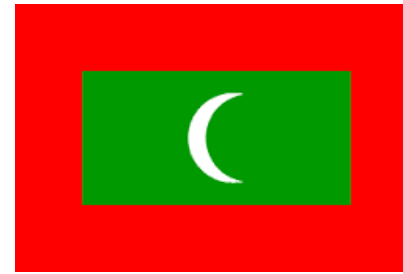


BIODIVERSITY IN MALDIVES POLICY PERSPECTIVE

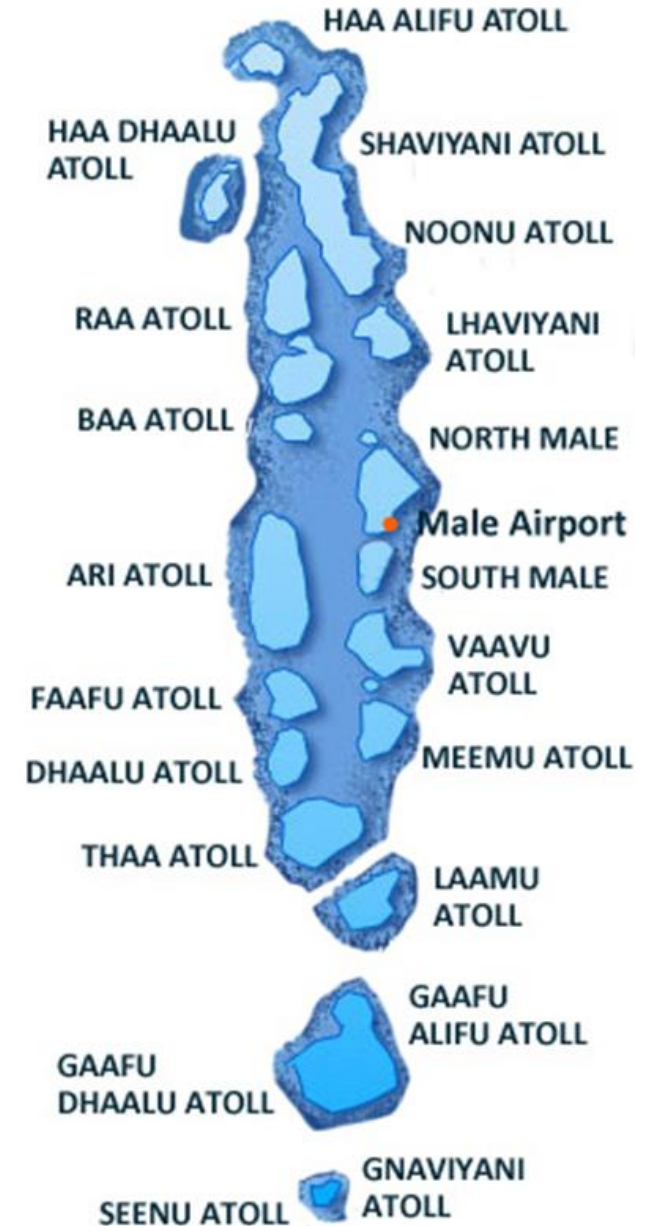


MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY

Republic of Maldives



- Population: 409,163
- Land Area: 298km²
- Number of Atolls: 20
- Number of Islands: 1190
- Number of Inhabited Islands: 200
- Capital City: Male'
- Main Industries: Tourism and Fisheries



International Commitments

- CBD
- CITES
- Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety

AICHI Targets

- By 2025, at least 10% of coral reef area, 20% of wetlands and mangroves and at least one sand bank and one uninhabited island from each atoll are under some form of protection and management
- Sustainable fisheries
- Sustainable agriculture and aquaculture

NBSAP

- Strengthen governance, policies and strategies for biodiversity
- Enhancing communication and outreach through awareness programmes and capacity building
- Work together globally for biodiversity conservation
- Ensure sustainable use of biological resources
- Address threats to conserve biodiversity
- Strengthen Information Management and Resource Mobilisation

Global Significance

- 7th largest reef system in the world.
- 3.14% of the world's reef area.
- 5th Most diverse coral reef ecosystem
- Two of the largest natural atolls in the world: Bodu-Thiladummathi & Huvadhu Atoll

Biodiversity based sectors contribute

- 98% of exports
- 98% of GDP
- 71% of national employment
- 62% of foreign exchange
- 49% of public revenue

Species

- 14 types of Mangroves
- 167 Species of Birds
- 1200 species of Fishes
- 23 species of marine Fauna
- 209 species of Corals

Threats

- Loss of habitats
- Exploitation of resources
- Pests and pathogens
- Climate change
- Waste management

