

Editorial

This is the second issue of *Seychelles Research Journal*, devoted this time 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.

The journal was launched at the start of 2019, with the aim of showing something of the diversity and quality of research that is underway in and about Seychelles. This present issue certainly does that and it illustrates the activity not only of academics at the University of Seychelles (UniSey) but, very importantly, of work being undertaken in government departments and amongst the many dedicated NGOs in the country. Especially heartening is the number of contributions from international scholars and campaigners for a more sustainable ocean. 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.

In bringing this all together, credit must be given wholly to Kelly Hoareau, Director of the *James Michel* Blue Economy Research Institute at UniSey, who has taken on the role of Guest Editor. Kelly is an outstanding networker and has her hand on the very pulse of ocean discovery. She has worked tirelessly to ensure that this issue speaks well of Seychelles and showcases some of the best research that is ongoing. I hope our readers will agree that she has admirably succeeded in her ambitious aims.

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Editor

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