

ICRI 26th General Meeting Indian Ocean Day Country Report Seychelles

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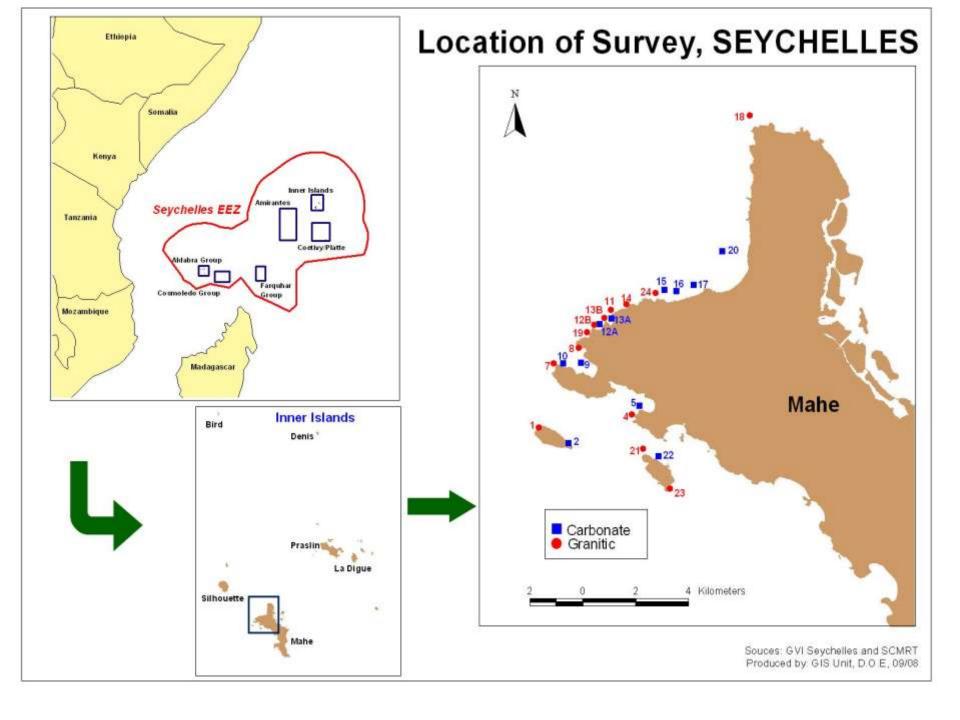
Number of sites Monitored

- Mahe
 - **24** sites
 - 16 sites monitored twice yearly (priority list)
- Praslin & Curieuse 14 sites
 Monitored twice yearly
- Total = 38
- Outer islands monitored less frequently











What is being monitored?

- Coral Cover LIT transects
- Coral Recruits
- Bleaching
- Fish Abundance and Diversity
- Invertebrates

Partnerships

- Global Vision International (main partner)
- Earthwatch Coral & Coastal Ecology of Curieuse
- The Littoral and Coral Reef Mapping Project University of Goettingen, April 2010
- Silhouette Cruises Mooring buoys project with anchors away.
 - Availability of facilities for monitoring
- Nature Seychelles Coral Farming





Engagement in international efforts

- RAMP -COI
- WIOMER



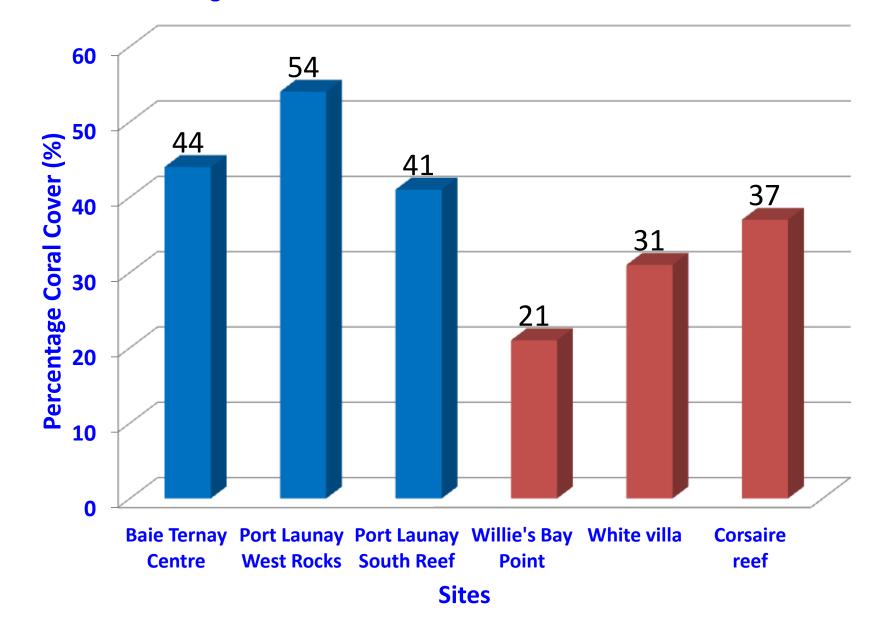
Outputs/reports

- Complete report of both sites every six months. (SNPA & GVI)
- Field Guide for Coral & Coastal ecology of Curieuse (Earthwatch Team)
- Coral & Coastal ecology field reports
- Littoral and Coral Reef Map of part of Beau Vallon (University of Goettingen -in German)
- Regional Synthesis 2010 WIO Coral Reef Network node

Recent key findings

- General Increase at most sites monitored
- Most sites Located within MPAs have slightly higher percentage cover as well as fish Diversity
- However... Still prone to bleaching e.g – January – April 2010.
- Up to 80% bleaching recovered
- Only about 10% dead corals

Percentage Coral Cover on several sites around NW Mahe



Notable successes and challenges in reef monitoring

- Establishment of partnership (e.g., GVI)
- Capacity Building (GVI & Earthwatch)
- Education & Awareness (youth dive club)



The End!! Thank You for Your Attention!!!