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Week ending Sunday 15th June 2014

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 15th June 2014. The classification used for this presentation is based on the Recommendations of Tourism Statistics adopted by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

Visitors are classified by their country of residence rather than country of birth / nationality.

2. RESULTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

TOTAL NUMBER OF VISITORS

Three thousand four hundred and seventy three (3,473) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 15th June 2014.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Year to date

The year to date figure for 2014 shows that 103,262 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This figure was 1% below the 2013 level (104,430).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe decreased by 6% compared to the same period in 2013. An analysis of arrivals by country of residence shows significant decreases in visitors from the main European markets. Decreases were recorded in visitors from France (-13%) UK & Eire (-7%), Italy (-10%) and Russia (-1%). An increase of (3%) was recorded in visitors from Germany.

Visitors from Africa decreased by 7% in 2014 compared to the same period in 2013. A decrease of 2% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 22% increase in visitor arrivals. China recorded an increase of 117% whilst visitors from United Arab Emirates decreased by 9%.

Visitors from America increased by 18% whereas from Oceania, an increase of 14% was recorded in the visitors arriving in 2014 compared to the same period in 2013.

The leading markets to date are:

Country	No. of visitors
France	16,348
Germany	15,678
Italy	7,944
Russia	7,867
China	6,942
United Arab Emirates	5,327

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2014 was 1% below the 2013 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday was 26% above the 2013 level and the number in transit remained at the 2013 level.

3. CONCEPTS SOURCES AND METHODS

For statistical purposes, the term "international visitor" describes "any person who travels to a country other than that in which s/he has his/her usual residence but outside his/her usual environment for a period not exceeding 12 months and whose main purpose of visit is other than the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the country visited."

4. NEXT RELEASE

The next issue of the Bulletin will be released on Wednesday 25th June 2014.

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 15TH JUNE 2014

TABLE 1

Country of residence	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 24/14	2014	2013	2012	14/13	14/12
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>3,473</u>	<u>103,262</u>	<u>104,430</u>	<u>90,745</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>14</u>
EUROPE TOTAL	<u>2,176</u>	<u>69,700</u>	<u>74,130</u>	<u>65,997</u>	<u>-6</u>	<u>6</u>
France	382	16,348	18,804	16,216	-13	1
UK & Eire	188	4,938	5,285	4,597	-7	7
Germany	673	15,678	15,174	11,511	3	36
Italy	365	7,944	8,818	9,237	-10	-14
Switzerland	84	4,010	3,858	3,571	4	12
Austria	45	2,069	2,121	2,399	-2	-14
Belgium & Luxembourg	25	1,168	1,189	1,115	-2	5
Netherlands	16	636	716	681	-11	-7
Scandinavia	77	2,184	2,084	1,618	5	35
Spain & Portugal	42	1,081	1,005	1,234	8	-12
Russia	181	7,867	7,944	7,667	-1	3
Other C.I.S.	17	1,459	1,499	1,660	-3	-12
Other Europe	81	4,318	5,633	4,491	-23	-4
AFRICA TOTAL	<u>445</u>	<u>10,625</u>	<u>11,372</u>	<u>9,898</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>7</u>
Reunion	16	643	1,851	1,765	-65	-64
Mauritius	72	1,444	1,359	1,275	6	13
East Africa	105	1,276	1,063	867	20	47
South Africa	162	5,063	5,147	4,475	-2	13
Other Southern Africa	10	415	323	330	28	26
Other Africa	80	1,784	1,629	1,186	10	50
ASIA TOTAL	<u>704</u>	<u>19,388</u>	<u>15,901</u>	<u>12,096</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>60</u>
United Arab Emirates	249	5,327	5,872	4,547	-9	17
Other Middle East	97	3,051	3,442	2,508	-11	22
Indian Sub Continent	79	1,939	1,478	1,594	31	22
China	200	6,942	3,199	1,915	117	263
Other Far East	79	2,129	1,910	1,532	11	39
OCEANIA	<u>26</u>	<u>672</u>	<u>587</u>	<u>503</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>34</u>
AMERICA TOTAL	<u>122</u>	<u>2,877</u>	<u>2,440</u>	<u>2,251</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>28</u>
USA	102	1,817	1,576	1,416	15	28
Other America	20	1,060	864	835	23	27

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 15TH JUNE 2014

TABLE 2

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				<i>% Change</i>	
	Week 24/14	2014	2013	2012	14/13	14/12
TOTAL VISITORS	<u>3,473</u>	<u>103,262</u>	<u>104,430</u>	<u>90,745</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>14</u>
Holiday	3,111	94,409	95,838	82,853	-1	14
Business	240	4,166	3,391	2,836	23	47
Holiday/Business	11	191	75	110	155	74
Transit	10	833	837	967	0	-14
Other/Not Stated	101	3,663	4,289	3,979	-15	-8

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