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SUMMARY

Visitor statistics (Tables 1 - 6)

May 2009

1. Eleven thousand seven hundred and forty-six (11746) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the month of May 2009, reflecting an increase of 5% compared to May 2008. This also included visitors on transit. The figure was 27% above the average for the same month of the last five years. In May 2009, visitors stayed for an average of 9.9 nights compared to 10.2 nights in May 2008 (Table 1).
2. Ninety-two percent (92%) of visitors arriving in May 2009 were on holiday, whilst 6% were on business or combining business with a holiday (Table 2). Eighty-one percent (81%) of visitors were from Europe, 11% from Africa, 6% from Asia and 2% from America (Table 3).

January to May

Number of visitors and average length of stay (Tables 1 - 6)

3. Sixty four thousand and fifty four (64054) visitors arrived during the first five months of 2009, which was 9% below the 2008 level. The average length of stay of these visitors was 10.0 nights compared to 9.8 nights in 2008 and indicating an 8% decrease in the number of visitor nights spent in Seychelles.

Purpose of visit (Table 2)

4. Ninety-one percent (91%) of visitors during the five months of 2009 were on holiday, whilst 6% were on business or combining business with a holiday and 2% were in transit.

Country of Residence (Table 3)

5. Compared to the same period in 2008, the number of visitors from Europe decreased by 8%. Increases were recorded in visitor arrivals from Italy (7%) and Russia (8%). Meanwhile decreases below the 2008 level were recording from France (5%), UK & Eire (23%), Germany (17%), Switzerland (7%), Austria (12%), Belgium & Luxembourg and the Netherlands both (6%), Scandinavia (30%) and Spain & Portugal (21%).
6. During the first five months of 2009, the number of visitors from Africa decreased by 9% compared to the same period in 2008. Visitors from Asia decreased by (20%), Oceania (17%) and America (4%) respectively below the 2008 level.
7. The six leading markets for 2009 are:

France	(14568)
Italy	(10085)
Germany	(8213)
UK & Eire	(4340)
Russia	(3878)
South Africa	(2949)

Mode of Transport (Table 5)

8. During May 2009, all of the non-transit visitors arrived by air transport. Comparing May 2009 with the same period in 2008, non-transit visitor arrivals increased by 5% and transit visitor arrivals increased by 75%.

Visitors Stay 2009 (Table 6)

9. Tables 6(a) and 6(b) give a breakdown of visitors stay by both location and accommodation respectively. Forty-four percent (44%) of visitors reportedly stayed on Mahe, while 27% and 6% stayed on Praslin and La Digue respectively. Eighty-four (84%) of visitors reportedly stayed in hotels while 6% stayed with friends in May 2009.

VISITOR ARRIVALS AND AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY, 2003 - 2009

Table 1

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
	(Numbers)												
2003	8683	11843	12282	12518	9671	8191	9832	9970	8771	10116	9458	10703	122038
2004	9787	10954	10698	10515	9188	7483	9975	10919	8123	11344	9839	11940	120765
2005	10144	10213	12667	10615	7658	7895	10502	12444	9381	12446	12240	12449	128654
2006	11920	12528	11237	12702	8321	8964	11588	13666	11089	13867	11134	13611	140627
2007	11170	14543	15557	14709	9967	10332	13704	14149	12491	16729	13290	14632	161273
2008	12799	14863	16481	15063	11200	9546	13128	14139	11410	14189	12815	13319	158952
2009	11256	12552	14056	14444	11746								64054
	(Percentage change)												
04/03	13	-8	-13	-16	-5	-9	1	10	-7	12	4	12	-1
05/04	4	-7	18	1	-17	6	5	14	15	10	24	4	7
06/05	18	23	-11	20	9	14	10	10	18	11	-9	9	9
07/06	-6	16	38	16	20	15	18	4	13	21	19	8	15
08/07	15	2	6	2	12	-8	-4	0	-9	-15	-4	-9	-1
09/08	-12	-16	-15	-4	5								
AVERAGE LENGTH	(Nights)												
<u>OF STAY (1)</u>													
2003	10.9	8.9	9.3	9.3	10.1	10.3	10.6	11.4	10.8	10.2	9.9	10.1	10.1
2004	10.1	9.4	10.2	9.6	10.0	10.0	10.4	11.0	10.7	10.0	9.8	9.3	10.0
2005	9.3	9.5	9.2	9.9	9.8	9.5	10.2	10.6	10.5	9.8	8.8	9.2	9.7
2006	9.6	9.1	9.6	9.6	9.7	9.8	10.4	10.8	10.4	9.3	9.9	9.6	9.8
2007	10.2	8.9	9.7	9.9	10.0	10.1	10.4	11.1	10.5	9.0	9.7	9.6	9.9
2008	9.5	9.2	10.3	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.6	11.3	10.7	9.9	10.0	9.8	10.1
2009	10.5	9.5	10.1	10.0	9.9								10.1

