



**THE JUDICIARY OF SEYCHELLES**  
**THE MAGISTRATES COURT**

**PRACTICE DIRECTION NO.1 OF 2015**

These are the Chief Justice's Practice Directions to the Fast Track Magistrate's Court (Environment and Road Traffic Offences)

These Practice Directions only apply on and after 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and to cases related to Environmental and Road Traffic Offences. All Practice Directions made prior to that date if any, are superseded by these Directions.

1. In order to expedite the disposal of cases related to Environmental Offences and Road Traffic Offences, I hereby direct that all such cases, including Fixed Penalty (Minor Offences) may be heard before the Fast Track Court established within the Magistrates Court to operate as from 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015.
2. All matters to be heard by the Fast Track Court are to be listed in a separate register within the Magistrates Court Registry and will be heard by one designated Magistrate.
3. The Fast Track Court may, when the nature of a case so warrants, summarily give a disposal to the case at hand as justice demands provided, the rules of natural justice are reasonably observed.
4. All cases are to adhere to the following time frames unless reasons to be recorded for deviating only in exceptional circumstances particular to the case at hand:

The preparation of the summons	Within 1 week from the date of filing of the case
Service of summons to be effected on the accused person	Within 1 week from the date of issue of the summons
Date for first appearance in Court to be fixed	Within 4 weeks from the date of filing the case
For the taking of the plea	Within 2 weeks after first appearance in Court.
In matters of guilty plea	The case to be concluded the same day
For setting of trial date	Within two months from the date of entering the plea
After closing of the trial, judgment to be delivered	Within 1 month from the date of closing of the trial

Dated at Victoria this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2015.

Duraikannu Karunakaran

**Acting Chief Justice**