



Statistics Capacity-Building Programme 2008-2009

Workshop II



Tourism Statistics Standards

1) Usual Environment

- Our Immigration Cards already covers the two main aspects Frequency of trips and duration of trips
- Whereas Crossing of Administrative borders and distance from place of usual residence are not applicable to the Seychelles

2) Classification of Main Purpose of Visit

1. Immigration cards filled by visitors on arrival includes the classification which applies to Seychelles. However, excludes the following; Education and Training, Health and Medical Care, Religion/pilgrimages and also shopping
2. Business and professional visitors are also recorded on the disembarkation cards

3) Inter-Agency working group

- As part of our National Strategy for the Development of Statistics (NSDS), initiative to form sectorial working groups to discuss and work upon statistical issues in all economic sectors is on the agenda, with this in place the Tourism sector will also be covered



Domestic Tourism - Planning Ahead

4) Domestic Tourism

- Data collected from hotel statistics but not on a wide scale as emphasis is not currently focused on domestic tourism.
- The impact of domestic tourism on the economy is minimal or negligible
- However in future we might see the need to capture such data from local air carrier and ferry operators to get a better picture of domestic tourism in the economy



Inbound Tourism

Inbound Tourism Developments since Workshop One

- Current economic and financial crisis worldwide and reforms being undertaken by the Seychelles Government, the immediate priorities of the government has changed to an IMF Programme

Inbound Tourism-Plans

- To reconcile data from Immigration dept. with NSB's manual collection of data so that data capture can be done electronically in the near future.

Inbound Tourism - Recommendations

- Currently we are conforming to the recommendations. We have only two ports of entry and we rely on passport and disembarkation cards which are adequate sources of data for us
- Length of stay captured from comparing arrival and departure dates obtained from immigration cards which all passengers have to fill and is stamped by immigration officers

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- May need to revise and enforce the importance of properly filling out disembarkation cards so as to differentiate better between a Seychellois residing in Seychelles and a Seychellois residing abroad who is visiting Seychelles

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