SEYCHELLES

GEOGRAPHY

Area
- Total: 455 sq km
- Land: 455 sq km
- Water: 0 sq km

Climate
- tropical marine; humid; cooler season during southeast monsoon (late May to September); warmer season during northwest monsoon (March to May)

Natural Resources
- fish, coconuts (copra), cinnamon trees

GOVERNMENT

Chief of State
- President Danny FAURE

Head of Government
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Government Type
- presidential republic

Capital
- Victoria

Legislature
- unicameral National Assembly or Assemblee Nationale (up to 35 seats)

Judiciary
- Seychelles Court of Appeal (court president and 4 justices); Supreme Court of Seychelles (chief justice and 9 judges); Constitutional Court (3 Supreme Court judges)

Ambassador to US
- Ambassador Ronald Jean JUMEAU

US Ambassador
- US Ambassador to Mauritius, David D. REIMER, is accredited to the Seychelles

ECONOMY

Economic Overview
- growth has been led by the tourism sector, which directly and indirectly accounts for more than 55% of GDP, and by tuna fishing; the government has moved to reduce the dependence on tourism by promoting the development of the offshore financial, information, and communication sectors and renewable energy

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)
- $2.75 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)
- $29,300 (2017 est.)

Exports
- $564.8 million (2017 est.)
- partners: UAE 28.5%, France 24%, UK 13.8%, Italy 8.9%, Germany 4.6% (2017)

Imports
- $1.155 billion (2017 est.)
- partners: UAE 13.4%, France 9.4%, Spain 5.7%, South Africa 5% (2017)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population
- 94,600 (July 2018 est.)

Population Growth
- 0.74% (2018 est.)

Ethnicity
- predominantly creole (mainly of East African and Malagasy heritage); also French, Indian, Chinese, and Arab populations

Language
- Seychellois Creole (official) 89.1%, English (official) 5.1%, French (official) 0.7%, other 3.8%, unspecified 1.4% (2010 est.)

Religion
- Roman Catholic 76.2%, Protestant 10.5% (Anglican 6.1%, Pentecostal Assembly 1.5%, Seventh Day Adventist 1.2%, other Protestant 1.7%), other Christian 2.4%, Hindu 2.4%, Muslim 1.6%, other non-Christian 1.1%, unspecified 4.8%, none 0.9% (2010 est.)

Urbanization
- urban population: 57.1% of total population (2019)
- rate of urbanization: 1.26% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

as of December 2019