

Building capacity in Seychelles to advance marine monitoring and ecosystem management to increase climate resilience

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HOTSPOT

Madagascar and the Indian Ocean Islands



KEY BIODIVERSITY SITES (KBAs):

Curieuse Island Marine National Park, Ile Cocos Marine National Park, Silhouette National Park, Sainte Anne National Park & Port Launay Marine National Park and coastal wetlands



AMOUNT

US \$ 49,000



DATES

July 2023 to June 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Researchers are using remote imagery technology to study the marine ecosystems both within and adjacent to the marine protected areas (MPAs) in the study area. By filling important knowledge gaps and building capacity to expand marine monitoring initiatives, this project aims to improve the understanding of the status and distribution of coral reefs and threatened species in selected MPAs, comparing these with data adjacent to each MPA.

The purpose of the project is to i) assist in improving MPA management, ii) build capacity within Seychelles to undertake remote imagery assessments, and iii) engage with key stakeholders, civil society organisations and the public to increase knowledge and understanding of the importance of marine ecosystems and the value of MPAs in conserving the species and habitats inside them.



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The Blue Economy Research Institute - University of Seychelles (BERI -UniSey) was developed to support research in the area of environmental science, specifically relating to the Blue Economy. BERI-UniSey operates within UniSey's framework of operations.

SUPPORTED BY CEPF REGIONAL IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (RIT)

CEPF has enlisted a consortium of nongovernmental organizations to be its Regional Implementation Team (RIT) in the hotspot. Coordinated by IUCN NL, the RIT includes SAF/FJKM for Madagascar, ID-ONG for Comoros, FORENA for Mauritius and SeyCCAT for Seychelles. These organizations are working with CEPF to implement a five-year conservation strategy for the hotspot and build local civil society capacity. The RIT can be reached via the following email address: cepfproposals@iucn.nl.



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