knowledge sharing, and collective action to unlock Africa’s vast marine and coastal potential for economic, social, and environmental benefit.

Held under the theme ‘Unlocking Blue Economy - Seychelles’ Perspective’, the webinar attracted over 65 registered participants from across the African continent, demonstrating the region’s growing interest in positioning the Blue Economy as a key driver of sustainable development and shared prosperity.

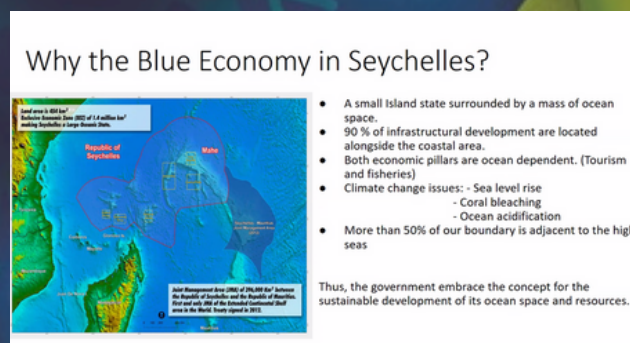
Key highlights from the seminar included:

The introduction & overview of the Blue Economy in Seychelles: which highlighted the country’s journey and major achievements over the past decade.

Research Opportunities for the Youth: aimed at encouraging youth-led innovation, research, and academic exploration in ocean-related fields.

Economic Opportunities for Youth: revealing promising careers in sustainable fisheries, marine renewable energy, blue tourism, marine biotechnology, and ocean entrepreneurship.

At the Department of Blue Economy youth empowerment remains a central pillar of the Blue Economy vision. Through the sharing of experience and lessons learned, the Department aims to inspire a new generation of African youth to actively engage in shaping sustainable blue growth within their own communities and countries.



Department of Blue Economy and ESBEE collaborate to support Seychelles' Blue Economy Entrepreneurs

The Department of Blue Economy officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Empowering Seychelles Blue Economy Entrepreneurs (ESBEE), marking a milestone in boosting entrepreneurship and sustainable business development within Seychelles' Blue Economy.

This strategic partnership will focus on empowering local entrepreneurs especially in emerging ocean industries such as the Circular Economy and Marine Biotechnology through targeted capacity-building, resource support, and mentorship.

The collaboration reflects Seychelles' steadfast commitment to sustainable ocean governance, economic diversification, and community resilience. By nurturing homegrown businesses, the DBE and ESBEE aim to create new opportunities, strengthen livelihoods, and promote inclusive growth across the Blue Economy value chain.

This MoU demonstrates the Department's ongoing dedication to fostering innovation and sustainability in ocean-based sectors. Together with ESBEE, the DBE looks forward to unlocking the full potential of Seychelles' Blue Economy entrepreneurs.



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BLUE ECONOMY BAZAAR

To commemorate 10 years since the establishment of the Department of Blue Economy and the coordination of the Seychelles Blue Economy, a Blue Economy Bazaar was held on Saturday, 19th July 2025, at the Beau Vallon Regatta site.

The event brought together over 60 exhibitors from government entities and parastatals to private sector operators, large and small processors, and local businesses showcasing the sector's achievements and opportunities. Exhibitions ran until 6PM, while the celebration continued into a lively fiesta that lasted until midnight.

A true tribute to a decade of progress and partnership.







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Blue Economy essay competition

To commemorate its 10-year anniversary, the Department of Blue Economy launched an essay competition under the theme: *“People and the Ocean: A Sustainable and Symbiotic Relationship.”*

The competition aimed to inspire young minds to reflect on the vital connection between people and the ocean, and to encourage innovative ideas for protecting and sustainably using our marine resources.

There were two categories:

- Category A: Secondary 1 to Secondary 3 (S1–S3)
- Category B: Secondary 4 to Secondary 5 (S4–S5)

Category A:

- First Place: Javani Andrea, International School Seychelles
- Second Place: Leah Octave, Belonie Secondary School
- Third Place: Trisha Pierre, English River Secondary School

Category B:

- First Place: Nathanielle Jean Baptiste, English River Secondary School
- Second Place: Tanisha Philoe, Anse Royale Secondary School
- Third Place: Shantasha Elizabeth, Mont Fleuri Secondary School

Through this initiative, the Department continues to nurture a new generation of ocean stewards, empowering students to be active contributors to Seychelles’ sustainable blue future.



Prizes sponsored by the Department of Blue Economy, Sacos, H. Savy Insurance & MCSS

Relaunch of the Blue Economy challenge fund

As part of the 10-year anniversary celebrations, the Department of Blue Economy relaunched the Blue Economy Challenge Fund on Saturday, 19th July 2025, at the Beau Vallon Regatta Site.

The relaunch marks a renewed commitment to empowering local innovators, entrepreneurs, and communities to develop practical solutions that address real challenges facing Seychelles' blue economy.

The new phase of the Fund is sponsored by Nouvobanq Seychelles and the Development Bank of Seychelles, unlocking more opportunities for impactful, sustainable initiatives.

Through this Fund, successful applicants will receive support to design and implement a solution that tackle one or more of the following priority challenges:

- Climate Change Impacts
- Overfishing and Illegal Fishing
- Pollution and Marine Debris
- Limited Institutional Capacity
- Tourism Pressure
- Lack of Infrastructure and Technology
- Vulnerability to Global Market Changes
- Limited Data and Research
- Lack of Community Involvement and Awareness

By targeting these areas, the Challenge Fund aims to drive innovative, inclusive and practical actions that strengthen Seychelles' position as a global leader in sustainable ocean stewardship.



