

Fishes of Seychelles

Pelagic

These fish occupy the upper layers of the open ocean, are 'top swimmers' and include the following species:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Creole Name</u>
Sailfish	Istiophorus platypterus	Dyab lavwal
Blue marlin	Makaria mazara	Espadon ble
Black marlin	Makaria indica	Espadon nwar
Swordfish	Xiphias gladius	Espadon
Yellowfin tuna	Thunnus albacares	Ton zonn
Dogtooth tuna	Gymnosarda unicolor	Ton ledan
Skip jack	Katsuwonus pelamis	Ton raye
Bonito	Euthynnus affinis	Bonit
Wahoo	Acanthocybium solandri	Kin fis
Dorado	Coryphaena hippurus	Dorad
Great barracuda	Sphyrna barracuda	Tazard
Pickhandle barracuda	Sphyrna jello	Bekin
Rainbow runner	Elagatis bipinnulata	Galate
Yellowspotted trevally	Carangiodes fulvoguttatus	Karang plat
Bludger	Carangoides gymnothetus	Karang balo
Giant trevally	Caranx ignobilis	Karang ledan
Bigeye trevally	Caranx sexfasciatus	Karang ledan
Bluefin trevally	Caranx melampygus	Karang ver

Demersal

These fish live close to the sea bottom and on the flat bodies of water surrounding atolls and islands. They consist of the following species:

Groupers

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Creole Name</u>
Slender grouper	Anyperodon leucogrammicus	Seval dibwa
Peacock hind	Cephalopholis argus	Vyey kwizinyen
Golden hind	Cephalopholis aurantia	Vyey zannana
Chocolate hind	Cephalopholis boenak	Vyey kwizinyen
Coral hind	Cephalopholis miniata	Vyey zannana
Tomato hind	Cephalopholis sonnerati	Msye angar
Brownspotted grouper	Epinephelus chlorostigma	Vyey makonde
Blacktip grouper	Epinephelus fasciatus	Madanm dilo
Blue and yellow grouper	Epinephelus flavocaeruleus	Vyey plat
Brown-marbled grouper	Epinephelus fuscoguttatus	Vyey masata
White-blotched grouper	Epinephelus multinotatus	Vyey plat
Camouflage grouper	Epinephelus polyphkadion	Vyey goni
Potato grouper	Epinephelus tukula	Vyey toukoula
Blacksaddled coral grouper	Plectropomus laevis	Vyey babonn zonn
Spotted coral grouper	Plectropomus maculatus	Babonn
Marbled coral grouper	Plectropomus punctatus	Babonn
Yellow-edged lyretail	Variola louti	Krwasan

Snappers

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Creole Name</u>
Green jobfish	Aprion virescens	Zob gri
Two-spot red snapper	Lutjanus bohar	Varvara
Humpback red-snapper	Lutjanus gibbus	Terez
Common bluestripe snapper	Lutjanus kasmira	Madras 1
Humphead snapper	Lutjanus sanguineus	Bordomar
Emperor red snapper	Lutjanus sebae	Bourzwa

Emperors

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Creole Name</u>
Blue-lined large eyed bream	Gymnocranius grandoculis	Kaptenn blan
Small tooth emperor	Lethrinus conchyliaius	Gel-de-vin
Yellowtail emperor	Lethrinus crocineus	Laskar 1
Thumbprint emperor	Lethrinus harak	Anba lasann
Pink ear emperor	Lethrinus lentjan	Zekler
Sky emperor	Lethrinus mahsena	Danm beri
Small tooth emperor	Lethrinus microdon	Bek long
Spangled emperor	Lethrinus nebulosus	Kaptenn rouz
Longface emperor	Lethrinus olivaceus	Gel long
Spotcheek emperor	Lethrinus rubrioperculatus	Baksou 1
Slender emperor	Lethrinus variegatus	Baksou 2/Toloy
Yellowlip emperor	Lethrinus xanthochilus	Bawa
Bonefish	Albula vulpes	Banane
Milkfish	Chanos chanos	Libin

Sharks

These species of cartilaginous fishes of predatory habit comprise the order Selachii (class Chondrichthyes). In Seychelles' waters, you are most likely to encounter the following types of shark:

<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Creole Name</u>
Silvertip shark	Carcharhinus albimarginatus	Reken waro
Grey reef shark	Carcharhinus amblyrhynchos	Reken bar
Black-tip shark	Carcharhinus melanopterus	Reken bar
Oceanic whitetip shark	Carcharhinus longimanus	Reken gran lezel
Tiger shark	Galeocerdo cuvier	Demwazel
Spottail shark	Carcharhinus sorrah	Reken nennen pwent
Bull shark	Carcharhinus leucas	Reken gro latet
Hammerhead	Sphyrna zygaena	Marto
Mako shark	Isurus glaucus	Montan ble
Whale shark	Rhincodon typus	Sagren
Nurse shark	Ginglymostoma cirratum	Andormi
Reef whitetip	Triaenodon obesus	Reken andormi