

Seychelles Port Authority

Strategic Investment Plan

2026 -2030

MCDF Support



Why the SSIP is Needed

A Lifeline for a Small Island State

- Seychelles depends on its port for 90% of imports and export income (mainly tuna).
- Urban encroachment and spatial limits restrict necessary port expansion.
- Climate change, including sea-level rise and storms, directly impacts operations.
- Growing cruise tourism and domestic traffic require upgraded, non-congested infrastructure.
- Port revenue and financing models must be updated for sustainability.



The SSIP 2026–2030 will provide the SPA with a strategic, investment-ready roadmap to modernize, strengthen resilience, and ensure the sustainability of all Seychelles port facilities.

The Role of the MCDF

The MCDF is providing crucial support to the SPA to ensure the SSIP aligns with international standards and global standards and global trends.



Development of SSIP 2026–2030

Providing funding and technical guidance for the strategic, financial, environmental, and operational assessments that form the foundation of the plan.

Integration of Green & Climate-Resilient Measures

Guiding the implementation of the Strategic Environmental and Social Assessment (SESA) Framework and promoting low-carbon, climate-adaptive infrastructure planning.

Capacity Strengthening

Enhancing the SPA's analytical, and financial management capabilities to ensure successful long-term implementation.

Methodology for SSIP Development

The SSIP is being developed through a structured, multi-faceted process based on an approved Terms of Reference and a comprehensive workplan.

9-Step Workplan

- Inception Report (Aug 2025)
- Zero Draft (Oct 2025)
- Interim Actionable Strategy (Oct 2025)
- Draft SSIP (Nov 2025)
- Draft SESA Framework (Nov 2025)
- Final SSIP (Early 2026)
- Stakeholder Workshops & Validation
- Board Approval
- Government Endorsement

Tools & Analyses Applied

- Value chain analysis
- Market & commodity assessment
- Environmental & climate risk modelling
- Capacity & resource assessment
- CAPEX prioritisation
- Financial modelling & tariff strategy
- Stakeholder mapping & engagement

Stakeholder Engagement

Engagement Activities

- Multi-stakeholder workshop (June 2025)
- Direct ministry consultations
- Meetings with industry, tourism, and NGOs
- Data sharing across SPA departments
- Two strategic workshops (Sept & Oct 2025)

Key Stakeholder Groups

- Government Ministries (Transport, Environment, Trade, Blue Blue Economy)
- Regulatory bodies (SMSA, EAPA)
- Public utilities and services (PUC, DICT, Police, Coast Guard)
- Industry (IOT, Oceana, shipping agents, ferry operators)
- Civil society (Nature Seychelles, community groups)

Core Strategic Themes of the SSIP

Infrastructure Modernisation & Expansion

Expansion

Green Port & Climate Resilience

Smart Port & Digitisation

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Financial Sustainability & Tariff Reform

Organisational Strengthening & Capacity
Building



Environmental & Social Priorities (SESA Framework)

Key Environmental Priorities

- Biodiversity protection near sensitive ecosystems
- Pollution control & waste management
- Climate-resilient infrastructure
- Carbon footprint reduction
- Clean energy transition (solar, shore power)

Key Social Priorities

- Labour standards & skills development
- Gender inclusion and community engagement
- Health & safety improvements
- Livelihood considerations for fishers and port workers

The Strategic Environment Social Assessment framework integration ensures all investments meet robust international standards, including IFC Performance Standards and Environmental & Social Management System (ESMS) principles.

Project Portfolio 2026–2030 (& beyond)

Priority Capital Investments (2026-2030)

- Completion of Port Expansion Project
- Upgrade of Domestic Passenger Terminals
- Marine waste reception facility
- Rainwater harvesting & stormwater infrastructure
- Smart Port systems

Transformational Post-2030 Projects

Early studies for these major projects will begin in 2026:

- New Cruise & Mega-Yacht Terminal
- Road network from the port to the city
- Full Mahé Quay Replacement
- Study on widening & deepening access channel

SSIP Timeline & Milestones

2025 (Completed)

- Studies & assessments
- Stakeholder workshops
- Draft SSIP (D4)
- Draft SESA (D5)

2026

- Final SSIP approval
- Launch major studies (cruise, fishing, fishing, ERP)
- Start green port pilot projects

2027–2030

- Infrastructure works (La Digue, domestic terminals)
- Implement ESMS & emissions monitoring
- Coordinate road network with Government
- Complete medium-term projects
- Prepare for post-2030 investments

The Way Forward

Immediate Next Steps (2026)

- Finalise SSIP with Board & Government endorsement
- Secure funding envelopes (AfDB, EIB, AFD, EU, PPPs)
- Initiate feasibility studies for priority actions
- Strengthen internal capacity (finance, ESG, digital)

SPA Transformation Priorities

- A smart, green, and resilient port system
- A financially strong port authority
- Integrated, data-driven decision-making
- Stronger stakeholder trust & communication
- Enhanced competitiveness as a maritime hub

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Facilitating Progress for Seychelles

