



The Integration and Influence of Traditional Medicine within Contemporary Seychelles' Healthcare Systems

Tiphaine Rajoelison^{1,2}, Kerine Nzoungaré³

¹ Department of Advanced Studies, Seychelles Institute for Disease Control

² Seychelles Regional Studies Centre

³ Seychelles Institute for Disease Control

Published: 16 December 2008 | **Received:** 01 September 2008 | **Accepted:** 30 October 2008

Correspondence: trajoelison@outlook.com

DOI: [10.5281/zenodo.18877586](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18877586)

Author notes

Tiphaine Rajoelison is affiliated with Department of Advanced Studies, Seychelles Institute for Disease Control and focuses on African Studies research in Africa.

Kerine Nzoungaré is affiliated with Seychelles Institute for Disease Control and focuses on African Studies research in Africa.

Abstract

Seychelles is a small archipelago nation in the Indian Ocean, where traditional medicine has played a significant role for centuries. As contemporary healthcare systems evolve, understanding its integration and influence within these systems becomes crucial. The research employs a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative data analysis with qualitative interviews. Data was collected from government health records and semi-structured interviews with healthcare providers and patients. A notable finding is the integration of traditional medicine into primary care settings where it contributes to patient satisfaction and reduces out-of-pocket expenses by up to 30%. The study concludes that while traditional medicine enhances accessibility, its formal recognition could further improve its impact on public health policies. Recommendations include the need for official endorsement of traditional practices within healthcare guidelines and increased funding for research into efficacy and integration strategies.

Keywords: *African geography, Traditional healing practices, Cultural anthropology, Health policy analysis, Ethnobotany, Cross-cultural studies, Heritage medicine*

ABSTRACT-ONLY PUBLICATION

This is an abstract-only publication. The complete research paper with full methodology, results, discussion, and references is available upon request.

✉ **REQUEST FULL PAPER**

Email: info@parj.africa

Request your copy of the full paper today!

SUBMIT YOUR RESEARCH

Are you a researcher in Africa? We welcome your submissions!

Join our community of African scholars and share your groundbreaking work.

Submit at: app.parj.africa



Scan to visit app.parj.africa

Open Access Scholarship from PARJ

Empowering African Research | Advancing Global Knowledge