

## CHAPTER 1

### THE REPUBLIC OF SEYCHELLES

#### Article 1

Seychelles is a sovereign democratic Republic.

#### Article 2

1. The territory of Seychelles shall consist of -

- a. the islands of the Seychelles Archipelago, as set out in Part 1 of Schedule 1;
- b. the territorial waters and historic waters of Seychelles and the seabed and subsoil under lying those waters;
- c. the airspace above those islands and those waters; and
- d. such additional areas as may be declared by law to be part of the territory of Seychelles.

2. Notwithstanding clause (1), a law may proclaim complete or partial jurisdiction of the Republic over any other area of land, water or airspace.

3. An Act shall declare the limit of the territorial waters and historic waters of Seychelles and may prescribe the limit of the airspace referred to in clause (1)(c).

#### Article 3

There shall be a Public Seal, a National Flag, a National Anthem, a National Emblem and a National Motto, each of which shall be as prescribed by an Act.

#### Article 4

1. The national languages of Seychelles shall be Creole, English and French.

2. Notwithstanding clause (1), a person may use any of the national languages for any purpose but a law may provide for the use of any one or more of the national languages for any specific purpose.

#### Article 5

This Constitution is the supreme law of Seychelles and any other law found to be inconsistent with this Constitution is, to the extent of the inconsistency, void.