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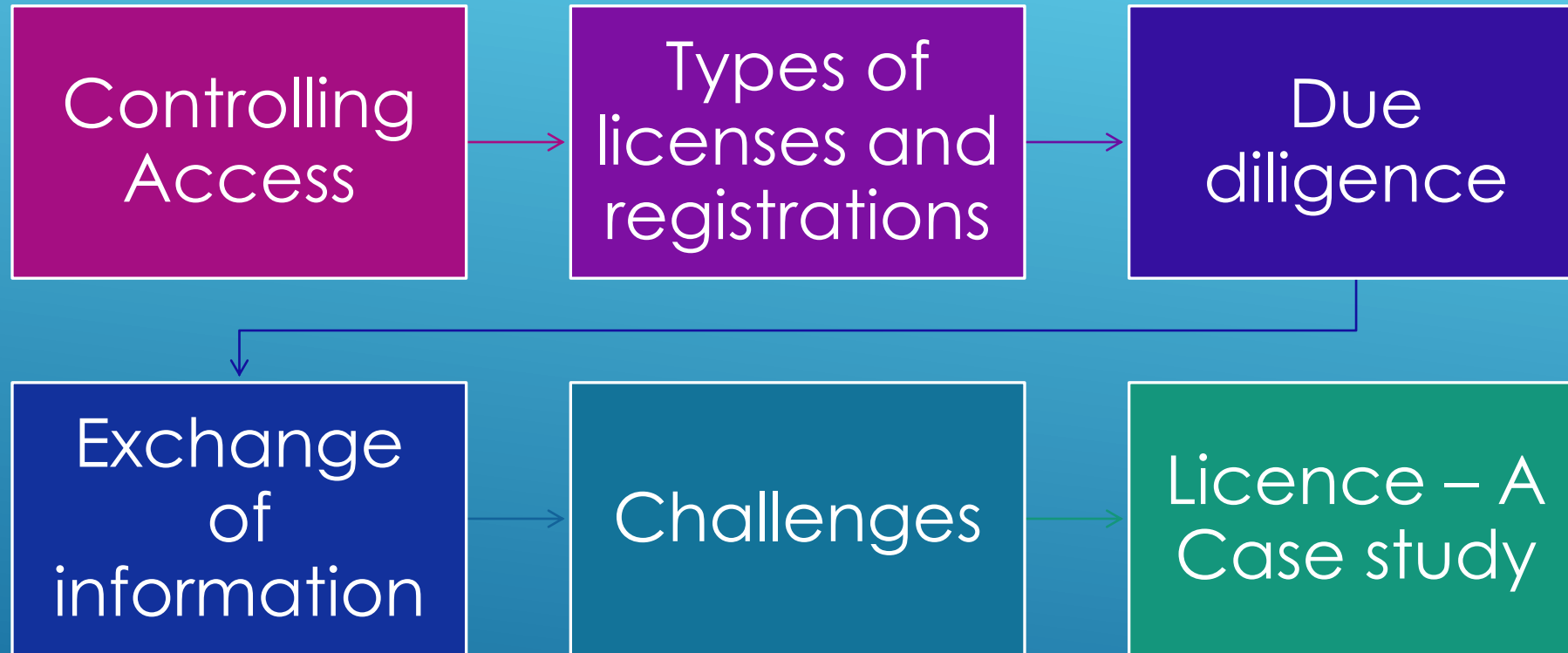
# Validation Workshop on the Design and implementation sensitization and awareness-building campaigns on the significance and scope of Registration and Licensing for sustainable small-scale fisheries of the SWIO.

