

List of foreign vessels apprehended for illegal fishing in Seychelles' waters from 2020 to 2023

Vessel name	Flag State	Outcome
<i>Vessels apprehended in 2023</i>		
Fish Finder	SEYCHELLES	All six crew were charged, serving a sentence of 2 years in prison, the vessel is in the care of SFA, docked in providence fishing port
Hamban Tota Express	SRI LANKAN	Suspected to have fished in Seychelles waters without a valid fishing licence, the vessel was in possession of 272 pcs of whole sharks' weight 10392.9 KG, Sharks Fins: 8 gunny bags weight 186.6 KG, Salted catch: 110 gunny bags weight 2794.52 KG – case ongoing
Raan Kurulla 4	SRI LANKAN	Suspected to have fished in Seychelles waters without a valid fishing licence, the vessel was in possession of 184 PCS of Sharks weight 3532 KG - 24 Gunny bags of bait 528 kg, 7 gunny bags of salted sharks with 1 barrel weight 214 KG
<i>Vessels apprehended in 2022</i>		
Dono	INDIAN	The vessel was forfeited to the republic of Seychelles, the crew was repatriated to their country, The vessel was sunk by the Seychelles coast guard.
St Snabaka Arulappap	INDIAN	The vessel was forfeited to the republic of Seychelles, the crew was repatriated to their country, The vessel was sunk by the Seychelles coast guard.
Infant Jesus	INDIAN	The vessel was forfeited to the republic of Seychelles, the crew was repatriated to their country, The vessel was sunk by the Seychelles coast guard.
Vidhya	INDIAN	The vessel was forfeited to the republic of Seychelles, the crew was repatriated to their country, The vessel was sunk by the Seychelles coast guard.
Vadimatha	INDIAN	The vessel was forfeited to the republic of Seychelles, the crew was repatriated to their country, The vessel was sunk by the Seychelles coast guard.
Lakpriya -12	SRI LANKAN	The Skipper of the vessel pleaded Guilty and a fine of 400,000 paid, Vessel left port of Providence 19/01/2023 at 11:30hrs with 3 Sri Lankan Personnel

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<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 from 2020 to 2023.

Type of offences	No. offences	Actions taken by SFA
<i>Offences in 2023</i>		
Artisanal: Mahe Plateau	7	Compiled and forwarded for legal action
Semi Industrial: G.O.P	8	Compiled and forwarded for legal action
Failure to notify SFA upon landing(Lobster Landing)	1	Compiled and forwarded for legal action
Lobster: undersized and /or berried females (during Lobster season)	1	Compiled and forwarded for legal action
Total number of offences in 2023	17	
<i>Offences in 2022</i>		
Sea cucumber: breach of license conditions (exceed quota)	3	Warning letter
Semi-industrial: fishing without a valid COA	2	Warning letter
Lobster: failure to notify Entry. into port	1	Compiled and forwarded for legal action
Nets: unlicensed	3	Warning letter/compounded
Artisanal: failure to notify SFA of departure	14	warning letter/legal action/compounded
Artisanal: unlicensed (expired license)	4	Case file built/ case close

Type of offences	No. offences	Actions taken by SFA
Artisanal: Mahe Plateau	4	Compiled and forwarded for legal action
Artisanal: Illegal Nets	3	Compiled and forwarded for legal action
Lobster, illegal possession, illegal resale	1	Police case
Total number of offences in 2022	35	
<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
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
Total number of offences in 2021	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 letter was issued to the owners of the fishing vessels implicated.
Total number of offences in 2020	30	