



Global Biodiversity Framework Early Action Support (GBF-EAS) and National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)

The **GBF-EAS** project is facilitating Seychelles' efforts to protect biodiversity and ensure its sustainable use, in line with the Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF), by providing financial and technical support.

The project focuses on five key components:

- Setting national targets in alignment with the KMGBF
- Rapid review of the NBSAPs;
- Assessment of monitoring systems;
- Policy and institutional alignment with the KMGBF;
- Biodiversity finance activities.

A major goal is the development of a **country-specific NBSAP**, which will guide the creation or adaptation of national targets for biodiversity conservation and sustainable use. This will also support the mainstreaming or integration of biodiversity into sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, and tourism, through regular stakeholder consultations, to promote a balance between human activity and conservation efforts.

To support the NBSAP's development, the Ministry of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment, in collaboration with UNDP, has engaged three specialists to conduct key studies:

- **National Biodiversity Assessment:** An analysis of Seychelles' biodiversity to understand the status and trends, in particular for threatened species.
- **Policy Gaps and Needs Analysis:** A review of existing policies and management frameworks recommending improvements to strengthen biodiversity conservation.
- **Cruise Ship Feasibility Study:** An analysis of the feasibility of implementing a cruise ship levy to fund biodiversity initiatives.

OUR APPROACH



the importance and value of biodiversity is understood

it can foster more sustainable practices, embedding conservation in key sectors

the development of a national biodiversity strategy and action plan to halt the loss of biodiversity

Budget



USD 263,000

Period

2023 - 2025

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QUICK FACTS



Nearly half of Seychelles' land (48%) is protected, and its Marine Protected Areas span an impressive 32.6% of its vast 1.35 million square kilometre exclusive economic zone.

In 2024, Seychelles welcomed 350,701 visitors, including 7,600 tourists arriving via cruise ships.



Seychelles boasts 80 endemic plant species, 16 endemic birds, and over 1,250 marine fish species.

These include the iconic Coco-de-mer palm and the Seychelles clownfish.

Coral reefs contribute an estimated \$51.5 million annually from snorkeling and diving, drawing around 30,156 adventure-seekers annually.



OBJECTIVE

The project provides early supporting in the updating of the NBSAP. It focuses on biodiversity assessments and identifying policy gaps, providing data for the update and exploring ways to mobilize resources for its implementation.

IMPLEMENTATION

This project is managed by Ministry of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment and the UNDP country office. During project implementation, there is a broad stakeholder engagement process-taking into consideration the whole of society and whole of government approach- not only government, but civil societies, private sector, and communities.

KEY RESULTS

- The national targets for biodiversity conservation is developed to provide a clear, strategic framework for Seychelles' biodiversity goals.
- A national biodiversity finance plan or domestic resource mobilization plan to fully implement the NBSAP by 2030.
- Existing and new policies and management systems are enhanced to support more effective biodiversity conservation.
- Recommendation will be provided for further mainstreaming of biodiversity across sectors.

PARTNERS

- Ministry of Agriculture Climate Change and Environment (MACCE)
- Biodiversity Conservation and Management Division (BCM)
- United Nations Environment Programme

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