

Other fishing agreements

- **Mauritius**
Two year renewable reciprocal agreement for 15 purse seiners
20 longliners and 7 supply vessels
- **China**
One year agreement for longliners
- **Japan tuna**
Agreement negotiated on yearly basis for longliners
Not been renewed since 2009
- **Taiwan** deep sea tuna boat owners & exporters association
Three year agreement for longliners
(currently been renegotiated)
- **Private agreement licenses** issued to individual fishing
vessels on a yearly basis

Trade relationships between Seychelles and the EU

Under the interim EPA which came into force in May 2012, the Seychelles will continue to benefit from a 0% tariff for its exports to the EU market. The EU is by far the Seychelles' largest market as it accounts for sales equivalent to 60.9% of exports. The Seychelles exports to the EU totalled EUR 185,081,000 worth of goods in 2011, of which canned tuna accounted for EUR 170,242,000. (This was followed by fresh and frozen fish valued at EUR 7,633,000). The wider export base of the Seychelles is otherwise very limited beyond fisheries and tourism.



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Seychelles SFPA

The EU has had fisheries agreements with the Seychelles for 25 years, initially as Framework Agreements with associated Protocols. More recently, the first Fisheries Partnership Agreement took effect on the 2nd November 2007 for a period of six years. The Protocol enables EU fishing vessels (fishing vessels flying the flag of an EU member state and registered in the EU) to operate in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Seychelles.

Also, there is now a flat rate fee payment system for authorizing purse seiners to fish instead of the previous advance payment and final catch payment system.

Main features of Seychelles SFPA

Duration of the Agreement	Six years renewable (2.11.2013 – 1.11.2019)
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Initialisation	10.5.2003
Nature of the FPA	Tuna Fishery Agreement
Financial contribution	<p>1st and 2nd Years: €5,530,000 per year, of which €2,600,000 is dedicated to the support of the fisheries sector of Seychelles</p> <p>3rd to 6th Years: €5,000,000 per year, of which €2,500,000 is dedicated to the support of the fisheries sector of Seychelles</p>
Advances	<p>Tuna seiners: Annually incremental from €38,500 to €52,500 (Years 4 and 5 €49,000) (ref catches: 700 t)</p> <p>Surface longliners = or < 250 GRT: Annually incremental from €4,950 to €6,750 (Years 4 and 5 €6,300) (ref catches: 90 t)</p> <p>Surface longliners > 250 GRT: Annually incremental from €6,600 to €9,000 (Years 4 and 5 €8,400) (ref catches: 120 t)</p>
Reference tonnage	50,000 t/year
Total valued	EUR 30,700,000

Source: European Commission

Assessment

The management of large pelagic species in the Indian Ocean is conducted by the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC), to which both the EU and the Seychelles are contracting parties. The IOTC has assessed the key tuna species targeted by the EU purse seine fleets (i.e. skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye) as being not currently overfished nor are subject to overfishing, while albacore tuna, a species important to the longline fleet, is assessed to be not currently overfished despite some overfishing. Longline vessels also target sharks and catch them as an associated species; the IOTC uses the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) assessments for the threat status of pelagic sharks.



Fish market in Seychelles

Seychelles legislation governs the fisheries sector and vessels operating within the EEZ. It is implemented by Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA). The SFA collects catch and effort data from EU purse seine vessels' logbooks, and compiles fish length-frequency data at port. The SFA also collaborates on data with the French Institute of Research for Development (IRD) and the Spanish Institute of Oceanography (IEO). The Seychelles Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC) makes annual vessel compliance inspections, checks vessel logbooks, receives obligatory vessel monitoring systems (VMS) tracking data and conducts sea patrols. The FMC also implements the EU Catch Certificate Scheme (CCS), which ensures that products exported from Seychelles to the EU are not tainted by IUU fishing activity.

Fees and financial contribution

The total financial contribution of the Fisheries Partnership Agreement shall be EUR 30,700,000 for the whole duration of this Protocol.

This total financial contribution shall comprise: (a) an annual amount for access to Seychelles' EEZ of EUR 2,750,000 for the first and second year of application of the Protocol and EUR 2,500,000 for the remaining years (three to six), equivalent to a reference tonnage of 50,000 tonnes per year, and (b) a specific amount of EUR 2,600,000 for the first and second year of application of the Protocol and EUR 2,500,000 for the remaining years (three to six) for the support and implementation of Seychelles' sectoral fisheries policy and maritime policy.

The fees to be paid by shipowners shall be calculated on the basis of the following rate per tonne of fish caught:

- First year of application of the Protocol, EUR 55 per tonne
- Second year, EUR 60 per tonne
- Third year, EUR 65 per tonne
- Fourth & fifth year, EUR 70 per tonne
- Sixth year, EUR 75 per tonne

Foreign industrial fleet

Current protocol – Fishing possibilities

	Spain	France	Italy	Portugal	Total
Tuna seiners	22	16	2	–	40 vessels
Surface longliners	2	2	–	2	6

Tuna catch (tons) by foreign fleet in Seychelles EEZ

	2014	2015	2016	2017
France	22,069	15,254	30,997	23,335
Spain	20,544	16,591	27,727	23,277
Italy	–	661	1,724	2,765
Total	42,613	32,506	60,448	49,378