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### WEEKLY VISITOR ARRIVALS

#### Week ending Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This issue of the bulletin presents visitor arrivals for the week ending Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 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

Four thousand eight hundred and eighty seven (4,887) visitors arrived in Seychelles during the week ending Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE (TABLE 1)

#### Year to date

The year to date figure for 2015 shows that 23,030 visitors arrived in Seychelles. This was 1% above that of 2014 (22,914).

Overall visitor arrivals from Europe increased by 8% compared to the same period in 2014. An analysis of arrivals by country of residence shows significant increases in visitors from the main European markets. Increases were recorded in visitors from France and Germany both with (13%), UK & Eire (38%) and Italy (32%). A decrease was recorded in visitors from Russia, (-30%).

Visitors from Africa increased by 62% in 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. An increase of 24% was recorded in the number of visitors from South Africa .

Asia recorded a 41% decrease in visitor arrivals. United Arab Emirates recorded an increase of 29% whilst visitors from China decreased by 71%.

Visitors from America increased by 29% whereas from Oceania, an increase of 67% 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
France	3,387
Germany	2,861
Russia	1,861
Italy	1,489
South Africa	1,115
China	1,105

### VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT (TABLE 2)

#### Year to date

The number of holidaymakers visiting Seychelles in 2015 was 1% above the 2014 level. The number of visitors on business or combining business with a holiday was 3% above the 2014 level and the number in transit was 239% 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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

## 5. CONTACT US

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## VISITOR ARRIVALS BY COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2015

TABLE 1

Country of residence	Week 06/15	YEAR TO DATE			% Change	
		2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b>4,887</b>	<b>23,030</b>	<b>22,914</b>	<b>21,131</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>EUROPE TOTAL</b>	<b>3,410</b>	<b>15,093</b>	<b>13,932</b>	<b>14,370</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>
France	927	3,387	2,996	3,172	13	7
UK & Eire	187	900	653	768	38	17
Germany	684	2,861	2,539	3,008	13	-5
Italy	281	1,489	1,126	1,416	32	5
Switzerland	252	720	770	651	-6	11
Austria	186	671	526	578	28	16
Belgium & Luxembourg	57	192	147	189	31	2
Netherlands	35	124	94	131	32	-5
Scandinavia	201	723	580	517	25	40
Spain & Portugal	49	211	114	133	85	59
Russia	163	1,861	2,641	2,093	-30	-11
Other C.I.S.	58	447	544	486	-18	-8
Other Europe	330	1,507	1,202	1,228	25	23
<b>AFRICA TOTAL</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>3,239</b>	<b>1,999</b>	<b>2,511</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>29</b>
Reunion	41	824	195	661	323	25
Mauritius	67	407	316	336	29	21
East Africa	132	713	401	308	78	131
South Africa	158	1,115	899	958	24	16
Other Southern Africa	5	39	25	20	56	95
Other Africa	38	141	163	228	-13	-38
<b>ASIA TOTAL</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>3,634</b>	<b>6,202</b>	<b>3,448</b>	<b>-41</b>	<b>5</b>
United Arab Emirates	213	971	754	1,271	29	-24
Other Middle East	132	771	801	709	-4	9
Indian Sub Continent	123	526	504	351	4	50
China	383	1,105	3,762	785	-71	41
Other Far East	49	261	381	332	-31	-21
<b>OCEANIA</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>AMERICA TOTAL</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>827</b>	<b>639</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>
USA	68	524	358	377	46	39
Other America	46	303	281	267	8	13

SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY PURPOSE OF VISIT**

**WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2015**

**TABLE 2**

PURPOSE OF VISIT	YEAR TO DATE				% Change	
	Week 06/15	2015	2014	2013	15/14	15/13
<b>TOTAL VISITORS</b>	<b><u>4,887</u></b>	<b><u>23,030</u></b>	<b><u>22,914</u></b>	<b><u>21,131</u></b>	<b><u>1</u></b>	<b><u>9</u></b>
Holiday	4,511	21,221	21,106	18,376	1	15
Business	257	869	842	696	3	25
Holiday/Business	15	51	51	13	0	292
Transit	11	190	56	618	239	-69
Other/Not Stated	93	699	859	1,428	-19	-51

**SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS**

**VISITOR ARRIVALS BY TYPE OF CARRIER - 2015**

<b>TABLE 3</b>		<b>TYPE OF CARRIER</b>							
<b>WEEK</b>	<b>Week ending Sunday</b>	<b>Scheduled Flight</b>	<b>Private Plane</b>	<b>Chartered Plane</b>	<b>Vessel</b>	<b>Yacht</b>	<b>Cruise Ship <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Other / Non-Scheduled</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Week 1	4-Jan-15	2,611	61	208	-	-	-	-	<b>2,880</b>
Week 2	11-Jan-15	3,428	68	45	-	-	102	-	<b>3,643</b>
Week 3	18-Jan-15	3,929	58	-	8	2	11	300 <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>4,308</b>
Week 4	25-Jan-15	3,326	51	79	-	-	6	-	<b>3,462</b>
Week 5	1-Feb-15	3,772	57	-	-	3	18	-	<b>3,850</b>
Week 6	8-Feb-15	4,834	53	-	-	-	-	-	<b>4,887</b>
<b>Cumulative TOTAL</b>		<b>21,900</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>23,030</b>

**SOURCE: NATIONAL BUREAU OF STATISTICS FROM DISEMBARKATION CARDS**

**Notes:**

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes day trippers

<sup>(2)</sup> Diverted flight due to bad weather in country of destination