

CEO Robinson visit to Pevasa, Ile du Port - 07-02-2024

SFA supports eco-businesses contributing to a cleaner and safer marine environment

The CEO of the Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA), Dr. Jan Robinson accompanied a delegation from the SFA visited eco-businesses based at the SPA owned warehouse at Ile du Port. CEO Robinson commended their endeavor as the businesses strive to ensure a cleaner and safer marine environment.

Amongst the businesses visited are Pevasa that is producing biodegradable Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) facilitated by C & J Services and the recycling and reuse of fishing nets as well as FAD buoys.

To date the production of the biodegradable FADs are being sourced by only a handful of vessels. Yet, according to its owner Mr. Elizabeth, it is growing in popularity as it is over 90% biodegradable and less harmful to the marine environment. Pevasa prides itself on making this project a reality in the Seychelles as it has been successful in other countries across the world. Pevasa not only produces the FADs but also collects data on the vessels that uses the FADs; information relating to its movement and durability (estimated at 5 to 6 months).

The delegation from the SFA also visited a fish net recycling business that cuts, washes and compresses fishing nets for export. As explained by Kyle Debouter, the owner of the business. Such material is further broken down to make eco-friendly clothing such as beach shorts. Mr. Debouter is also expanding his scope by looking towards various ways to reuse and repurpose FAD buoys that is much like dormant treasure chest.

One of his goals is to make fish measuring tapes for local fishers so that they can better identify and support the Mahe Plateau Co-Management Plan and its recommendation to fish Bourgeois and job fish more than 32 cm.

Despite, the cost of doing business and production still being very high, CEO Robinson encouraged the businesses to persevere as they are paving the way for a safer ocean and reducing the number of commonly used, less environmentally friendly FADs and other debris in the marine environment.



Mr Debouter showing an example of the compressed fishing nets ready for export