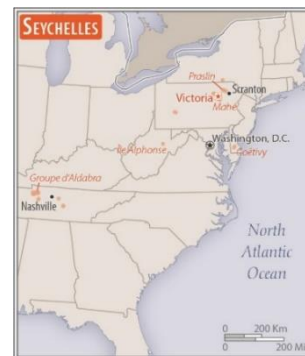




SEYCHELLES



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Wavel RAMKALAWAN

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Victoria

Legislature

unicameral National Assembly or Assemblée Nationale (up to 35 seats)

Judiciary

Seychelles Court of Appeal (court president and 4 justices); Supreme Court of Seychelles (chief justice and 9 judges); Constitutional Court (3 Supreme Court judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Ronald Jean JUMEAU

US Ambassador

US Ambassador to Mauritius, David D. REIMER, is accredited to the Seychelles

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 455 sq km

Land: 455 sq km

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

tropical marine; humid; cooler season during southeast monsoon (late May to September); warmer season during northwest monsoon (March to May)

Natural Resources

fish, coconuts (copra), cinnamon trees

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

growth has been led by the tourism sector, which directly and indirectly accounts for more than 55% of GDP, and by tuna fishing; the government has moved to reduce the dependence on tourism by promoting the development of the offshore financial, information, and communication sectors and renewable energy

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$2.6 billion (2019 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$14,955 (2019 est.)

Exports

\$564.8 million (2017 est.)

partners: UAE 28.5%, France 24%, UK 13.8%, Italy 8.9%, Germany 4.6% (2017)

Imports

\$1.155 billion (2017 est.)

partners: UAE 13.4%, France 9.4%, Spain 5.7%, South Africa 5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

95,980 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.69% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

predominantly creole (mainly of East African and Malagasy heritage); also French, Indian, Chinese, and Arab populations

Language

Seychellois Creole (official) 89.1%, English (official) 5.1%, French (official) 0.7%, other 3.8%, unspecified 1.4% (2010 est.)

Religion

Roman Catholic 76.2%, Protestant 10.5%, other Christian 2.4%, Hindu 2.4%, Muslim 1.6%, other non-Christian 1.1%, unspecified 4.8%, none 0.9% (2010 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 57.5% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 1.26% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