Source: National Statistics Bureau from disembarkation cards

Note: (1) Length of stay is calculated from immigration records from departing visitors.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT, 2006 - 2009

Table 2

Number of visitors

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
<u>2006- Total</u>	<u>11920</u>	<u>12528</u>	<u>11237</u>	<u>12702</u>	<u>8321</u>	<u>8964</u>	<u>11588</u>	<u>13666</u>	<u>11089</u>	<u>13867</u>	<u>11134</u>	<u>13611</u>	<u>140627</u>
Holiday	10417	11367	10193	11872	7558	7934	10919	12751	10145	12492	10028	12273	127949
Business	485	522	464	527	542	621	446	391	621	680	779	548	6626
Holiday/Business	30	45	43	47	36	46	40	37	41	51	39	24	479
Transit	780	385	448	86	63	69	42	372	129	385	51	616	3426
Other/not stated	208	209	89	170	122	294	141	115	153	259	237	150	2147
<u>2007- Total</u>	<u>11170</u>	<u>14543</u>	<u>15557</u>	<u>14709</u>	<u>9967</u>	<u>10332</u>	<u>13704</u>	<u>14149</u>	<u>12491</u>	<u>16729</u>	<u>13290</u>	<u>14632</u>	<u>161273</u>
Holiday	10066	12445	14088	13893	9150	9397	12966	13069	11444	14851	12112	13431	146912
Business	658	610	642	521	621	644	523	391	598	745	689	633	7275
Holiday/Business	39	37	54	53	29	50	25	23	41	58	68	50	527
Transit	220	1180	545	62	61	55	39	595	194	691	270	249	4161
Other/not stated	187	271	228	180	106	186	151	71	214	384	151	269	2398
<u>2008- Total</u>	<u>12799</u>	<u>14863</u>	<u>16481</u>	<u>15063</u>	<u>11200</u>	<u>9546</u>	<u>13128</u>	<u>14139</u>	<u>11410</u>	<u>14189</u>	<u>12815</u>	<u>13319</u>	<u>158952</u>
Holiday	10274	12631	14958	13817	10219	8558	11415	13194	10287	13040	11229	12390	142012
Business	744	757	1003	922	769	692	715	576	731	829	912	584	9234
Holiday/Business	34	52	56	71	41	59	35	21	44	42	59	53	567
Transit	1543	1159	279	37	52	26	23	86	22	25	246	110	3608
Other/not stated	204	264	185	216	119	211	940	262	326	253	369	182	3531
<u>2009- Total</u>	<u>11256</u>	<u>12552</u>	<u>14056</u>	<u>14444</u>	<u>11746</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>64054</u>
Holiday	9695	11290	12904	13557	10774								58220
Business	678	546	872	649	708								3453
Holiday/Business	54	47	74	44	47								266
Transit	640	560	90	70	91								1451
Other/not stated	189	109	116	124	126								664

Source: National Statistics Bureau from disembarkation cards

Table 3 (continued)

Country of Residence	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
<u>OCEANIA</u>	<u>66</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>325</u>
Australia	58	45	37	73	38								251
New Zealand	5	5	8	10	6								34
Other	3	33	0	2	2								40
<u>AMERICA</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>493</u>	<u>538</u>	<u>331</u>	<u>257</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1830</u>
Canada	35	48	59	44	35								221
USA	140	415	444	266	196								1461
Mexico	3	1	2	5	2								13
W. Indies	5	2	7	5	0								19
Argentina	14	11	12	4	8								49
Brazil	9	8	4	2	11								34
Other	5	8	10	5	5								33

Source: National Statistics Bureau from disembarkation cards.