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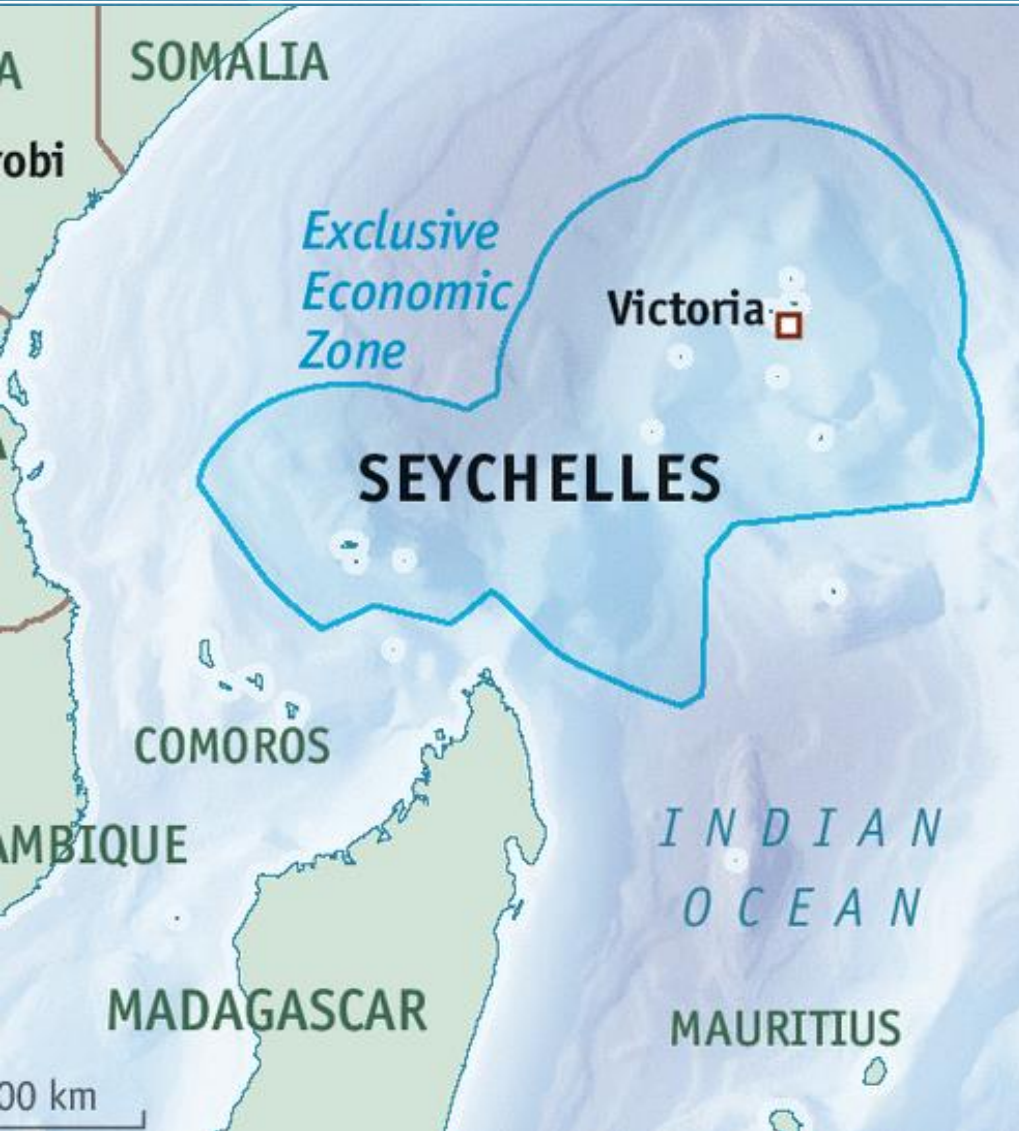
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# FACTS AND FIGURES



## POPULATION

107,781  
(2023)

## GDP PER CAPITA

15,874.5 USD (2022)

## EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE

1.37 million km<sup>2</sup>

## TERRITORIAL WATERS

47,000 km<sup>2</sup>

## COASTLINE

491 km

## MARINE PROTECTED AREA

441,513 km<sup>2</sup>

# CONTROLLING ACCESS

- ▶ Seychelles has license and authorization frameworks and conditions to regulate commercial fishing vessels to operate in line with the requirements established by national, regional, and international regulatory bodies and management measures.
- ▶ Fishing access and agreements
- ▶ Ensure:
  - ❑ registration of all commercial fishing vessels (SMSA/SFA)
  - ❑ fishing with a valid license or authorization
  - ❑ fishing in authorized areas
  - ❑ closed access fisheries
  - ❑ harvesting authorized species
  - ❑ reporting requirements (port calls, landings, logbooks, observers)
  - ❑ Deter IUUF (Illegal, Unreported, & Un regulated Fishing)



