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Value Creation Through Planned Port Investment: The Fisheries Sector's perspective



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Fisheries Sector Overview - Seychelles

- ✓ **Key Sub-sectors:**
 - ✓ **Industrial:** Mainly focuses on tuna, with purse seine and longline fisheries being predominant. In 2023, over 170 licenses were issued to foreign vessels for purse seine and longline operations.
 - ✓ **Semi-Industrial:** Targeting species like snappers and groupers. Contributing to local markets and export with 64 licensed vessels.
 - ✓ **Artisanal:** Small-scale operations serving local markets, accounting for over 550 fishing licenses.



The Fisheries Sector – Catch Data (2022-23)

- ✓ **Total Catch:** 425,430 metric tons (Mt), a 4% decrease from 2021.
- ✓ **Industrial Fisheries:** Represented 99.5% of the total catch, accounting for 423,267 Mt.
- ✓ The catch from **industrial purse seiners** (403,277 Mt) saw a 2.3% decrease, driven by reductions in skipjack and bigeye tuna.
- ✓ The **Seychelles-flagged longline fishery** recorded a 21% decrease, from 14,526 Mt in 2021 to 9,898 Mt in 2022.



The Fisheries Sector – Catch Data (2022-23)

- ✓ **Semi-Industrial Fisheries:** Increased by 18%, reaching 2,073 Mt due to a rise in active vessels (from 41 in 2021 to 53 in 2022).



The Fisheries Sector – Catch Data (2022-23)

- ✓ **Artisanal Fisheries:** Artisanal Fisheries: Recorded a catch of 4,582 Mt in 2022, a 5% increase from 4,411 Mt in 2021.
- ✓ The sector issued 534 active licenses in 2022, highlighting its continued importance for local food security and small-scale commercial fishing.



Fisheries Sector – Economic Impact

- ✓ Fisheries account for approximately 7-10% of non-resident visitor participation in sport fishing, with an estimated economic impact of USD 36 to 48.5 million annually.
- ✓ Substantial contributions to GDP through value-added activities like fish processing and exportation.



Seychelles Fisheries Authority (SFA)



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✓ Key Mandates:

- ✓ Promote, organize and develop fishing, fishing industries, and fishing resources in Seychelles;
- ✓ Assist in the formulation of the national policy with respect to fishing, fishing industries and fishing resources, and in the implementation of that policy;
- ✓ Conduct negotiations, or engage in meetings, seminars, or discussions, with regard to fishing or fisheries or the establishment or operation of fishing industries, whether at a national or international level, on behalf of the Republic or otherwise.

SFA – Fishing Ports

- ✓ **SFA-Managed Ports:** SFA oversees Victoria Fishing Port and Providence Port, the main hubs for Seychelles' fisheries activities.
- ✓ **Supporting Fisheries Sectors:** These ports are vital for both industrial and artisanal fisheries, facilitating landings, processing, and export operations.
- ✓ **Infrastructure Modernization:** Ongoing upgrades aim to enhance port capacity, safety, and efficiency to meet the evolving needs of the fishing industry.



SFA – Fishing Ports, Providence Fishing Port

- ✓ Strategically located in the Providence Industrial Zone, on the east coast of Mahé, the largest island in Seychelles.
- ✓ The port is approximately **326 meters long**, making it **one of the largest fishing ports** in the country.
- ✓ The port consists of a quay side of about **2.5-meter water draft**.
- ✓ The port was constructed in 2 phases and amounted to **USD 22 million** (Funded by the Government of Japan)
- ✓ In addition to Providence, the SFA also manages other fishing ports and pontoons throughout Seychelles, all of which serve various sectors of the fishing industry.



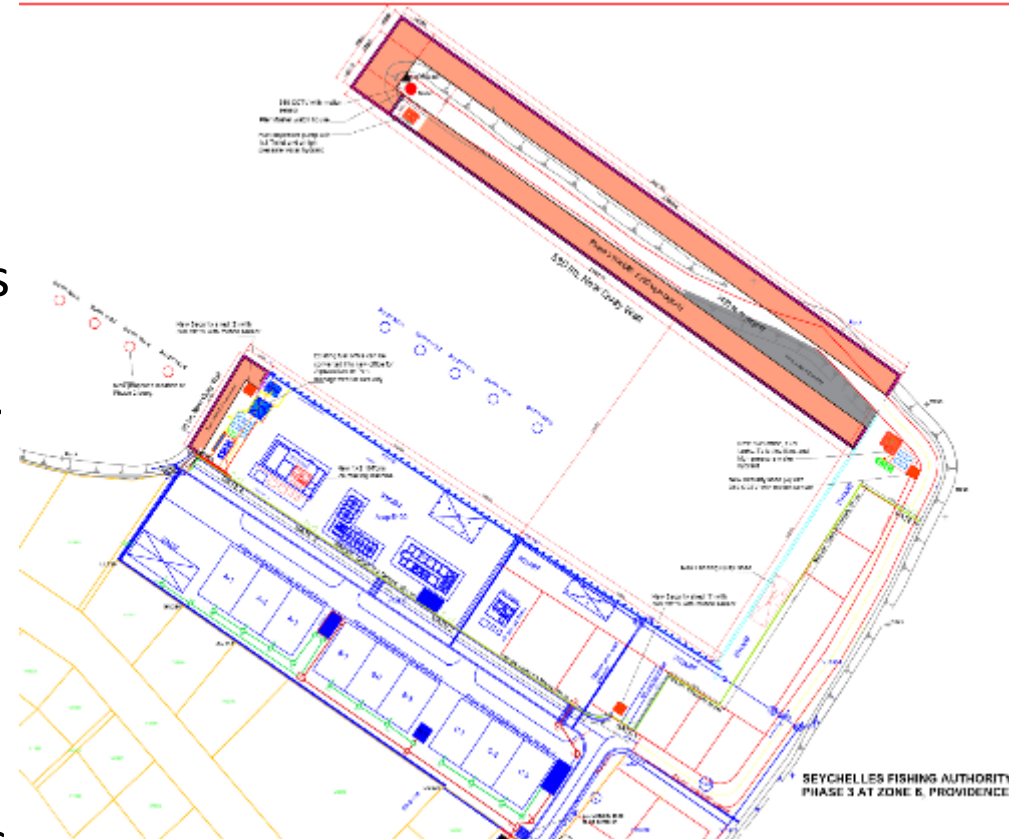
SFA – Fishing Ports, Victoria Fishing Port

- ✓ Victoria Fishing Port is the largest and most important fishing port in Seychelles, located in the heart of Victoria, the capital city on the northeastern coast of Mahé Island.
- ✓ The port is approximately **332 meters long**, making it **the largest fishing ports** in the country.
- ✓ The port consists of a quay side of over **5-meter water draft**.
- ✓ It is adjacent to Port Victoria, Seychelles' main commercial port, which makes it an ideal location for fishing vessels due to its proximity to major trade routes and processing facilities.



SFA – Fishing Ports, Future Developments

- ✓ **Providence Fishing Port expansion:**
 - ✓ **Port Infrastructure Expansion & Renovation:** Expand mooring space, convert fuel depot into office buildings.
 - ✓ **Concrete Quay Walls:** Build 530m and 56m quay walls for larger vessels and SFA fleet.
 - ✓ **New Fish Landing Shed:** Construct additional shed for semi-industrial fishing vessels at Providence Port.
 - ✓ **Fuel Depot Relocation:** New depot with increased capacity and safer access, including new dispensing pipeline.
 - ✓ **Security Enhancements:** Build new Pier Master watch house, 3 security sheds, security fencing with 4 access gates.





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