



COUSINE ISLAND  
SEYCHELLES



# October Newsletter

## 2021

*Where nature thrives and man is a silent observer.*

4° 20 MINS 55.73 SOUTH / 53° 38 MINS 53.24 EAST

*A Conservation Sanctuary*

# Balance & Harmony

This month marks the beginning of a new hawksbill turtle season (2021-2022) on Cousine Island. The first nest was laid on the 13<sup>th</sup> with a clutch size of 184 eggs by a female that was tagged on Cousine Island in the 2017-2018 season.

In other news the Seychelles magpie robin population is at its highest with 69 individuals, all thriving with minimal territorial disputes.

## Grey damselfish (*Chrysiptera glauca*)

The Tawny nurse shark can be found in the Indo-Pacific region along outer reef edges and adjacent sandy areas, at any depth from 5m to 70m. This species is nocturnal, using powerful suction force to extract prey, such as octopus, from inside holes and crevices. During the day it rests in caves or under ledges in piles of 20 individuals or more. The Tawny nurse shark has a calmer demeanor than its cousin from the Atlantic Ocean but still commands the utmost respect.



