



GEF-Satoyama Subgrantee Highlights Report

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<Highlight 1>: Monitoring of threatened species in artisanal catch

Data on threatened species and species of local concern, as identified at the inception workshop and printed on poster and guide, are collected on a daily basis. Data are collected in collaboration with the fishing community, including fishers, fish vendors and fish processing companies at market places and fish landing sites on Mahe.

<Highlight 2>: Record of photos and key information on threatened species

Important information collected on species includes biometrics, method of fishing, location and photographs for identification purposes as well as for the production of educational/training materials.

<Highlight 3>: Advocacy

A series of meeting with fishers groups were held to discuss the project and pragmatic management measures they are willing to take. Through these meetings fishers were given information about the project and in what ways they can reduce their impacts on the artisanal catch. The fishers also discussed trends in fishing over years and how they think artisanal fisheries can be made more sustainable.

Two published articles in printed media as well as online were posted to inform the public about the project and its relevance to Seychelles. Advocacy also continued online in social media to raise awareness of threatened species caught in artisanal catch.

[Photos](#)



Photo 1: Ms. Rita Esparon, collaborator at BelOmbre landing site takes measurement of a species of local concern in a fishing boat ©GIF/Frank Volcere



Photo 2: Blacksaddled coral grouper (*Plectropomus laevis*) listed as Vulnerable on the IUCN redlist recorded at Bel Ombre landing site in the North of Mahe ©GIF/Frank Volcere



Photo 3: Wilna Accouche, Green Islands Foundation General Manager, meeting with fishers at landing site ©GIF/Frank Volcere