Government Contribution to Importance of Biodiversity

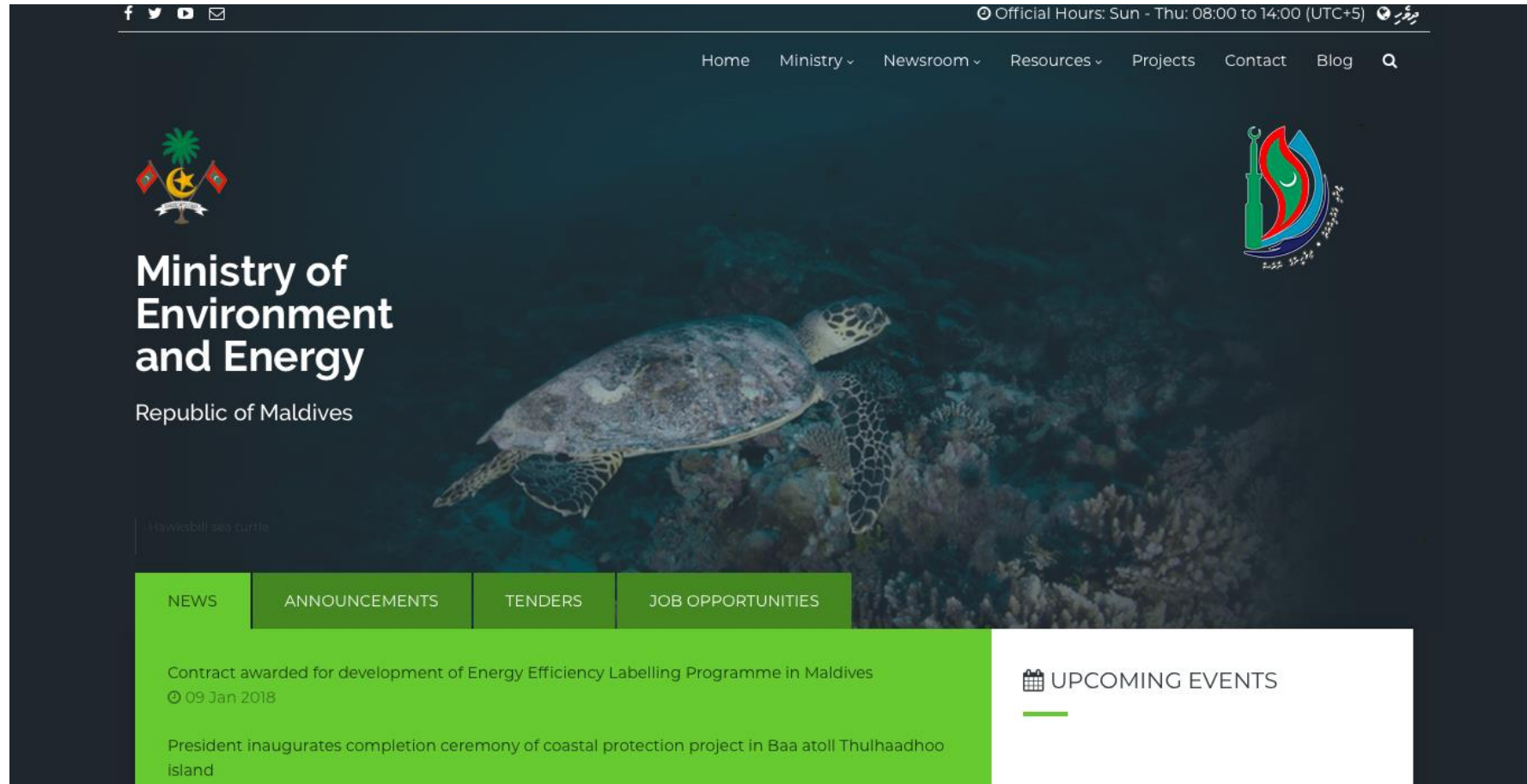
- Baa. Atoll Biosphere Reserve
- Government Pledge to international community to become a Nationwide Biosphere Reserve by 2017.
- 42 protected areas
- Significant individual species are protected
- Environment Act 94/3
- 103 bird species and all kinds of migratory birds are protected under the law also 1 land specie (Tortoise) 11 marine species are protected as well

CHM Progress

- Developed the Ministry of Environment and Energy's website as a CHM
- Funds from UNEP Umbrella project to prepare NBSAP and 5th National Report
- Over 10,000\$ spent on that
- Development phase

CHM Website

<http://www.environment.gov.mv/v2/en/>



Conservation Portal

<https://maldivesconservationportal.org>

The screenshot displays the Maldives Conservation Portal website. The top navigation bar is blue and contains icons for information, documents, e-learning, events, projects, user profile, and a briefcase. Below this, a menu lists: About, Literature, e-Learning, Events, Projects, Citizen Science, and Jobs. The left sidebar is green and features the 'Maldives Conservation Portal' logo, a 'Filter map' section with dropdowns for Type, Topics, and Location, and a 'Featured items' section with a description. The main content area shows a map of the Maldives with labels for various atolls: HAA ALIFU ATOLL, HAA DHAALU ATOLL, SHAVIYANI ATOLL, NOONU ATOLL, RAA ATOLL, LHAVIYANI ATOLL, BAA ATOLL, MALE ATOLL, NORTH ARI ATOLL, SOUTH ARI ATOLL, VAAYU ATOLL, MEEMU ATOLL, DHAALU ATOLL, and THAA ATOLL. A 'Nagercoil' location is also marked. The Maldivian flag and the UK flag are visible in the top right corner of the map area.