



BLUE INVESTMENT FUND – YOUR PARTNER IN BUILDING SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES

The Blue Investment Fund (BIF) is a loan scheme developed specifically to support the expansion and diversification of sustainable fishery value chains in Seychelles. We offer up to US\$3 million (in SCR equivalent) at affordable 4% interest rate to help you scale up your business for a greater impact.

The Blue Investment Fund is the first-of-its kind financing scheme in Seychelles that offers affordable large-scale loans for businesses that operate in the value chain of sustainable fisheries. Whether your business specializes in fish processing, produces seafood goods, offers logistics or research services, or helps local fish producers to access international markets, the BIF can offer you a financial leverage to grow your business.

The BIF is capitalized with the proceeds from the world’s first Sovereign Blue Bond. Together with the Blue Grants Fund (managed by Seychelles Conservation and Climate Adaptation Trust, SeyCCAT), the BIF is a part of the Blue Finance approach of the government to streamline innovative capital for building a resilient blue economy in Seychelles.

Loan details

Amount	Min SCR equivalent of US\$10,000, maximum US\$3 million;
Interest rate	4% fixed rate
Repayment time	Up to 15 years
Financing coverage	Up to 90% of the project cost (10% of the project cost to be contributed by the applicant as co-financing)
Required documents	BIF Loan application, business plan, supporting documentation



To learn more, please visit: [DBS.sc](https://dbs.sc) or get in touch at **+248 4294400** or devbank@dbs.sc, indicating your interest in the BIF scheme

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE BIF LOAN:

All Seychellois

Locally registered civil society organizations

Locally registered, Seychellois majority-owned commercial entities, including:

- small and medium-sized fisheries enterprises
- public-private partnerships
- local-foreign joint ventures

What activities can be financed

	Code	Eligible activities
Scientific services	AA	Business enterprises that provide scientific support to the fisheries sector including services related to fisheries research, management planning and fisheries monitoring (including vessel monitoring systems)
	AB	Businesses that provide food technology and laboratory analytical services for seafood product research, development and labelling
Logistical services	AC	Businesses that provide offloading, storage and delivery services to improve cold chain management including cargo handling services
	AD	Enterprises that provide sorting and refreezing facilities as an ancillary service to processors and exporters of bycatch
	AE	Enterprises that provide fleet and crew management services
	AF	Business enterprises that provide packaging, distribution, marketing and sales services
Processing	AG	Businesses developing new facilities, or rehabilitating existing facilities, that are engaged in primary or secondary fish processing for eligible value chains
	AH	Enterprises investing in processes and technology to improve waste and energy efficiency
	AI	Existing businesses that plan to upgrade existing processing facilities for HACCP or EU certification to improve market options
Market access	AJ	Industry-led investments in fishery improvement projects and assessment for internationally recognised certification schemes (e.g. Marine Stewardship Council)
	AK	Enterprises providing services in market research, brand building, strategy development and sector intelligence
	AL	Specialised technologies for accessing markets such as electronic sales and auction platforms

The following activities are excluded from financing under the fund:

- Purchases of fishing vessels
- Purchases of fishing gear



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