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- IBC HIGHLIGHTS (updated January 2026) -

- **The center is a joint venture between UniSeey and IBC, an NGO associated to the University of Seychelles** formed on 15/12/2014. Launched by Minister for Environment on 26.01.16. Raised c.US\$1.0M plus in-kind.
- **Membership** includes **resident scientists and conservationists** working as consultants or/and for UniSeey which first affiliation is IBC-UniSeey ⁽¹⁾, and members based abroad or first **affiliated to other institutions** ⁽²⁾
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⁽²⁾ K. Hoareau, L. Calabrese, J. Nogués, J. Labisco, S. Maddock, A. Gower, R. Baxter, M. Caputo, R. Pool, A. Costa, L. Gigord
- **Managing Committee** formed by Dr Gérard Rocamora (Science Director & Chair), Dr Jérôme Harlay (Vice-Chair; UniSeey BERI Director), Wilfrid Fousse (Admin. Manager, MSc), Gilberte Gendron (Secretary, MSc)
Board composed of Managing Committee plus Elvina Henriette (PhD).
- **3-5 employees:** Project Support & Outreach Officer (A. Furneau, part-time), 2 project staff (L. Rahandriarisoa, MSc; D. Sinon), 2 early career professional interns (post-MSc) & ad-hoc consultants. Project Coord. vacant. **IBC owns 1 vehicle; has 2 field station houses (Ste Anne/Moyenne); 1 Solar boat.**
- Contributed to **73 scientific publications** since 2015 (65 peer-reviewed articles in journals; 1 in conference proceedings, 2 books, 2 books chapters, 3 published databases) (**see separate list**).
- **Described 6 plant species new to Science & rediscovered 1 species thought to be extinct. Presented research & conservation results at over a dozen international conferences and symposiums** (Invasive Species, Island Biology, Ornithology, Seabirds, Conservation Biology, Nature conservation & Tourism,...). Regular lectures at UniSeey BSc Env. Sciences, in foreign universities and nature conservation organisations.
- **In charge of Seychelles part of CEPF Ecosystem Profile (2022) with Biotope & Conservation International**
- Implemented two CEPF funded projects **Advancing Environmental Management Practices & Threatened Species Recovery through Partnerships with Private Sector** (2017-2020), followed by **Rescuing the last Seychelles white-eyes and development ecotourism partnerships** (2021-22).
<https://unisey.ac.sc/wp-content/uploads/Advancing-Ecosystem-Management-and-Threatened-Species-Recovery-through-Partnerships.pdf>
<https://unisey.ac.sc/wp-content/uploads/Advancing-Ecosystem-Management-and-Threatened-Species-Recovery-through-Partnerships-2.pdf>
- CEPF project **"Building resilience on ecosystems in islands of the Ste Anne MNP"** in progress. (**see summary**).
- **Contribution to research and conservation projects on c. 25 islands** (Mahé, Praslin, La Digue, Silhouette, Ste Anne, Conception, Anonyme, Moyenne, Ronde, Longue, Aride, Grande Soeur, Petite Soeur, Frégate, Ile du Nord, Félicité, Marianne, Curieuse, D'Arros, Farquhar, Alphonse/St François, Cosmoledo); on landbirds, seabirds, turtles, tortoises, marine mammals, lizards, geckos, amphibians, terrestrial invertebrates, pollinators, paleovegetation, corals, fishes etc. with foreign universities & conservation organisations.
- **Established new transferred population of Seychelles White-eye (VU) on Gde Soeur Island, reintroduced Aldabra Giant Tortoises (VU) on Aride Island with ICS and translocated 30 to Grande Soeur; eradicated rats from Anonyme (2022), Rémire Island (2024), Moyenne (2025)** with island managers, confirmed Crested-tree lizard eradication on Ste Anne, planted 1200 native saplings with communities (2017-2020).
- Past projects include CYROI/MoH/UniSeey-IBC **SeyWol Tiger mosquito, monitoring of endangered species (MACCE), habitat mapping** for UniSeey (Ridge-to-Reef GEF6), **movement tracking and genetics of marine turtles** on Ste Anne Island and Mahé, <https://my.wildlifecomputers.com/data/map/?id=61dc5d13e9b35169075e2abb>; research on **Seychelles amphibians and reptiles, seabird research** (colony censuses & tracking) with Island Conservation Society (Seychelles), Univ. La Réunion, ZSL, Oxford Univ. etc. on Aride Island, St François and Farquhar atolls, studies on **rats and other invasive species, coral, fish and cetacean inventories** etc..
- **IBC book *Invasive Alien Species in Seychelles*** published by *Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle* (Paris) in 2015, praised by international scientific community as '*a must-have for anyone, anywhere, seeking to manage invasive species (Biological Invasions; 2016)*'. See for example CEPF post <https://www.cepf.net/stories/combating-invasive-alien-species>