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## **PREFACE**

### ***Introduction***

*This is the 2014 edition in an annual series of Migration and Tourism Statistics.*

### ***Method of compilation***

*Visitors Statistics are obtained from immigration embarkation and disembarkation cards completed by all travellers, and they are analysed in accordance with World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) recommendations.*

*Visitors are classified according to their country of residence rather than their nationality and detailed tables are presented in time series of at least five years.*

*Tables showing resident movement and migration are also presented.*

*The National Bureau of Statistics compiles tables relating to Hotel Statistics from information provided by hotels, guesthouses and self-catering apartments. Their co-operation and assistance is gratefully acknowledged.*

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## Visitor Statistics -2013

1. Two hundred and thirty thousand two hundred and seventy two (230,272) visitors arrived in Seychelles during 2013. This represents an increase of 11% over 2012.
2. Of the 230,272 visitors who arrived in Seychelles during 2013, 229,609 (99.7%) arrived by air and 663 (0.3%) arrived by sea. Of those arriving by air, 228,572 (99.5%) were visitors while 1037 (0.5%) were transit visitors. Of those arriving by sea, 521 (79%) were visitors while 142 (21%) were in transit (Table 9).
3. In comparison to 2012, increases were recorded in visitors from our main European markets. The number of visitors from France increased by (11%), Germany (19%), UK & Eire (12%), Switzerland (13%), and Russia (6%). Decreases from visitors were from Italy (-7%) and Austria (-2%). (Table 6).

### Length of stay (Tables 1 and 3)

4. The average length of stay in 2013 was 10.2 nights, compared to 9.9 nights in 2012. The number of visitor nights in 2013 was 2,348,774. This represents an increase of 14% over 2012.

### Purpose of visit (Tables 4 and 5)

5. Ninety-three percent (93%) of visitors who arrived in 2013 came for a holiday, 4% for business or combining business with a holiday and 1% were in transit. Comparing 2013 to 2012 the number of visitors on holiday increased by 11%, for business or combining business with a holiday 31%, and transit visitors decreased by 11%.

### Country of residence (Tables 5-8)

6. In 2013, 69% of the visitors came from Europe, 12% from Africa, 16% from Asia and 3% from America. Compared to 2012, visitors from Europe increased by (10%), Africa (6%), Asia (17%), Oceania (40%) and America (10%).
7. The top ten markets in 2013 were:

Country	No. of visitors	% of total
France	35,765	15.5
Germany	33,489	14.5
Italy	21,767	9.5
Russia	14,367	6.2
UAE	13,895	6.0
South Africa	13,294	5.8
UK & Eire	12,617	5.5
Switzerland	9,658	4.2
China	7,745	3.4
Scandinavia	5,206	2.3

### Tourism expenditure (Table 1)

8. Foreign exchange earnings from the tourism sector were R4260 million in 2012, compared to R4138 million in 2013. This represents a decrease of 3%.

### Migration 2013 (Tables 12-17)

9. There has been a net migration of (+177) persons in 2013, representing a decrease of (-5) persons compared to 2012. This net migration of (177) persons is accounted for by a net loss of (-3,772) in long-term migrants, a net gain of (1,972) in short-term migrants and a net gain of (1,977) residents who were absent for short periods. Details on the age and sex distribution of migrants in 2013 are shown in Table 15.

