



Black emperor (Anax tristis) AC

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The 10 islands of Farquhar Atoll are rich in seabirds, hosting nine breeding species, including Red-footed booby (Fou Bet), Sooty tern (Goelettes) and Black-naped tern (Dyanman likou nwar). Green sea turtles (Torti ver) are abundant but the Hawksbill turtle (Tortikare) population remains fragile with around 35-40 females nest-



Senegal lapwing (Vanellus lugubris) AC

Island Conservation Society Back to Farquhar!

The Island Conservation Society (ICS) has been established on Farquhar Atoll since 2014, carrying out and coordinating its long-term conservation objectives.

ing annually. The surrounding waters are rich in marine life, with high densities of fish such as Camouflage grouper (Vyey Masata) and Coral grouper (Babonn), not forgetting the renowned Giant Trevally (Karang ledan).

Unfortunately, our Conservation team were not on Farquhar for nearly six months due to the fact that they were stranded overseas during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Matthew Morgan (Farquhar Conservation Officer) and Annabelle Cupidon (Farquhar As-

sistant Conservation Officer) are now back in Seychelles to resume where they left off. This will be the team's fourth year in the Outer Islands and they are looking forward to going back to their remote home thanks to Island Development Company Limited (IDC).

This is what Annabelle and Matthew had to say, "Fortunately, we will get back to the atoll in time for the Hawksbill turtle breeding season which typically

nest from October to April.

In November we will resume the Red-footed Booby Project funded by SeyCCAT, where we are calculating the breeding population on Ile du Sud using traditional census techniques and drones. This work is really interesting and will contribute to the regional understanding of Red-footed boobies.

From December to January, the spawning aggregation for the Camouflage grouper (Vyey

Masata) and the Brown-marbled grouper (Vyey goni) will be also monitored, it is important that we are present during this time to calculate their abundance, along with protecting them from fishing pressure.

On top of all this, the calm northwest monsoon coincides with species migrations. Last year we collected lots of interesting sightings including two Senegal lapwings (the first ever record for Seychelles), along with two Dragonfly species which have not been seen in Seychelles for around a 100 years."



Berbet percher (Diplacodes luminans) AC

"Although Farquhar is a challenging place to live, if you can get past the remoteness, rough seas and high winds, it hosts some of the most pristine ecosystems in region. The six-months absence has allowed us time to rest and plan for future projects which we are now ready to implement. We are now heading back to Farquhar, arriving with a refreshed appreciation for its location, wildlife and sunsets!" Annabelle and Matthew concluded as they set off on Monday.



Matthew Morgan and some inquisitive juvenile red-footed booby - AC



Red-footed Booby (Sula sula) AC



Invitation to Tender

The Ministry of Habitat, Infrastructure and Land Transport (MHILT) in partnership with the Seychelles Investment Board (SIB) has earmarked and designated plots of land for tender for the lease and development of the following:

- Commercial activities
- Tourism establishments and Tourism related activities
- Mixed use Commercial and Tourism establishments and related activities
- Mixed Use Commercial and Residential

The Government henceforth, invites private developers to lodge applications for the development of the designated plots.

Collection of tender documents

The tender documents can be collected as from Monday 5th October 2020 at 08.30 a.m. on presentation of a written request to the Seychelles Investment Board, Second Floor, Independence House Annex, Independence Avenue, Victoria, Mahé.

Deadline

The deadline for collection of tender documents is at 3:00 p.m. on – Friday 16th October 2020.

Submission of tenders

Tender bids should be completed in English, submitted in a sealed envelope with the caption 'Tender for Lease of Land for Development of plot (e.g. S1321)' – clearly written and deposited in the tender box located at National Tender Board, First Floor, Maison de Mahé, Victoria, Seychelles, before 10.00 a.m. on Monday 14th December 2020.



Seychelles Fishing Authority

With the aim to better understand employment and earnings in Seychelles, the Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA) wishes to inform all its stakeholders that it will be conducting an employment and capacity needs assessment survey for the fisheries sector. The survey will capture key data related to age, gender, nationality, occupation, earnings, and human resource needs of the sector which will then be used to complement policy decisions. The survey is being managed by an independent survey company, MRAG in which all responses will remain anonymous and strict confidentiality obligations will be adhered to. Your participation and support throughout this process would be very much appreciated.

The SFA wishes to thank you in advance for devoting your time and providing your input.