## WHAT IS THE ISLAND CONSERVATION SOCIETY?

The Island Conservation Society is a Seychelles registered NGO established in 2001 by a group of local people concerned that little was being done to promote the conservation and restoration of small islands, especially the outer



islands of Seychelles. Our board is composed of Trustees from Seychelles and abroad with prominent expertise in conservation science and island management.

'The Society promotes the conservation and restoration of island ecosystems, sustainable development of islands, and awareness of their vulnerability and vital importance to the planet's biodiversity'. (Goal/Mission Statement)

# OUR MAIN PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES ISLAND CONSERVATION SOCIETY PROJECTS

#### Aride Island Nature Reserve

Island Conservation Society manages Aride Island Nature Reserve, one of the best preserved tropical islands in the world. Aride has a unique flora and fauna, including a greater density and diversity of birds than any other Seychelles island.



It has one of the largest continuous monitoring programmes in the Indian Ocean and a conservation center (www.arideisland.net)

#### Rehabilitation of Island Eco-systems

Island Conservation Society has begun a project to rehabilitate Cosmoledo Atoll, probably the most important unprotected site in Seychelles. Work on several small granitic islands important for biodiversity conservation in Seychelles (Conception, Ile du Nord, Anonyme) has also commenced in collaboration with island owners and the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and other NGOs. This includes eradication of rats and other invasive animals and plants, replanting native vegetation and reintroducing rare and threatened endemic species such as the Seychelles White-eye. This project is sponsored by the Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial.









### The Outer Islands Biodiversity Survey

More than 80 percent of the Exclusive Economic Zone of Seychelles lies in the outer islands. Most of these are managed by the Government parastatal, Islands

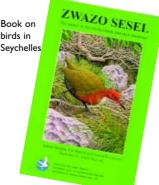
Development Company, which has appointed Island Conservation Society as its conservation advisors. These islands hold numerous important seabird colonies of international importance (Important Bird Areas), turtle nesting beaches and other native wildlife, but because of their remoteness and difficult access conservationists have rarely visited them, our knowledge of them is incomplete. Island Conservation Society has begun a number of research programmes to fill the gaps in our knowledge and commence conservation projects. Funds are urgently needed for this purpose.



#### Educational and Training activities

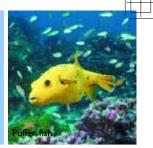
Island Conservation Society provides every year training opportunities for young Seychellois in the field of wildlife monitoring, conservation science or island management. This includes since 2005 grants for graduates to develop their experience at university, an activity we wish to develop in future. ICS is also involved in various educational activities including publication of books for general public and scholars, weekly articles in local newspapers and magazines, and regular participation to local and international media TV programmes.











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#### ICS APPEAL

Island Conservation Society protects precious endangered wildlife and implements conservation programmes for some of the world's last unspoiled tropical islands. It is vital that we succeed not just for Seychelles but for everyone concerned with the long-term preservation of the earth's natural resources.

ICS needs your help to achieve this ambition. Your support will help directly towards our conservation programmes, enabling us to employ qualified personnel to protect the islands, carry out monitoring and research, and publish technical and educational documents and improve facilities for visitors.







