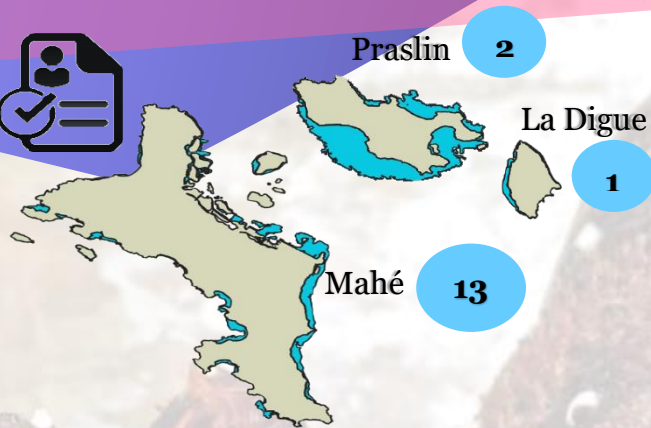


LOBSTER FISHING SEASON 2020/2021



- The Lobster fishery was opened from December 21st 2020 and was scheduled to close March 20th 2021 (3 months).
 - However due to low fishing performance resulting from bad weather, the fishing season was extended for 1 more month and was closed on April 20th 2021.
- All 16 licenses were allocated (13 on Mahé, 2 on Praslin and 1 on La Digue; **Figure 1**).

Figure 1: Number of fishing license allocated



Data collection methods

- 1) Fisher logbooks – Catch and effort data recorded by fishers
- 2) Biological sampling program recorded by SFA
 - a) Carapace length (mm)
 - b) Weight (kg)
 - c) Sex (M/F)

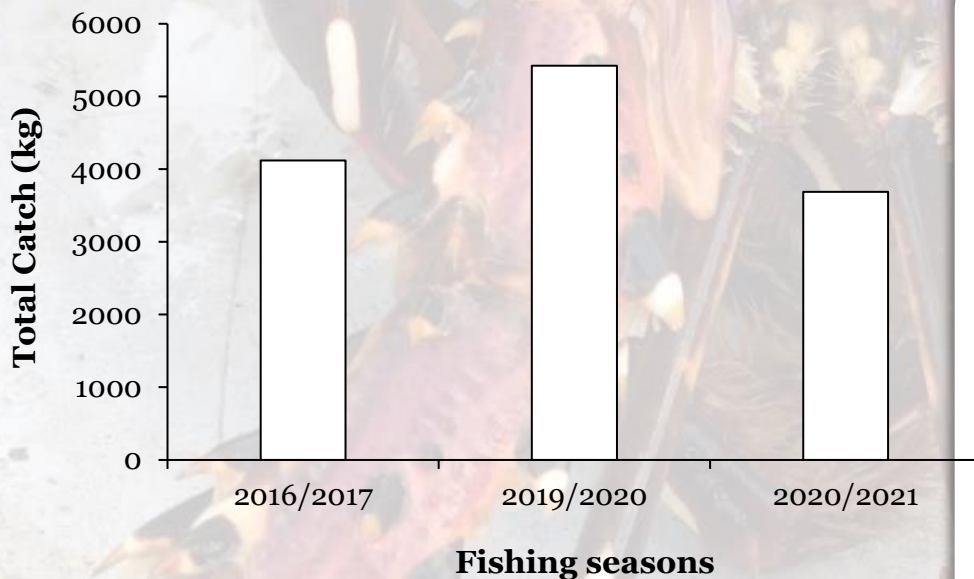
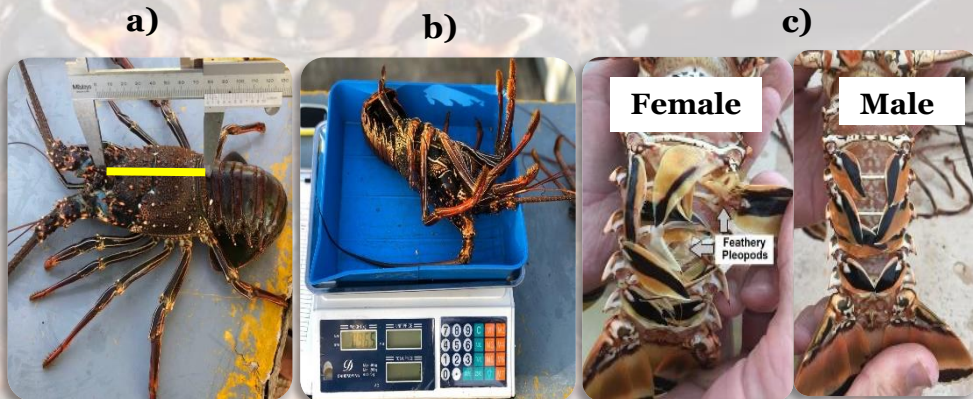


Figure 2: Total catch (kg) of lobsters per fishing seasons without fishery extension

Fishing summary

Without fishery extension (3 months):

- Total catch would be 3690 kg (**Figure 2**).
- Representing a 32% and 10% **decrease** respectively when compared to the 2 previous seasons
- A total of 157 fishing trips would have been recorded compared to:
 - 196 in 2019/2020 and,
 - 238 in 2016/2017
 - **Decrease** by 19% and 34%.