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Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-1

Number and size of information events organized on the subject of desertification, land degradation and drought (DLDD) and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity, and audience reached by media addressing DLDD and DLDD synergies

Global target

Percentage of population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

30 %

2018

National contribution to the global target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

2011

2013

2015

2017

2019

Voluntary national target

Percentage of national population informed about DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity

%

Year

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

The country is yet to set up the National Targets

Information events

Year	Number of events	Total estimated participants
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	3	100
2013	3	100
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Mass media articles and radio/television programmes about these events

Year	Number	Estimated people reached
2012	3	90000
2013	3	90000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Seychelles Nation (Daily newspaper)

Public Education Communication and Outreach Section, Ministry of Environment and Energy

Environment Section, Ministry of Education

Project Coordination Unit, UNDP

TRASS

SAA- Seychelles Agricultural Agency

SNPA- Seychelles National Parks Authority

Seychelles Broadcasting Corporation

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

Qualitative
assessment

Does your country have a national communication strategy addressing DLDD and/or DLDD synergies with climate change and biodiversity in place?

Yes No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., regarding the implementation of the Comprehensive Communication Strategy, activities relating to the United Nations Decade for Deserts and the Fight Against Desertification, etc.):

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-O-3

Number of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) participating in the Convention processes

Global target

A steady growth in the participation of CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy.

National contribution to global target: number of CSOs and STIs involved in DLDD-related programmes/projects

Year	Number of civil society organizations	Number of science and technology institutions
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	3	0
2013	3	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information: name of the CSOs and STIs

Liaison Unit for Non Governmental Organisation (LUNGOS)
Registrar Office
Ministry of Environment and Energy
Department of Community Development

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of CSOs and STIs participating in the Convention process at national level, per biennium %

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the participation of CSOs and STIs in DLDD-related programmes and projects? Yes No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to promote participation by CSOs and STIs in the Convention processes.

Government facilitates the participation of CSOs and STIs by making available local and international project funds and giving publicity to such organisations both nationally, regionally and internationally. CSOs also participate in decision-making committees, forums and processes directly and indirectly related to DLDD programmes

Operational objective 1: Advocacy, awareness raising and education

CONS-0-4

Number and type of DLDD-related initiatives of civil society organizations (CSOs) and science and technology institutions (STIs) in the field of education

Global target

A steady growth in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs is recorded along the implementation period of The Strategy

National contribution to the global target: number of DLDD-related initiatives implemented by CSOs and STIs in the field of education

Year	Number of CSOs initiatives	Number of STIs initiatives
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	5	0
2013	5	0
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Sources of information

Voluntary national target

Percent increase in the number of DLDD-related education initiatives undertaken by CSOs and STIs, per biennium

%

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Is your country undertaking initiatives to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives in the education sector implemented by CSOs and STIs?

Yes

No

Provide a short description of actions taken at the national level to increase the number of DLDD-related initiatives of CSOs and STIs in the field of education.

With the restructuring of the Ministry of Environment and Energy in 2012 a new Section was created to focus on community outreach and public education namely PECO. PECO works very closely with the Ministry of Education to organise and implement DLDD programmes and activities in schools and educational institutions. PECO is actively assisting communities to set up officially registered community-based organisations. The Wildlife of Seychelles is an NGO ran by teachers and students from schools all over the country, on an annual basis DLDD activities forms part of their key activities. The Sustainability for Seychelles (S4S) NGO has actively been involved in education related to drought and water scarcity educating the public about wise use of water and water conservation measures.

CONS-0-5 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have finalized the formulation/ revision of national, subregional and regional action programmes (NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs) aligned to The Strategy, taking into account biophysical and socio-economic information, national planning and policies, and integration into investment frameworks

Global target Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities that have formulated/ revised a NAP/SRAP/RAP aligned to The Strategy **≥ 80 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have a NAP aligned to the Strategy? Yes No

Qualitative assessment

Is your NAP being implemented? Yes No

Please answer the following two questions only if your country has not aligned the NAP to the Strategy

Voluntary national target

When do you plan to align your NAP to the Strategy? 2014-2015
 2016-2017
 2018-2019
 No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., national circumstances affecting the NAP alignment and implementation process)