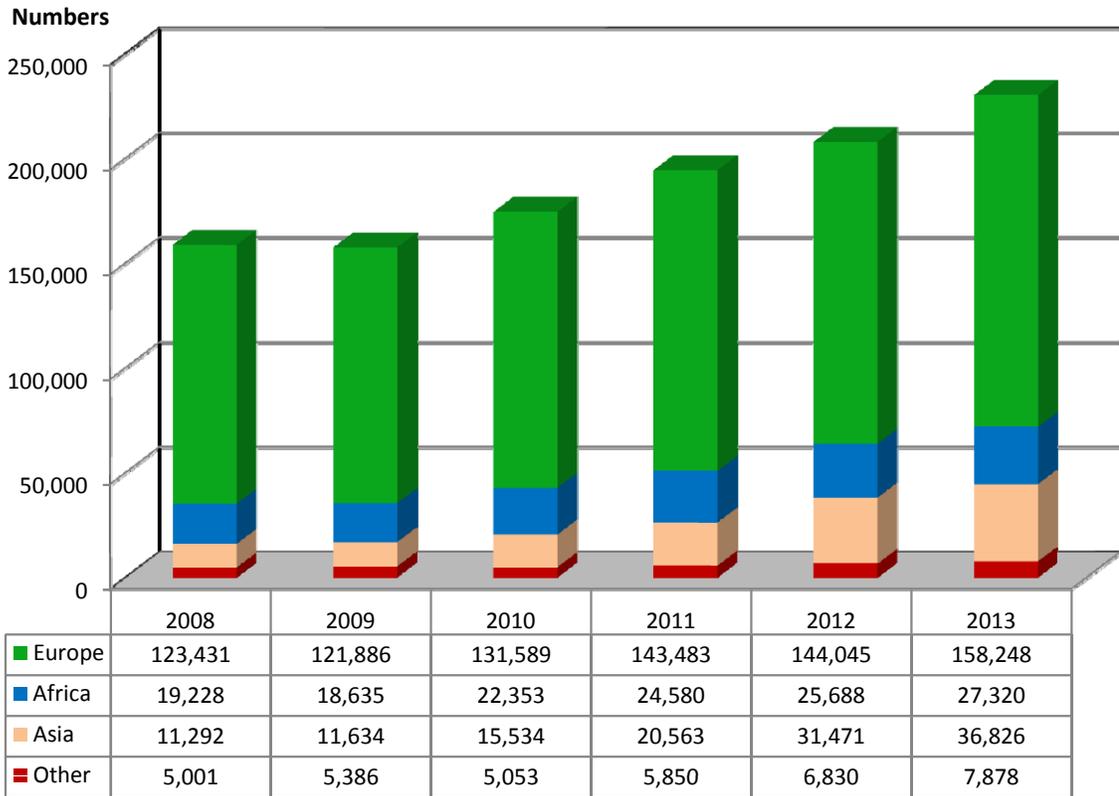
10. An analysis of departing residents is presented in Tables 12 to 17. Table 14 shows that 18% of all departing residents went to Europe, 33% to Africa, 46% to Asia, out of which 20% travelled to the Middle East. Fifteen percent (15%) of these departures were persons leaving for more than one year. Table 16 shows the actual number of departing residents by country of destination. Of the total, 3% went to France, 7% to UK & Eire, 15% to Mauritius, 2% to Kenya, 10% to South Africa, 18% to Dubai, 1% to Singapore and 14% to India.
11. Sixty percent (60%) of all departing residents were going on holiday whilst 16% were going on business or for employment. Of the long-term departures, 28% were emigrating and 61% were leaving after completing their contract. Of the short-term departures, 70% were going on holiday while 18% were leaving for business or employment (Tables 13 and 17).
14. The highest bed occupancy were for hotels on Other islands which recorded an average of 76% occupancy followed by hotels on La Digue with 70%, Mahe 69% and Praslin with 67% occupancy. Guest Houses and Self Catering on Mahe both recorded the lowest occupancy (50%).
15. An analysis of the average distribution of bed occupancy shows that out of the total number of beds sold in 2013, 73% were in hotels, 16% were in guest houses and 10% were in self catering establishments. (Table 19d). The room occupancy had an almost similar distribution at both the type of accommodation and location / (island) level. (Table 20d).
16. The distribution of beds available by location is as follows: Mahe (56%), Praslin (24%), La Digue (9%) and other islands (11%).
17. A breakdown by type of accommodation shows that hotels account for 67% of the beds available, guest houses (20%) and self catering establishments (13%).