VISITOR DEPARTURES: DISTRIBUTION OF LENGTH OF STAY, 2000-2009

Table 4

	Length of stay (% nights)										Average length of stay (nights)
	0	1 - 2	3 - 6	7 - 8	9 - 13	14 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 28	29+	Total	
2000	2	3	21	23	28	12	5	3	2	100	10.4
2001	2	4	18	27	28	12	5	3	2	100	10.4
2002	2	4	21	22	31	9	5	3	2	100	10.1
2003	2	4	21	22	33	10	5	3	1	100	10.1
2004	2	4	21	22	33	9	5	2	2	100	10.0
2005	3	5	20	23	30	11	4	3	1	100	9.7
2006	2	4	19	24	30	12	4	3	1	100	9.8
2007	1	4	20	25	31	12	4	2	1	100	9.9
2008	1	4	20	23	32	11	4	3	2	100	10.1
2009											10.1
<u>2008</u>											
Jan	5	7	15	21	33	9	5	3	1	100	10.2
Feb	2	9	20	26	27	9	3	3	2	100	8.9
Mar	1	2	19	28	31	12	3	2	2	100	9.7
Apr	0	2	25	23	31	11	4	2	2	100	9.9
May	0	2	18	26	34	12	3	2	2	100	10.0
Jun	0	3	23	23	32	12	3	2	2	100	10.1
Jul	0	3	18	21	34	13	6	3	1	100	10.4
Aug	0	2	15	18	36	15	7	5	2	100	11.1
Sep	0	3	19	22	34	13	5	2	2	100	10.5
Oct	0	3	22	23	34	11	4	2	1	100	9.0
Nov	0	4	19	24	33	11	4	2	1	100	9.7
Dec	0	4	27	25	25	10	4	3	2	100	9.6
<u>2009</u>											
Jan	3	4	19	21	31	11	5	4	2	100	10.5
Feb	3	5	23	24	27	9	4	2	2	100	9.5
Mar	1	2	24	26	29	11	4	2	2	100	10.1
Apr	1	3	23	25	31	10	4	2	2	100	10.0
May	1	2	21	25	34	11	3	2	1	100	9.9
Jun											
Jul											
Aug											
Sep											
Oct											
Nov											
Dec											

Source: National Statistics Bureau from disembarkation cards.

Table 5

Number of visitors

TRANSIT				NON - TRANSIT			TOTAL VISITORS		
<u>Year/Month</u>	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total	Air	Sea	Total
<u>2008</u>									
January	939	604	1543	11211	45	11256	12150	649	12799
February	781	378	1159	13138	566	13704	13919	944	14863
March	153	126	279	15941	261	16202	16094	387	16481
April	28	9	37	14941	85	15026	14969	94	15063
May	40	12	52	11100	48	11148	11140	60	11200
June	24	2	26	9502	18	9520	9526	20	9546
July	20	3	23	13050	55	13105	13070	58	13128
August	77	9	86	14024	29	14053	14101	38	14139
September	18	4	22	11336	52	11388	11354	56	11410
October	25	0	25	14129	35	14164	14154	35	14189
November	95	151	246	12488	81	12569	12583	232	12815
December	90	20	110	13136	73	13209	13226	93	13319
Total	2290	1318	3608	153996	1348	155344	156286	2666	158952
<u>2009</u>									
January	259	380	639	10518	99	10617	10777	479	11256
February	247	313	560	11640	352	11992	11887	665	12552
March	66	24	90	13606	360	13966	13672	384	14056
April	43	27	70	14344	30	14374	14387	57	14444
May	78	13	91	11620	35	11655	11698	48	11746
June			0			0	0	0	0
July			0			0	0	0	0
August			0			0	0	0	0
September			0			0	0	0	0
October			0			0	0	0	0
November			0			0	0	0	0
December			0			0	0	0	0
Total	693	757	1450	61728	876	62604	62421	1633	64054

Source: National Statistics Bureau from disembarkation cards.