Delayed implementation of the Seychelles Sustainable Development Strategy (SSDS) 2012-20120
 Budgetary Constraints
 Limited NGO presence in the field of Sustainable Land Management
 Delay in the finalization of the district Land Use Plans, the revision of Town and Country Planning Act and Environment Protection Act
 Recent extreme events resulted in increased land degradation and erosion
 Weak Agricultural Policy
 Insufficient Educational Awareness materials
 Lack of Sustainable Forest Management Policy

Sources of information

SSDS
LUNGOS
Seychelles Agricultural Agency
Ministry of Environment and Energy
Affected Ministries
Ministry of Land Use and Housing
Registrar

CONS-0-7

Number of initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions or mechanisms for joint implementation, at all levels

Global target

Each affected country Party has either one joint national plan in place or functional mechanism(s) to ensure synergies among the three Rio conventions

2014

National contribution to the global target

Was your country implementing joint planning/programming initiatives for the three Rio conventions in the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Were there any operational mechanisms that facilitated joint implementation of the three Rio Conventions during the current reporting period?

Yes

Yes, but for only two of the Rio conventions

No

Please answer the following questions if your country has such initiatives or mechanisms in place

Qualitative assessment

If your country has initiatives for synergistic planning/programming of the three Rio conventions, specify the type of joint initiative(s):

Evaluation of national plans and identification of gaps in synergies

Identification of national sectors and policies that could benefit from synergies and cooperation

Review of national policies to enhance cooperation and synergies

Enhancement of the institutional and scientific capacities and awareness of relevant stakeholders

Other (please describe below):

Qualitative assessment

If your country has mechanisms for joint implementation, specify the type of mechanism(s):

Regular meetings between focal points and focal point teams of the Rio conventions

A national coordinating committee for the implementation of the Rio conventions

National coordination on synergies in reporting under the Rio conventions

Other (please describe below):

Provide any complementary information as needed:

- Ministry of Environment and Energy
- SSDS
- UNDP Project Coordination Unit
- National Climate Change Committee

Sources of information

CONS-0-8 Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities to have established and supported a national/subregional/regional monitoring system for DLDD

Global target Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD **≥ 60 %** **2018**

National contribution to the global target Is a monitoring system specifically dedicated to DLDD established in your country? Yes No

Please answer the following questions if your country has not established and supported national monitoring systems for DLDD by the end of the current reporting period

Voluntary national target When does your country plan to establish and support a national monitoring system for DLDD? 2014-2015 2016-2017 2018-2019 No Plan Yet

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Sources of information Ministry of Environment and Energy

Qualitative assessment Does your country have a monitoring system partially covering DLDD? Yes No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., major difficulties experienced, how the system is being supported, etc.):

Budgetary Constraints, provision of budget by government is expected to be in 2015

Knowledge-sharing systems List any DLDD-relevant knowledge-sharing system in your country, providing an Internet link and estimated number of users per year (add as many rows as necessary).

Name of the system: Ministry of Environment and Energy
 Internet link: <http://www.env.gov.sc>
 Estimated number of users per year:

Name of the system: Terrestrial Action Society of Seychelles (TRASS)
 Internet link: <http://www.trass.org.sc/>
 Estimated number of users per year:

Name of the system: Government of Seychelles-UNDP-Programme Coordination
 Internet link: <Http://www.pcusey.sc>
 Estimated number of users per year:

CONS-0-10

Number of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs reflecting knowledge of DLDD drivers and their interactions, and of the interaction of DLDD with climate change and biodiversity

Global target

Percentage of revised NAPs/SRAPs/RAPs that have successfully gone through a quality self-assessment.

≥ 70 %

2018

CONS-0-13

Number of countries, subregional and regional reporting entities engaged in building capacity to combat DLDD on the basis of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) or other methodologies and instruments

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that implement DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects

≥ 90 %

National contribution to the global target

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of the NCSA?

Yes

No

Is your country implementing DLDD-specific capacity-building plans or programmes/projects on the basis of other methodologies and instruments to assess national capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Provide any relevant information on the size, scope, effectiveness and status of the initiatives implemented, or other complementary information as needed

GEF Project-Capacity Development for Sustainable Land Management in Seychelles
 GEF-Small Grants Programme (SGP)
 GEF- Mainstreaming Biodiversity Management into Production Sector Activities
 GCCA- Global Climate Change Alliance
 IFAD- International Fund for Agricultural Development-Competitive Local Innovations for Small-Scale Agriculture Project (CLISSA)
 IAEA- International Atomic Energy-Technical cooperation (TC) project carried out in support of government initiatives to strengthen national infrastructure for research and development in soil fertility management

Sources of information

- Ministry of Environment and Energy
- UNDP Project Coordination Unit
- Seychelles Agricultural Agency
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Qualitative assessment

Has your country assessed DLDD-related capacity-building needs?

