

# Outcomes of the Diagnostic tools in the Review of the Seychelles Second NBSAP

## Mainstreaming Biodiversity and Development Project

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# BACKGROUND

- Seychelles a Small Island Developing State
- Democratic setting with strong political involvement in Conservation of our Natural environment
- Tourism and fisheries based economy
- Total landmass of only 450 squared km of which 50% has been designated as Protected area
- Small population of 89,000

# OUR VISION

- First and foremost, Getting involvement and having shared management of the biodiversity
- Improved National legislation and Policies that creates a mainstreaming platform
- Enhanced institutional capacity whereby Environmental valuation becomes an integral part of Biodiversity management

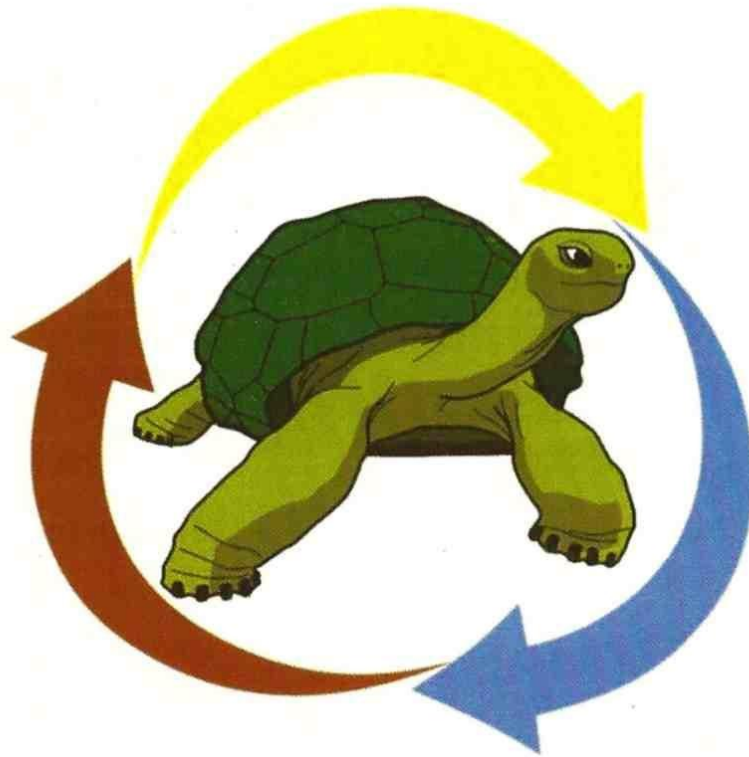
# OUR MAINSTREAMING PROGRESS

- National Framework- Seychelles Sustainable Development strategy 2012-2020 (SSDS)
- Mainstreaming Biodiversity Project in place since 2010, targeting the main economic sectors
- Revision of both Environmental and Spatial Planning (Land Use) legislations in progress to marry together long term conservation of our species
- Integrating biodiversity into livelihoods of the people in artisanal fishing

# Success thus far...

- One of the major out of the National Mainstreaming Biodiversity Project has been in the Tourism sector
- Establishment of Seychelles Sustainable Tourism Label- (collaborative management)
- Strong political commitment





Seychelles Sustainable Tourism Label

Safeguarding Seychelles for Tomorrow

# OPPORTUNITIES

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- Seychelles is a small country thus networking and stakeholder involvement is relatively easy
- Unified Management

# CHALLENGES

- For a very long time, management of the Environment has been the responsibility of the Ministry of Environment therefore there is some resistance to alter this mindset and make biodiversity a cross-cutting issue (especially hard with the Finance people-economy)
- Limited land resources
- Limited capacity



# USING THE DIAGNOSTIC TOOL

- The tool is useful in identifying the status of mainstreaming in the country
- it provides insight into concepts and new ways of mainstreaming biodiversity into development and poverty eradication

**THANK YOU!!**

