

Introductory Statement – Seychelles



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The Republic of Seychelles practices coastal conservation, preserving coastal vegetation and valuable habitats to help safeguard the livelihood of our population.

We take care of our environment through programmes that range from the mountains to the coral reefs.

The public at large actively supports these programmes, which provide a balanced use of natural resources, protection against hazards and attracting tourists in an environmentally friendly way.

The experience of the 2006 tsunami shows that an uninterrupted coastal vegetation belt is very effective, helping to save lives and minimise damages to houses and other capital investments.

There is an urgent need for better understanding of coastal processes and the impacts of global climate change, in order effectively prepare adaptive responses.

This need is particularly true for all small island nations and the least developed low-lying coastal nations.

The President of the Republic of the Seychelles took the initiative of creating an international Foundation: “Sea Level Rise”, to promote international exchange of knowledge, experience and technology for effectively designing adaptive responses suitable to apply in our islands and coastal countries, and introducing forms of renewable energy to help to mitigate climate change.

International cooperation is essential for the future of our nations, therefore I hope that through the “Climate of Coastal Cooperation” publication the transfer of tools, instruments and technology for adaptation will be stimulated.



*Seychelles: white beaches and green vegetation belt help to decrease coastal erosion and flooding
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