# TYPES OF FISHING LICENSES

Small Scale fishing  
Class 1-5 (<24m)

## **Artisanal Class 1-4**

Mixed species except  
species prohibited by  
Fisheries Act

## **Semi Industrial**

Class 4-5  
Tuna and Tuna like species

Large Scale Fishing  
(>24m)

## **Seychelles Industrial**

Tuna and Tuna like species

## **Foreign Industrial**

Tuna and Tuna like species







# TYPES OF LICENSES



iotc ctoi

## Authorizations

Seychelles flagged vessels to fish Outside EEZ in IOTC Area of Competency

Seychelles Flagged vessels to fish SIOFA species

## Fishing Activities License

Sea cucumber (Harvesting and Processing)

Lobster & Spanner Crab

Artisanal Fishing



SIOFA | APSOI

Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement  
Accord relatif aux Pêches dans le Sud de l'Océan Indien





# REGISTRATION

Boat owners

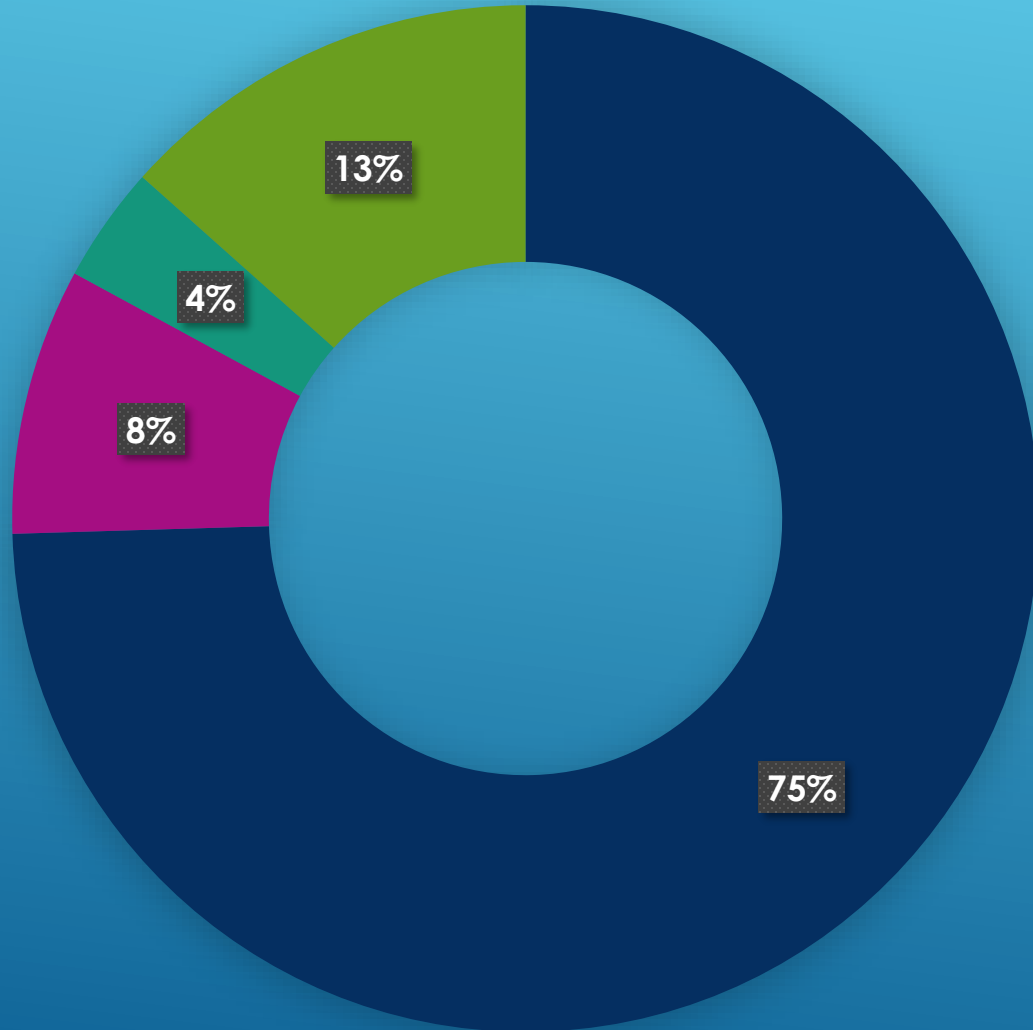
Fishers

Divers

Foreign Fishers



# LICENSED FISHING VESSELS IN 2023



- Small scale fishing vessels Class 1-4
- Small scale fishing vessel class 4-5
- Seychelels Flagged Industrial Fishing vessels
- Foreign Industrial Fishing Vessels



# LICENSE- A CASE STUDY



A

Fishing access through sustainable fishing agreements

B

Flagging and Registration (Seychelles Maritime Safety Authority)

