

List of foreign vessels apprehended for illegal fishing in Seychelles' waters in 2020 & 2021

Vessel name	Flag State	Outcome
<i>Vessels apprehended in 2021</i>		
GOD BLESS SAMPATH	SRI LANKAN	on the 30TH of July 2021 suspect pleaded guilty
Bagya Duwa 7	SRI LANKAN	case was set aside on the 26th July 2021
CHE JENA 07	SRI LANKAN	The case was set aside on the 26th July 2021
<i>Vessels apprehended in 2020</i>		
Nuwan Putha 16	Sri Lanka	Successfully prosecuted and convicted. Skipper sentenced to pay a fine of SCR 1,000. The vessel and all fishing gears were forfeited to the Republic of Seychelles. The skipper was repatriated to Sri Lanka as a prohibited immigrant. Vessel sold for SCR 515,000.
Sampath	Sri Lanka	Successfully prosecuted and convicted. Skipper sentenced to pay a fine of SCR 444,000 by end of July 2020.
DHAMMI-01	Sri Lanka	Successfully prosecuted and convicted. Skipper sentenced to pay a fine of SCR 300,000 by end of November 2020. Vessel sold for SCR 326,000.

List of fisheries offences recorded by SFA in 2021 & 2020

Type of offences	No. offences	Actions taken by SFA
<i>Offences in 2021</i>		
Sea cucumber: breach of license conditions (exceed quota)	9	Warning letter
Sea cucumber: failure to notify entry into port	1	Warning letter
Semi-industrial: failure to notify SFA of departure	6	Warning letter
Semi-industrial: fishing without a valid license	2	Warning letter

Type of offences	No. offences	Actions taken by SFA
Lobster: undersized and /or berried females	5	warning letter/legal action/compounded
Artisanal: fishing without a valid license	4	Warning letter
Artisanal: failure to notify SFA of departure	48	warning letter/legal action/compounded
<i>Total number of offences in 2021</i>	75	
<i>Offences in 2020</i>		
Possession of illegal lobster during closed season.	1	The lobster was seized since no proof of purchase was shown. Case handed over to the Police for prosecution.
Illegal use of spear gun at Beau Vallon	1	Case handed over to the Beau Vallon Police Station.
Fishing without a valid fishing licence. The fish caught were sold on La Digue island before vessel entered port on Mahé. Vessel name: Love Love II	1	Written warning letter was issued to the owner of vessel
Use of fish traps with undersized mesh to catch rabbit fish.	1	Written warning letter was issued due to failure to comply with authorized officers.
Breach of licence condition, for fishing of deep water species on the drop-off. The fishing vessel Blue Ocean operated on Mahé Plateau during a fishing trip.	1	Case handed over to the Police for prosecution.
Failure to notify SFA of vessel departure and or entry into port.	25	1 st warning letters was issued to the owners of the fishing vessels implicated.
<i>Total number of offences in 2020</i>	30	