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Week ending Sunday 4th January 2015

A total of **5,290** visitors arrived in Seychelles during week 01 of 2015. This remained at the same level as in 2014 (5,301).

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1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 4th January 2015. 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

Five thousand two hundred and ninety (5,290) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 4th January 2015.

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe decreased by 7% compared to the same period in 2014. 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 (-20%) and Russia (-29%). Increases were recorded in visitors from Germany (47%) and UK & Eire (24%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 10% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. A decrease of 2% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa.

Asia recorded a 41% increase in visitor arrivals. An increase was recorded in visitors from United Arab Emirates (42%), whereas visitors from China decreased by 16%.

Visitors from America increased by 2% whereas from Oceania, an increase of 45% was recorded in the visitors arriving in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014.

The leading markets to date are:

| Country | No. of visitors |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Russia | 1,210 |
| Germany | 551 |
| Italy | 527 |
| South Africa | 388 |
| France | 286 |
| Reunion | 223 |

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 remained at the 2014 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday was 60% below the 2014 level and the number in transit was 300% above the 2014 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 14th January 2015.

5. CONTACT US

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VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 2015

TABLE 1

| Country of residence | Week 01/15 | Week 01/14 | Week 01/13 | % Change | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | | | 15/14 | 15/13 |
| <u>TOTAL VISITORS</u> | <u>5,290</u> | <u>5,301</u> | <u>4,965</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>7</u> |
| <u>EUROPE TOTAL</u> | <u>3,614</u> | <u>3,896</u> | <u>3,571</u> | <u>-7</u> | <u>1</u> |
| France | 286 | 356 | 423 | -20 | -32 |
| UK & Eire | 140 | 113 | 145 | 24 | -3 |
| Germany | 551 | 376 | 435 | 47 | 27 |
| Italy | 527 | 448 | 489 | 18 | 8 |
| Switzerland | 120 | 130 | 144 | -8 | -17 |
| Austria | 104 | 52 | 71 | 100 | 46 |
| Belgium & Luxembourg | 26 | 23 | 32 | 13 | -19 |
| Netherlands | 37 | 35 | 25 | 6 | 48 |
| Scandinavia | 179 | 179 | 110 | 0 | 63 |
| Spain & Portugal | 61 | 54 | 56 | 13 | 9 |
| Russia | 1,210 | 1,704 | 1,262 | -29 | -4 |
| Other C.I.S. | 146 | 187 | 156 | -22 | -6 |
| Other Europe | 227 | 239 | 223 | -5 | 2 |
| <u>AFRICA TOTAL</u> | <u>875</u> | <u>798</u> | <u>817</u> | <u>10</u> | <u>7</u> |
| Reunion | 223 | 63 | 90 | 254 | 148 |
| Mauritius | 63 | 57 | 21 | 11 | 200 |
| East Africa | 170 | 137 | 110 | 24 | 55 |
| South Africa | 388 | 395 | 546 | -2 | -29 |
| Other Southern Africa | 9 | 31 | 10 | -71 | -10 |
| Other Africa | 22 | 115 | 40 | -81 | -45 |
| <u>ASIA TOTAL</u> | <u>590</u> | <u>418</u> | <u>397</u> | <u>41</u> | <u>49</u> |
| United Arab Emirates | 186 | 131 | 96 | 42 | 94 |
| Other Middle East | 161 | 141 | 134 | 14 | 20 |
| Indian Sub Continent | 120 | 32 | 69 | 275 | 74 |
| China | 70 | 83 | 32 | -16 | 119 |
| Other Far East | 53 | 31 | 66 | 71 | -20 |
| <u>OCEANIA</u> | <u>61</u> | <u>42</u> | <u>35</u> | <u>45</u> | <u>74</u> |
| <u>AMERICA TOTAL</u> | <u>150</u> | <u>147</u> | <u>145</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> |
| USA | 95 | 89 | 98 | 7 | -3 |
| Other America | 55 | 58 | 47 | -5 | 17 |

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT
WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 2015

TABLE 2

| PURPOSE OF VISIT | % Change | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Week 01/15 | Week 01/14 | Week 01/13 | 15/14 | 15/13 |
| TOTAL VISITORS | <u>5,290</u> | <u>5,301</u> | <u>4,965</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>7</u> |
| Holiday | 5,105 | 5,098 | 4,816 | 0 | 6 |
| Business | 16 | 45 | 31 | -64 | -48 |
| Holiday/Business | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 100 |
| Transit | 36 | 9 | 12 | 300 | 200 |
| Other/Not Stated | 131 | 149 | 105 | -12 | 25 |

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