C

Fishing license applications

D

Pre-license Inspections by enforcement officers

E

License fees

F

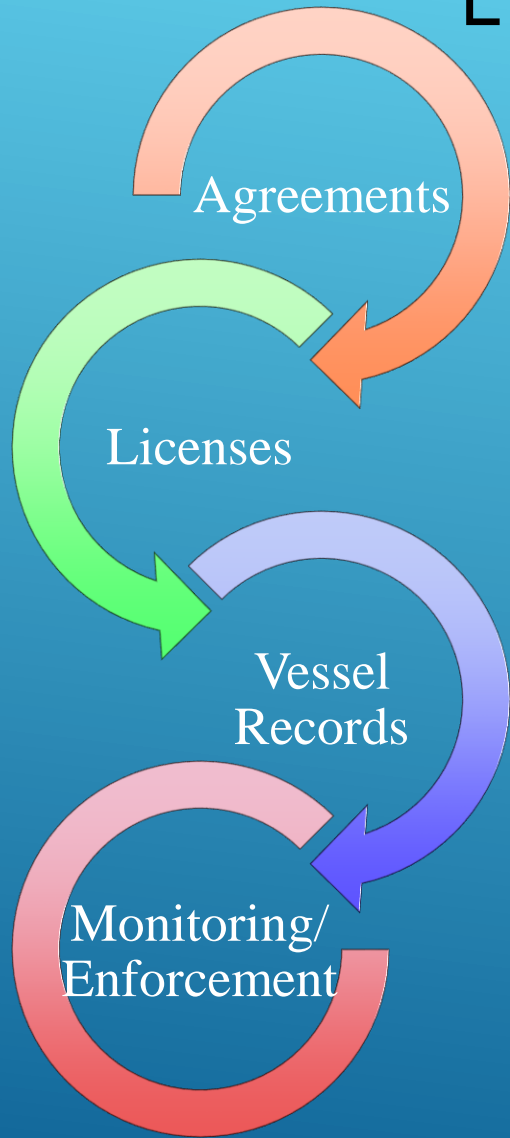
License or authorization certificate

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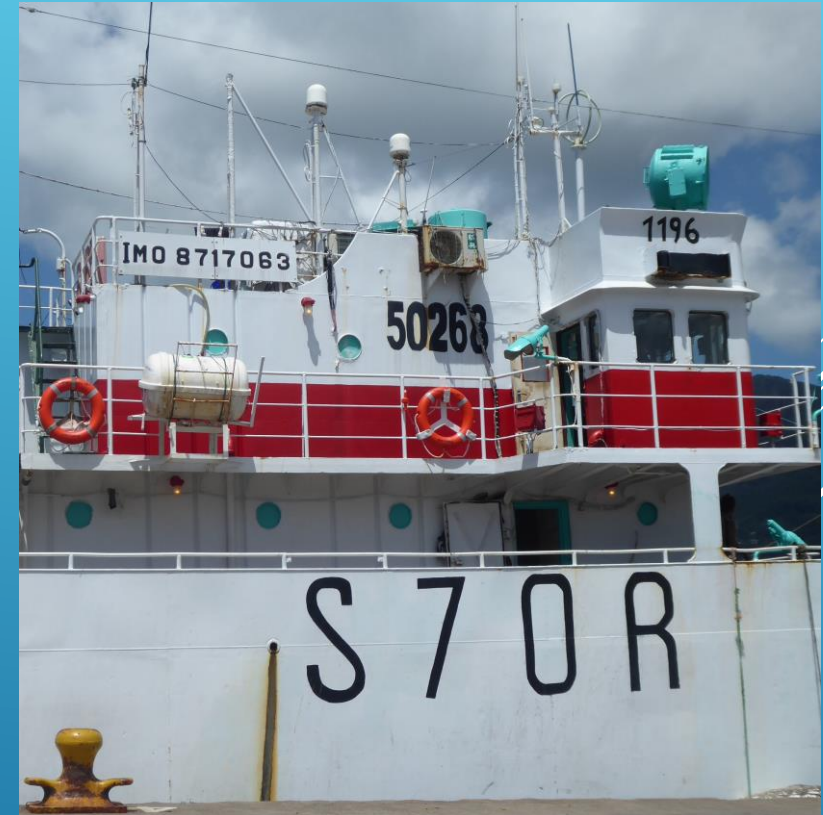
Vessel Register



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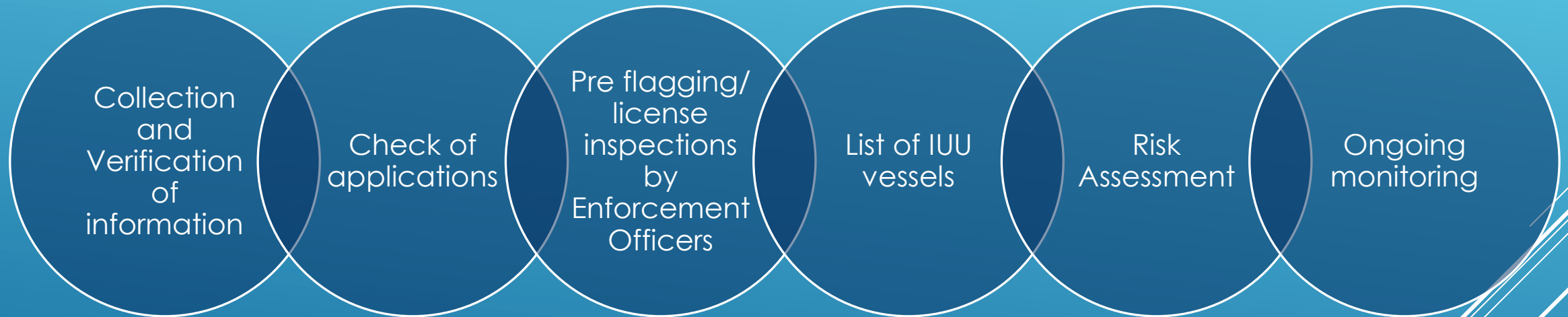


- ✓ Vessel marking (name, call sign, Registration Number, IMO number)
- ✓ Vessel marking allows enforcement officers, air patrol or inspectors to identify fishing vessels effectively.
- ✓ Allows MCS to collect operational and historical information related to the vessel including information on ownership, its fishing activities and specifications of the vessel





# Due Diligence



# Challenges: Beneficial Ownership



- ❖ Lack of transparency (Fisheries Transparency Initiative)
- ❖ Unhealthy concentration of ownership. For example, increased “fronting” (foreigners benefiting under national policies). There is a need to better understand who really owns fishing vessels operating in Seychelles waters
- ❖ Purpose of collecting BO information:
  - IUU Fishing (IOTC requirement for Seychelles as a member)
  - Economic development objectives
- ❖ Legal mechanisms and means of collection: National BO Database, SFA Register, Register of ships
- ❖ Not all fishers are coming in to register their fishing vessels thus we don't have an updated and correct database.
- ❖ Underaged fishers cannot be registered until they are 18 years of age.
- ❖ Noncompliance to the regulations. (selling undersized fish.)



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