

AISI-Connect National ICT Profile SEYCHELLES (SC)

GENERAL DATA	ICT-INFRASTRUCTURE	ICT POLICIES
Capital: Victoria	Fixed lines (K) '98: 19	Competition in local loop: Monopoly
98 Population (M): 0.08	97-98 % Fixed Line Growth: 0.05	Competition in telephone terminals: Yes
Currency: SCR	98 Mobile Lines (K): 4	Independent regulator: Yes
Exch rate (/US\$): 5.313	Mobile Line Growth (%):	Private Wireless Data allowed: No
Currency Stability:	Cities with Internet POPs: 1	Independent Internet VSAT Allowed: No
97 GDP US\$/person: 6995.0	Local Call National Internet: No	VSAT License Fees:
97 Total GDP (\$B):	Dialup Internet subscribers: 2000	Satellite Phone access: No
Local Stock Exchange: No	International Bandwidth (Kbps): 128	Universal Service Obligations:
Personal Safety: 1	Internet Hosts: 1	IAP License Fees (\$/yr):
Political Stability:	Internet domains:	Private Phone Kiosks: No
Tertiary ICT Students:	Dialup Internet Cost 20hrs/mnth (\$):	Public VOIP Allowed: No
ICT Training seats:	64K Local Internet link (\$/mnth):	Business Ownership Rules:
ISDN: No	64K Internat Internet Link (\$/mnth):	Repatriation of Profits Rules:
VPN Services: No	Local phone call cost (US\$/hr):	Restrictions on market entry:
UNDP Human Devel Index:	Monthly tel line rental (\$/mnth):	Export Credit Guarantees:
.	Telephone waiting time/Wait List:	.
.	Internet Access Providers 1	.
.	Mobile Operators:	.
.	Fixed Line Telecom Operators:	.

[Key to table values](#) All figures above in US Dollars (\$)

ICT Profile:

Internet:

Full Internet services are provided by a private company - **Atlas**.

Telecommunications:

The **Ministry of Finance and Communications** is responsible for regulation of the telecommunications sector.

Cable & Wireless Seychelles PLC, a subsidiary of the British C&W group is currently the sole telecommunications operator, although plans are being made to end its monopoly.

The Seychelles has a relatively advanced telecommunications infrastructure and GSM900 cellular telephone service with about 1200 subscribers.

Communications Costs:

Atlas' access charges are: For commercial companies: 3 000 Rupees setup fee, 1000 Rupees a month for 4 email addresses and 20 hours of connection time. For individuals: 750 Rupees setup fee, 250 Rupees a month for one address and 20 hours of connection time.

National ICT activities:

The **Technical Support Services Division (TSSD)** of the **Department of Industry** is responsible for national science and technology information policy. TSSD also provides access to X.25 packet switching services.

The **Centre for Industrial Scientific and Technical Information and Documentation (CISTID)** of the **Department of Industry** was created with assistance from UNIDO. CISTID uses CDS/ISIS and also has a CD-ROM database information centre.

The **National Cultural Centre** which falls under the **Ministry of Education and Culture**, has been recently established at Victoria with an advanced computerised information system. It will hold the national library which also assumes the functions of the public library system with a number of mobile units.

The **Documentation Centre** of the **Ministry of Education and Culture** will shortly be computerised and is responsible for four sectors: a pedagogical library, an archive centre, a UNESCO section and the student library.

Ms Judy Cedras, in charge of the Information Section of the Ministry of Environment, attended the UNDP/SDNP Africa workshop in Maputo in '97.

The **Seychelles Fishing Authority** documentation centre uses CDS/ISIS and is part of the Régional Cooperation in Scientific Information Exchange in the Western Indian Ocean (RECOSCIX/WIO). It also hosted the ORSTOM node.

Other institutions with notable documentation and information centres include:

- National Youth Centre also has large library
- Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation (SBC)
- The Polytechnique
- The Creole Institute - a regional research centre for the Creole language
- The Management Training Centre - specialises in continuing education

Seychelles is part of the **Small Island Developing States Technical Assistance Programme (SIDSTAP)** of UNOPS/UNDP.

Like Mauritius, the Seychelles is heavily dependent on tourism and other international commerce. As an outward looking country it is quickly adopting ICTs in its efforts to provide an international

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Organisational Activities in the ICT Sector:

[Seychelles Fishing Authority Headquarters](#) Operates a store and forward Internet service.

[Ministry of Information Technology and Communications](#) Mr Jean Pillay
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[Atlas](#) Full Internet services are provided by this company which is a joint venture of three local businesses (MBM, VCS et Space95). <http://www.seychelles.net/> <mailto:atlas@seychelles.net>

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