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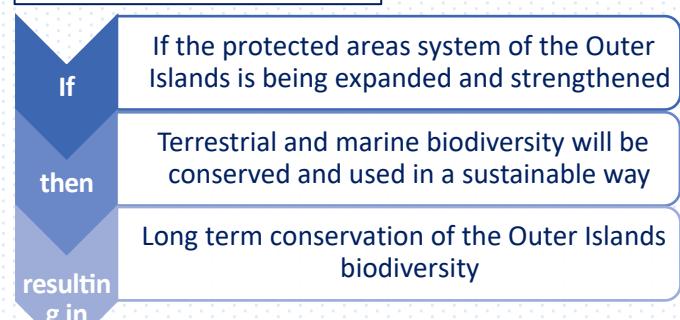

Outer Islands in Seychelles

The project seeks to promote the conservation and sustainable use of terrestrial and marine biodiversity in the Seychelles' Outer Islands by expanding the protected areas system and strengthening protected area management, supported by broad-scale ecosystem planning and sustainable land management activities to conserve ecosystem functions. The project will focus outputs and activities – over a period of five years – to achieve both biodiversity conservation and sustainable land management goals: First, to enable biodiversity conservation, the project will support the official establishment of five new protected areas in the Outer Islands, encompassing 1,237 hectares of terrestrial ecosystems and 76,258 hectares of marine ecosystems.

Second, to enable sustainable land management, the project will ensure the establishment of the necessary institutional framework (information

and planning systems) to support integrated management of the new PA sites that not only addresses conservation but also reduces land degradation impacts.

OUR APPROACH



Budget 2019 \$ 206,962
 Total \$ 1,785,000

Period 2014-2019

QUICK FACTS

9/20 of the
Important
Bird Areas are
in the Outer
Islands



The Outer Islands
are home to
UNESCO World
Heritage Site
(Aldabra Atoll)



735 species
included on
the IUCN Red
list with 9 *Endangered*
76 *Vulnerable*
112 *Near threatened*



Isolated from the continents for 65 million years, the fauna and flora of Seychelles have evolved into **unique species of Gondwanan lineage**.

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OBJECTIVE

To promote the conservation and sustainable use of coastal and marine biodiversity in the Seychelles' Outer Islands by integrating a National Subsystem of Coastal and Marine Protected Areas (CMPPAs) into the broader land- and seascape while reducing the pressures on natural resources from competing land uses.



IMPLEMENTATION

This project is nationally implemented by GOS-UNDP-GEF Programme Coordination Unit (PCU), a dynamic local management system for ensuring the effective coordination and implementation of UNDP-GEF environment and energy funded projects in Seychelles.



KEY RESULTS

- Island Conservation Society Biodiversity Geo Database developed;
- Several Capacity Building sessions organised (37) targeting both male (199) and Female (194) participants for development of skills and specialised training in marine research and monitoring, public outreach, enforcement, pest abatement, database management and re vegetation;
- Several Educational and Awareness Campaigns supporting Protected Areas management in the Outer Islands organised.



PARTNERS

- Islands Development Company;
- Island Conservation Society;
- Seychelles Islands Foundation ;
- D'Arros Research Institute.

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