VISITORS STAY BY LOCATION, 2008 - 2009

Table 6(a)

		Mahe	%	Praslin	%	La Digue	%	Other Islands	%	On Vessel(1)	%	Total	%
January	2008	6466	51%	2744	21%	635	5%	973	8%	1981	15%	12799	100%
	2009	5404	48%	2383	21%	542	5%	1098	10%	1829	16%	11256	100%
February	2008	6607	44%	3644	25%	676	5%	1176	8%	2760	19%	14863	100%
	2009	5510	44%	3170	25%	809	6%	1323	11%	1740	14%	12552	100%
March	2008	7766	47%	4281	26%	1033	6%	1664	10%	1737	11%	16481	100%
	2009	6432	46%	3797	27%	916	7%	1617	12%	1294	9%	14056	100%
April	2008	6698	44%	4031	27%	1004	7%	2007	13%	1323	9%	15063	100%
	2009	6570	45%	3850	27%	975	7%	1855	13%	1194	8%	14444	100%
May	2008	5447	49%	3090	28%	758	7%	943	8%	962	9%	11200	100%
	2009	5199	44%	3124	27%	713	6%	1739	15%	971	8%	11746	100%
June	2008	4821	51%	2665	28%	669	7%	803	8%	588	6%	9546	100%
	2009												
July	2008	7027	54%	3469	26%	887	7%	997	8%	748	6%	13128	100%
	2009												
August	2008	6991	49%	3928	28%	831	6%	1609	11%	780	6%	14139	100%
	2009												
September	2008	5789	51%	3005	26%	814	7%	1168	10%	634	6%	11410	100%
	2009												
October	2008	7072	50%	3653	26%	942	7%	1500	11%	1022	7%	14189	100%
	2009												
November	2008	6440	50%	3086	24%	692	5%	1466	11%	1131	9%	12815	100%
	2009												
December	2008	7102	53%	3041	23%	708	5%	1592	12%	876	7%	13319	100%
	2009												
Total	2008	78226	49%	40637	26%	9649	6%	15898	10%	14542	9%	158952	100%
	2009	29115	45%	16324	25%	3955	6%	7632	12%	7028	11%	64054	100%

(1) Includes yachts, cruise ship and sea bound vessels.

VISITORS STAY BY ACCOMMODATION, 2008 - 2009

Table 6(b)

		Hotels(1)	%	Friends	%	Yachts	%	Cruise Ships	%	Vessel	%	Others	%	Total	%
January	2008	9736	76%	963	8%	938	7%	1032	8%	0	0%	130	1%	12799	100%
	2009	8307	74%	882	8%	898	8%	919	8%	12	5%	238	2%	11256	100%
February	2008	11065	74%	878	6%	1138	8%	1621	11%	0	0%	161	1%	14863	100%
	2009	9883	79%	812	6%	662	5%	1071	9%	7	0%	117	1%	12552	100%
March	2008	13411	81%	1167	7%	1360	8%	373	2%	0	0%	170	1%	16481	100%
	2009	11538	82%	1101	8%	880	6%	409	3%	10	0%	118	1%	14056	100%
April	2008	12721	84%	871	6%	1307	9%	13	0%	0	0%	151	1%	15063	100%
	2009	11973	83%	1159	8%	1036	7%	146	1%	12	0%	118	1%	14444	100%
May	2008	9244	83%	875	8%	952	9%	0	0%	0	0%	129	1%	11200	100%
	2009	9909	84%	686	6%	962	8%	6	0%	3	0%	180	2%	11746	100%
June	2008	8001	84%	800	8%	584	6%	0	0%	0	0%	161	2%	9546	100%
	2009														
July	2008	10355	79%	1119	9%	747	6%	0	0%	0	0%	907	7%	13128	100%
	2009														
August	2008	12022	85%	1064	8%	767	5%	0	0%	0	0%	286	2%	14139	100%
	2009														
September	2008	9846	86%	703	6%	633	6%	0	0%	0	0%	228	2%	11410	100%
	2009														
October	2008	11879	84%	1005	7%	1020	7%	2	0%	0	0%	283	2%	14189	100%
	2009														
November	2008	10296	80%	979	8%	821	6%	276	2%	0	0%	443	3%	12815	100%
	2009														
December	2008	10694	80%	1542	12%	829	6%	33	0%	0	0%	221	2%	13319	100%
	2009														
Total	2008	129270	81%	11966	8%	11096	7%	3350	2%	0	0%	3270	2%	158952	100%
	2009	51610	81%	4640	7%	4438	7%	2551	4%	44	0%	771	1%	64054	100%

Source: National Statistics Bureau from disembarkation cards

(1) Includes guest houses & self-catering establishments.