#### **Hotel Statistics 2013 (Tables 18 - 20)**

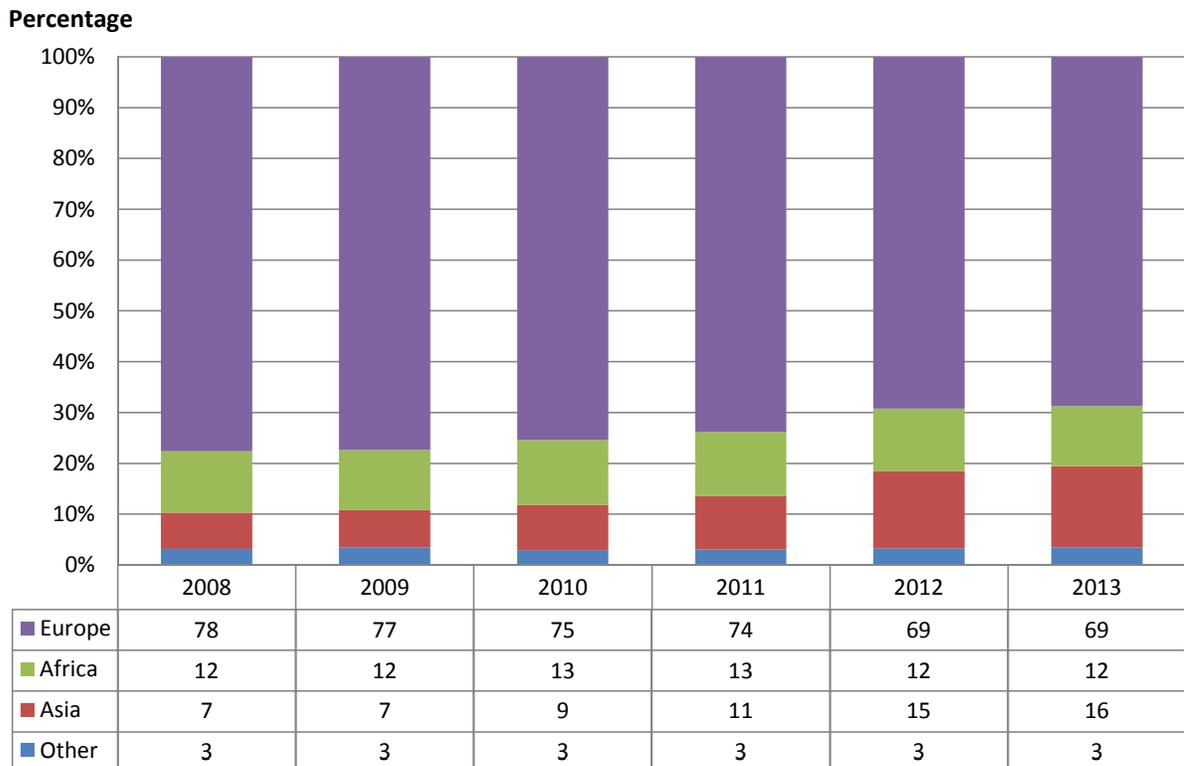
12. In 2013, there was an average of 6,490<sup>1</sup> beds available representing a decrease of 1% compared to 2012. Licensed accommodation establishments sold 1,512,120 bed nights and 746,960 room nights in 2013. This is an increase of 10% in bed nights and 9% in room nights sold compared to 2012.
13. The average occupancy rates in 2013 were 64% for beds and 65% for rooms compared to 57% and 60% respectively in 2012.

<sup>1</sup> Caution should be exercised when making this comparison due to under coverage and non-reporting by some accommodation establishments in the previous year.