Keep an eye out for the call for proposals by following us on:

Instagram: @dbeseychelles

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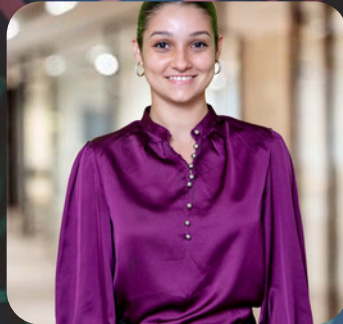
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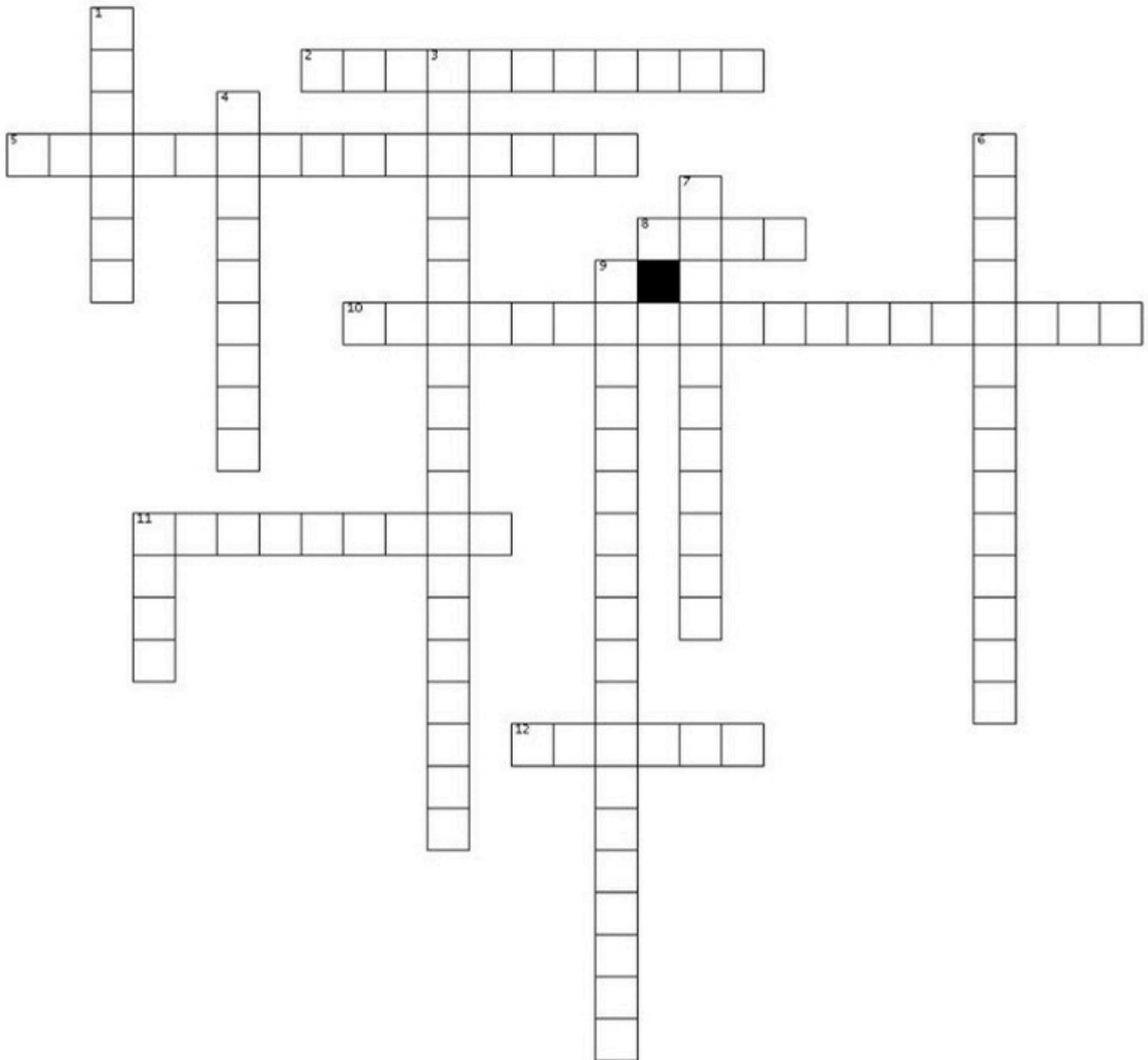


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- 5. GRANTS WERE GIVEN TO THE SECTOR IN 2024
- 8. NEEDED FOR RESEARCH
- 10. AN AREA ESTABLISHED IN 2012
- 11. ACCOUNTS FOR 96 OF DOMESTIC EXPORTS
- 12. A PILLAR OF THE BLUE ECONOMY

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- 1. A SECTOR THAT CONTRIBUTES 72% TO THE GDP
- 3. A PILLAR OF THE BLUE ECONOMY
- 4. AN INNOVATIVE FINANCE MECHANISM
- 6. A PILLAR OF THE BLUE ECONOMY
- 7. PART OF THE MASCARENE PLATEAU
- 9. A SECTOR THAT USES SEAWEED FOR OTHER PRODUCTS
- 11. A DOSSIER WHERE SEYCHELLES IS COMPLIANT