

**FINAL FOR APPROVAL – version 2.0 (edits)****MSP Zoning Design Codes for Allowable Activities (Map 5.45)**

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The Codes in this table apply to the superscript numbers in Allowable Activities Tables (AAT) for the MSP zoning design. Coding comes from legislation, regulations, scientific studies, government reports, unpublished studies, expert advice and/or best available information. Stakeholders have developed and refined the restrictions and codes, starting in 2015. See also General and Area-based Management Considerations and Master List of Definitions.

Code #	Codes for Allowable Activities Tables
1	See General and Area-based Management Considerations. Approved management plans needed for <b>Zone 1 and Zone 2 areas</b> including Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and/or Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA), where applicable or required. Development proposals require a transparent and participatory process with all stakeholders.
2	<b>For subsistence fishing, the management plan for the area will provide direction on the meaning of, the conditions, and definition of the activities it would apply to, noting the intent of subsistence fishing for persons residing on the islands. Subsistence fishing would be allowable for residents of Outer Islands. The details of subsistence fishing can be done at the technical level alongside or after the MSP is approved. Quotas and monitoring of all species harvested is required. Sustainable yield would need to be determined in a Zone 1 (SFA). Definition and regulations of subsistence fishing are as per the Seychelles Fisheries Act [DATE] and regulation(s). See also notes in General Management Considerations.</b>
4	Anchor in designated areas and/or use permanent mooring buoys as required by legislation, regulation, management plans or policy, and/or where practical.
5	Restrictions may apply to avoid or minimise disturbance on key species and ecological functions. For fisheries activities, see relevant legislation, regulations, and agreements for restrictions on target and non-target species.
6	Authorised approved permit and/or licenses are required for research and monitoring activities, where applicable.
7	Restrictions or prohibitions on fishing gear or technique may apply. Catch and release may be required, depending on species targeted. Some techniques may be prohibited, such as popping. Fishing in accordance with bag limits, catch limits, rod limits and other gear or catch or fishing effort restrictions found in laws, regulations, policies, management plans, or international conventions and agreements. Reporting requirements, catch & release requirements, bans on discards, bans on retention, handling of species, best practices such as catch & release National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (IOTC) Resolutions, and International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF) criteria.
8	All vessels conducting seismic surveys must have necessary functioning acoustic equipment and adequately trained operators to detect the presence of cetaceans to always avoid and minimise detrimental effects during operation in accordance with strict, international published scientific guidelines for minimising disturbance to cetaceans (e.g., JNCC Guidelines for Marine Mammals 2017).
10	For non-renewable and bioprospecting activities, exploration and development phases must adhere to strict standards for the sector incl. health, safety, and environment. Petroleum activities must comply with Seychelles Model Petroleum Agreement.
11	Motorised devices are prohibited in all Marine National Parks (Zone 1) and <b>Desroches, Poivre, Alphonse, and Farquhar Atoll Marine Sustainable Use Areas (Zone 2; see Outer Island Project)</b> except where authorised for research, essential access and/or infrastructure, enforcement, safety and/or rescue. Prohibited motorised devices include, but <b>are</b> not limited to, <b>personal watercraft</b> (jet skis), underwater scooters, hovercraft, hover boards, motorised paddleboards, submersibles, underwater drones, and other motorised self-contained, underwater devices for leisure. <b>Personal watercraft are conditionally allowable in the remaining Zone 2 areas and need to meet the details on specifications of personal watercraft that are allowable in Zone 2 areas and operate only in the allowable location(s) outside a lagoon and shallow waters that are included in the regulations (SMSA) and/or Marine Sustainable Use Area management plans. Personal watercraft should not operate within reef zones 150 m from high water mark as per international best practice. All other motorised devices are prohibited in Zone 2.</b>
14	No activity on Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) and/or instrumented buoys by supply vessels except recovery. Certificate of authorisation required from SFA.
16	The type and extent of activities offered by a Hire Craft licence may be limited, depending on the area objectives.

17	In compliance with Seychelles, legislation, regulations, policies, management plans, agreements, and harvest strategies for fisheries monitoring. Fisheries monitoring includes, and is not limited to, human observers, electronic monitoring systems (EMS), vessel monitoring systems (VMS).
19	Only for essential access and/or essential infrastructure for the zone, including enforcement, safety and/or rescue. Considerations <b>for essential access and infrastructure development</b> include emergencies and whether an activity has fewer known impacts to the marine environment than to the terrestrial environment.
22	In compliance with Seychelles, legislation, regulations, policies, management plans, agreements, and harvest strategies for FAD management. FAD management includes, and is not limited to, authorisation given by SFA, no unauthorised deployment of FADs, and information to SMSA for anchored FADs
23	In accordance with the Seychelles Aquaculture Master Plan, Seychelles Aquaculture Policy, and other relevant legislation, regulations, policies, management plans, agreements, and strategies.