

Environmental and Social Safeguards Expert—Dept of Blue Economy, Govt of Seychelles (SWIOFish3 Project)

Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by candidate (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
Jonathan McCue (via Sustainable Seas Ltd)	Seychelles	45000	100%	1	Dept of Blue Economy, Sey-	World Bank	Aug 2020 to Aug 2021	N/A

Detailed description of project

The Republic of Seychelles is undertaking an investment in the framework of the South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Program (SWIOFish). A long term, regional program, SWIOFish aims to increase the economic, social, and environmental benefits to the countries of the South West Indian Ocean from sustainable marine fisheries. Within this program, Seychelles is implementing the Third South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth Project (SWIOFish3). SWIOFish3, which is financed primarily by the World Bank (IBRD) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), is supporting country-level investments in Seychelles over six years. The project is further financed by proceeds of a sovereign Blue Bond, which are being used to capitalise the Blue Grants Fund (BGF) of the Seychelles Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust (SeyCCAT) and a loan facility, the Blue Investment Fund (BIF), administered by the Development Bank of Seychelles (DBS).

In order to ensure that these safeguard requirements are met and properly implemented throughout the project’s life cycle, SWIOFish3 PIU engaged Jonathan McCue to provide capacity building for the E&S Safeguards Specialist as well as backstopping services during busy periods of the BGF and BIF call cycles. The BGF’s call cycle administered by SeyCCAT, a legally established, independent public-private Trust, is yearly and last for seven months. It starts with a call for proposal, inviting applicants to submit a concept note focussing on activities such as research for fisheries management and development; promotion of sustainable practices in fisheries capture, services and post-harvesting sectors; preparation of proposals to BIF etc. and ends with projects approval by the board of directors.

Type of services provided

Jonathan McCue was engaged to provide mentoring to the E&S Safeguards Specialist and technical backstopping support to the PIU in the implementation of the ESMF and PF provisions for subprojects financed by SWIOFish3 project funds and subprojects funded through the BGF and BIF. Specific tasks include, but are not limited to:

- Provide technical advice on ensuring proper implementation of the ESMP and the LRP when it is applicable;
- Assist in the development of reporting formats, checklists and guidelines, as necessary to facilitate monitoring and reporting on compliance with the ESMF and PF;
- Advice on the consistency of safeguard documents with World Bank safeguards policies and national environmental regulations;
- Ensure that bidding documents and contracts under the SWIOFish3 project include necessary safeguards provisions;
- Assist the PIU E&S Safeguards Specialist in the development of stakeholders’ consultation plans, as defined by the World Bank.