Yes

No

Did your country receive technical and/or financial assistance to build capacities to combat DLDD?

Yes

No

From which institutions and which type of assistance was provided?

Financial

Technical

UNCCD Secretariat

Global Mechanism

Global Environment Facility

Bilateral agencies

Other multilateral organizations

CONS-O-14

Number of affected country Parties, subregional and regional entities whose investment frameworks, established within the integrated financing strategy (IFS) devised by the Global Mechanism (GM) or within other IFSs, reflect leveraging national, bilateral and multilateral resources to combat DLDD

Global target

Percentage of affected country Parties, subregional and regional reporting entities that have developed integrated investment frameworks (IIFs)

≥ 50 %

2014

National contribution to the global target

Does your country have an integrated investment framework?

Yes

No

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g. is the IIF based on the NAP; non-traditional and innovative financing targeted by the IIF; overview of the progress in implementing the IIF in your country; assistance received in the development or implementation of the IIF from the GM or other development partners, etc.)

Seychelles Integrated Financing Strategy (IFS) for Sustainable Land Management was completed in 2012, the implementation of the IFS is still ongoing. Seychelles through the Indian Ocean Commission is working with the GM and UNCCD secretariat on a regional programme for the implementation of SLM in the Western Indian Ocean. At the national this is being implemented through the projects mentioned previously and others.

Sources of information

Public Investment Framework

Integrated Financing Strategy for Sustainable Land Management

CONS-O-16

Degree of adequacy, timeliness and predictability of financial resources made available by developed country Parties to combat DLDD

Rating of the bilateral assistance received for the implementation of the Convention and its Strategy during the reporting period

Adequacy of bilateral assistance received	Adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly adequate	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not adequate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Timeliness of bilateral assistance received	Timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly timely	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Not timely	<input type="checkbox"/>
Predictability of bilateral assistance received	Predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Fairly predictable	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Not predictable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Provide any complementary information (e.g., additional information on other aspects beyond those mentioned above which impact proper planning and effective implementation of the Convention in your country, etc.)

External Factors- Global Crisis (eg EU crisis) prevent countries in meeting their obligations and pledges made to different relevant funds for example the GEF and the Adaptation Fund

Qualitative assessment

Did your country receive assistance in raising resources from bilateral donors? Yes No

If yes, from whom?

GEF
EU
UNEP
World bank
UNDP

CONS-O-18

Amount of financial resources and type of incentives which have enabled access to technology by affected country Parties

Global target

A steady growth in the financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by affected country Parties is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

A steady growth in the number of economic and policy incentives reported upon is recorded along the implementation period of the Strategy

National contribution to the target: estimated amount of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012		
2013		
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Has your country established economic and policy incentives intended to facilitate access to technology? Yes No

Sources of information

Ministry of Finance Trade and Investment

Voluntary national target

Percentage increase of financial resources allocated to facilitate access to technology by a given year % Year

Which national target your country has established to measure progress in achieving the priorities established in the national action programme, if different from the target suggested above?

Qualitative assessment

Provide any complementary information as needed (e.g., a short overview of specific aspects and the nature of technology transfer in your country, aspects in which there is a need to increase the level of technology transfer, etc.)

Agricultural Practices and Water saving technology

Identification

Identification code

Enter the Identification Code (ID), number or acronym given to the activity funded (if known)

PCU- SA

Name of the activity funded

Enter the name or title of the activity, project, programme, organization or initiative

Basic data

Recipient country, subregion and region

Enter the name of the country(ies), subregion(s) or region(s) in which the activity is taking place or is due to take place. Indicate "global" if the activity is of global scale or has no specific geographical focus

