



## **Fishes of Seychelles**

With 115 islands scattered across 1,400,000 sq.km of territorial water and lying between 4° and 10° south of the Equator, it seems Seychelles was deliberately designed for all levels of fishermen since it offers diverse and impressive fishing opportunities and catch. Big-game fishing and bottom-fishing can be enjoyed throughout the archipelago, while the shallow flats of the Outer Islands and their surrounding waters offer some of the best fly-fishing and blue-water fly-fishing in the world.

The Seychelles Tourism Board (STB), with the assistance of the Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA), has prepared this document as a convenient reference guide so that visiting seasoned and novice fishermen can have an appreciation of the fish stock that they may encounter, or better still catch, whilst fishing in Seychelles.

The list has been classified into three main categories of fish (pelagic, demersal and sharks), with a further breakdown into sub-species. The English, scientific and Creole names are given.

We hope that this listing will give you a good idea of just how rich our waters really are.

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### Pelagic

These fish occupy the upper layers of the open ocean, are 'top swimmers' and include the following species:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Creole Name</u>
Sailfish	Istiophorus platypterus	Dyab lavwal
Blue marlin	Makaria mazara	Espadon ble
Black marlin	Makaria indica	Espadon nwar
Swordfish	Xiphias gladius	Espadon
Yellowfin tuna	Thunnus albacares	Ton zonn
Dogtooth tuna	Gymnosarda unicolor	Ton ledan
Skip jack	Katsuwonus pelamis	Ton raye
Bonito	Euthynnus affinis	Bonit
Wahoo	Acanthocybium solandri	Kin fis
Dorado	Coryphaena hippurus	Dorad
Great barracuda	Sphyrna barracuda	Tazard
Pickhandle barracuda	Sphyrna jello	Bekin
Rainbow runner	Elagatis bipinnulata	Galate
Yellowspotted trevally	Carangiodes fulvoguttatus	Karang plat
Bludger	Carangoides gymnothetus	Karang balo
Giant trevally	Caranx ignobilis	Karang ledan
Bigeye trevally	Caranx sexfasciatus	Karang ledan
Bluefin trevally	Caranx melampygus	Karang ver

### Demersal

These fish live close to the sea bottom and on the flat bodies of water surrounding atolls and islands. They consist of the following species:

#### ***Groupers***

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Creole Name</u>
Slender grouper	Anyperodon leucogrammicus	Seval dibwa
Peacock hind	Cephalopholis argus	Vyey kwizinyen
Golden hind	Cephalopholis aurantia	Vyey zannana
Chocolate hind	Cephalopholis boenak	Vyey kwizinyen
Coral hind	Cephalopholis miniata	Vyey zannana
Tomato hind	Cephalopholis sonnerati	Msye angar
Brownspotted grouper	Epinephelus chlorostigma	Vyey makonde
Blacktip grouper	Epinephelus fasciatus	Madanm dilo
Blue and yellow grouper	Epinephelus flavocaeruleus	Vyey plat
Brown-marbled grouper	Epinephelus fuscoguttatus	Vyey masata
White-blotched grouper	Epinephelus multinotatus	Vyey plat
Camouflage grouper	Epinephelus polyphekadion	Vyey goni
Potato grouper	Epinephelus tukula	Vyey toukoula
Blacksaddled coral grouper	Plectropomus laevis	Vyey babonn zonn
Spotted coral grouper	Plectropomus maculatus	Babonn
Marbled coral grouper	Plectropomus punctatus	Babonn
Yellow-edged lyretail	Variola louti	Krwasan

## ***Snappers***

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Creole Name</u>
Green jobfish	<i>Aprion virescens</i>	Zob gri
Two-spot red snapper	<i>Lutjanus bohar</i>	Varvara
Humpback red-snapper	<i>Lutjanus gibbus</i>	Terez
Common bluestripe snapper	<i>Lutjanus kasmira</i>	Madras 1
Humphead snapper	<i>Lutjanus sanguineus</i>	Bordomar
Emperor red snapper	<i>Lutjanus sebae</i>	Bourzwa

## ***Emperors***

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Creole Name</u>
Blue-lined large eyed bream	<i>Gymnocranius grandoculis</i>	Kaptenn blan
Small tooth emperor	<i>Lethrinus conchyliaius</i>	Gel-de-vin
Yellowtail emperor	<i>Lethrinus crocineus</i>	Laskar 1
Thumbprint emperor	<i>Lethrinus harak</i>	Anba lasann
Pink ear emperor	<i>Lethrinus lentjan</i>	Zekler
Sky emperor	<i>Lethrinus mahsena</i>	Danm beri
Small tooth emperor	<i>Lethrinus microdon</i>	Bek long
Spangled emperor	<i>Lethrinus nebulosus</i>	Kaptenn rouz
Longface emperor	<i>Lethrinus olivaceus</i>	Gel long
Spotcheek emperor	<i>Lethrinus rubrioperculatus</i>	Baksou 1
Slender emperor	<i>Lethrinus variegatus</i>	Baksou 2/Toloy
Yellowlip emperor	<i>Lethrinus xanthochilus</i>	Bawa
Bonefish	<i>Albula vulpes</i>	Banane
Milkfish	<i>Chanos chanos</i>	Libin

## **Sharks**

These species of cartilaginous fishes of predatory habit comprise the order Selachii (class Chondrichthyes). In Seychelles' waters, you are most likely to encounter the following types of shark:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Creole Name</u>
Silvertip shark	<i>Carcharhinus albimarginatus</i>	Reken waro
Grey reef shark	<i>Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos</i>	Reken bar
Black-tip shark	<i>Carcharhinus melanopterus</i>	Reken bar
Oceanic whitetip shark	<i>Carcharhinus longimanus</i>	Reken gran lezel
Tiger shark	<i>Galeocerdo cuvier</i>	Demwazel
Spottail shark	<i>Carcharhinus sorrah</i>	Reken nennen pwent
Bull shark	<i>Carcharhinus leucas</i>	Reken gro latet
Hammerhead	<i>Sphyrna zygaena</i>	Marto
Mako shark	<i>Isurus glaucus</i>	Montan ble
Whale shark	<i>Rhincodon typus</i>	Sagren
Nurse shark	<i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i>	Andormi
Reef whitetip	<i>Triaenodon obesus</i>	Reken andormi