



## SEYCHELLES

### Irrigated crop calendar

2003

Irrigated crops	Area 1000 ha	Crop area as percentage of the full control equipped and actually irrigated area by month											
		J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Vegetables	0.208					93	93	93	93	93			
Pulses	0.003					1	1	1	1	1			
Flowers	0.013					6	6	6	6	6			
<b>Harvested irrigated crop area [AHI<sub>full</sub>]</b>	<b>0.224</b>												
<b>Area equipped for full control irrigation actually irrigated [AAI<sub>full</sub>]</b>	<b>0.224</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cropping intensity (%) = 100 x [AHI<sub>full</sub>]/[AAI<sub>full</sub>]</b>	<b>100</b>												
<b>Area equipped for full control irrigation [AEI<sub>full</sub>]</b>	<b>0.260</b>												
<b>% of full control equipped actually irrigated = 100 x [AAI<sub>full</sub>]/[AEI<sub>full</sub>]</b>	<b>86</b>												
<b>Total area equipped for irrigation [AEI<sub>tot</sub>]</b>	<b>0.260</b>												

### Narrative

AEI<sub>tot</sub> and AEI<sub>full</sub> are identical and equal to 260 ha in 2003 (FAO, 2012). The agricultural sector is characterized by small family farms practicing mixed farming. AAI<sub>tot</sub> and AAI<sub>full</sub> are 200 ha in 2003. AHI<sub>full</sub> estimated at 224 ha in 2003. The only significant irrigated crop is vegetables (cabbage, pumpkin, beans, tomatoes, eggplant, cucumber, lettuce, spring onion, cocoyam, capsicum, okra and spices). Pulses and flowers together cover less than 20 ha. Crops such as sweet potatoes, cassava, plantains, sugar cane, bananas and citrus fruits are rainfed but irrigated at the planting stage only. The monsoon from May to October is the main growing and irrigation season.

### References

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