**Chart 1 (a): Visitor Arrivals by Region of Residence (2008 - 2013)**



**Chart 1 (b): Visitor Arrivals by Region of Residence (2008 - 2013)**



**VISITORS AND CRUISE SHIP PASSENGERS, 2003-2013**

**Table 1**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NUMBER OF VISITOR ARRIVALS</b>	<b>AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (NIGHTS)</b>	<b>VISITOR NIGHTS (000) (1)</b>	<b>NUMBER OF CRUISE SHIP PASSENGERS (2)</b>	<b>TOURISM EXPENDITURE (Rm) (3)</b>
<b>2003</b>	122,038	10.1	1,233	4,698	729
<b>2004</b>	120,765	10.0	1,208	5,024	818
<b>2005</b>	128,654	9.7	1,248	6,389	824
<b>2006</b>	140,627	9.8	1,378	9,527	885
<b>2007</b>	161,273	9.9	1,597	9,906	1,194
<b>2008</b>	158,952	10.1	1,605	14,466	1,236
<b>2009</b>	157,541	10.2	1,607	19,798	2,007
<b>2010</b>	174,529	10.4	1,815	15,634	2,451
<b>2011</b>	194,476	10.0	1,945	15,710	2,571
<b>2012</b>	208,034	9.9	2,060	7,643	4,260
<b>2013</b>	230,272	10.2	2,349	6,662	4,138
<b>2010</b>					
<b>Q1</b>	45,107	10.5	474	9,980	584
<b>Q2</b>	39,759	10.3	410	1,483	494
<b>Q3</b>	41,416	11.0	456	-	707
<b>Q4</b>	48,247	9.7	468	4,171	666
<b>2011</b>					
<b>Q1</b>	45,574	10.3	469	10,060	556
<b>Q2</b>	46,386	9.6	445	3,609	588
<b>Q3</b>	49,094	10.5	515	-	682
<b>Q4</b>	53,422	9.5	508	2,041	745
<b>2012</b>					
<b>Q1</b>	49,577	9.9	491	4,932	1,039
<b>Q2</b>	48,836	9.7	474	-	1,266
<b>Q3</b>	51,744	10.1	523	-	970
<b>Q4</b>	57,877	10.1	561	2,711	985
<b>2013</b>					
<b>Q1</b>	59,080	10.2	603	5,466	1,000
<b>Q2</b>	53,429	10.2	545	-	1,166
<b>Q3</b>	56,486	10.8	610	-	954
<b>Q4</b>	61,277	9.7	594	1,196	1,018

**Source: National Bureau of Statistics & Central Bank of Seychelles**

**Notes:**

(1) Visitor arrivals times average length of stay

(2) Not included as visitors

(3) Tourism earnings reported by banks cover only foreign exchange converted into domestic currency by tourism establishments. As such, they exclude foreign exchange earned but retained by authorised establishments to cover their various external commitments.

## INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND TOURISM, 1997 - 2013

Table 2

Numbers

	Migrants		Residents (Short Absences)	Total Non- Visitors	Visitors	Total Visitors + Non-Visitors
	Long Term	Short Term				
<b>ARRIVALS</b>						
1997	2,370	83	27,935	30,388	130,070	160,458
1998	2,966	265	28,738	31,969	128,258	160,227
1999	2,917	615	29,345	32,877	124,865	157,742
2000	2,425	381	31,997	34,803	130,046	164,849
2001	2,768	479	36,252	39,499	129,762	169,261
2002	2,517	670	47,075	50,262	132,246	182,508
2003	2,476	1,968	44,234	48,678	122,038	170,716
2004	2,324	3,141	42,436	47,901	120,765	168,666
2005	2,671	4,270	44,904	51,845	128,654	180,499
2006	2,941	5,792	46,742	55,475	140,627	196,102
2007	4,673	4,724	49,279	58,676	161,273	219,949
2008	7,280	3,214	44,507	55,001	158,952	213,953
2009	6,333	2,646	38,960	47,939	157,541	205,480
2010	5,816	3,747	46,089	55,652	174,529	230,181
2011	4,543	5,320	46,487	56,350	194,476	250,826
2012	3,728	5,640	44,666	54,034	208,034	262,068
2013	1,654	4,699	48,687	55,040	230,272	285,312
<b>DEPARTURES</b>						
1997	2,430	774	26,775	29,979	128,277	158,256
1998	2,533	995	27,581	31,109	127,055	158,164
1999	2,736	1,120	27,953	31,809	123,563	155,372
2000	3,465	952	31,464	35,881	126,990	162,871
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