Category	Location

Status

Indicate the status of the activity at the time of completing this form

- Committed
- Proposal
- On-going
- Completed

Co-financing

Source	Currency	Amount

Type of funding

Indicate the instruments used to finance the activity

- Grant
- Loan (commercial)
- Loan (concessional)
- Budget authority
- Debt swap/relief
- Basket funding
- Sectoral support
- Sovereign wealth fund
- Payments for Environmental Services (PES)
- Results based financing
- Equity
- Venture capital
- Remittances
- Derivatives
- Blended value products
- Impact investments
- Microcredit
- Bonds
- Insurance
- Mortgages/guarantees
- Advance market commitments
- Other (please describe below):

Classification

Rio Markers

Assign the appropriate Rio Marker for desertification to the funded activity
(tick only one of the boxes below)

UNCCD		1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>
UNFCCC	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
CBD	0 <input type="checkbox"/>	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Relevant Activity Code (RAC)

Indicate all the RACs that may apply to the funded activity

Knowledge Management

- Research
- Information campaigns
- Advocacy/Mainstreaming
- Natural capital accounting
- Land degradation monitoring
- Reporting

Enabling Activities

- Capacity building
- Governance and institutions
- Policies, strategies and regulations
- Economic valuation of land use/change options
- Incentives and market-based mechanisms
- Resource mobilization
- Development assistance

Land Degradation Prevention

- Adaptation to climate change
- Natural resource conservation
- Enhancing ecosystem resilience
- Sustainable land and natural resource management
- Sustainable production
- Sustainable consumption

Restoration and recovery

- Afforestation/reforestation for carbon sequestration
- Ecosystem rehabilitation
- Infrastructure reconstruction/rehabilitation
- Land restoration/reclamation
- Emergency response
- Relocation/rescue/relief operations

Strategic and operational objectives targeted

Indicate which strategic and/or operational objective of the Strategy is addressed by the funded activity

- Strategic objective 1: living conditions of affected populations
- Strategic objective 2: condition of affected ecosystems
- Strategic objective 3: global benefits
- Strategic objective 4: resource mobilization and partnership building
- Operational objective 1: advocacy, awareness raising and education
- Operational objective 2: policy framework
- Operational objective 3: Science, technology and knowledge
- Operational objective 4: capacity-building
- Operational objective 5: financing and technology transfer

Add new 'Unified financial annex' full section

Reporting process-related issues

Financial resources

Could your country count on sufficient financial resources to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No

Provide an estimate of the amount invested from your country's national budget into the current UNCCD reporting process

Year	Currency	Amount
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	USD - US Dollar	150000
2013	USD - US Dollar	150000
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Human resources

Provide an estimate of the people involved in your country in the UNCCD reporting process, and of the total number of months dedicated by these persons to the reporting process

Year	Number of people	Number of months
2008		
2009		
2010		
2011		
2012	5	3
2013	5	3
2014		
2015		
2016		
2017		
2018		

Knowledge

Could your country count on sufficient technical and scientific knowledge to meet UNCCD reporting obligations?

Yes No

If no, describe the main reasons and the difficulties encountered

UNEP responded very late to Seychelles' request for the enabling activity project proposal to facilitate the process

Coordination

Was coordination at the national level with the relevant line ministries satisfactory in order to report comprehensively and coherently?

Yes No

Participation and consultation

Was a participatory or consultative approach applied to involve all relevant stakeholders in the reporting process?

Yes No

Validation

Was a validation meeting held as a part of the reporting process?

Yes No

Subregional and regional processes

Did your country cooperate with the entities entrusted with preparing the subregional and regional action programme reports?

Yes No

Accommodation of specific requests within decisions taken by the Conference of the Parties

Reporting on specific COP requests: iterative process on indicators

Tick the boxes only if you have experienced difficulties in reporting on one or more performance indicator(s). When doing so, place the tick mark under the e-SMART criterion for which the difficulty occurred.

	Economic	Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Relevant	Time-bound
CONS-0-1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-4	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-7	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-8	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-10	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-13	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-14	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-16	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CONS-0-18	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Any other country-specific issues

Does your country have any specific issue to bring to the attention of the Conference of the Parties? Yes No

If yes, please specify under which of the following broad categories it can be classified

- Policy, legislative and/or institutional framework
- Capacity-building and awareness-raising
- Desertification/land degradation and drought and sustainable land management monitoring and assessment/research
- Funding/resource mobilization
- Knowledge management and decision-making support
- Participation, collaboration and networking
- Reporting and review process
- Other

Please describe below:

Submission form

Name of the reporting officer	Alain De Comarmond
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