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The present issue is devoted to the theme of the Blue Economy. Although Seychelles is a small island nation it is a large oceanic state. With a maritime jurisdiction covering nearly 1.4 million square kilometres of the surrounding ocean, the sustainable use of the sea is a national priority. Fittingly, this issue contains a remarkable range of scholarly articles, research notes and conference reports, all contributing towards our growing understanding of what the ocean has to offer.

Seychelles is widely recognized as a living laboratory for this kind of research as well as for its own pioneering efforts to make a difference, not only to our own lives but to those of future generations. An important feature of the present issue is that, as well as contributions from UniSeY academics, it shows the depth of work being undertaken in government departments and amongst the many dedicated NGOs in the country. Especially heartening is the number of contributions from overseas as well, adding strength to the campaign for a more sustainable ocean.

In bringing this all together, credit is given to Kelly Hoareau, Director of the *James Michel* Blue Economy Research Institute, who has taken on the role of Guest Editor. Further information on this issue can be obtained from Kelly at Kelly@unisey.ac.sc