

MALDIVES

Capital: Male

GEODATA

Area
300 km²

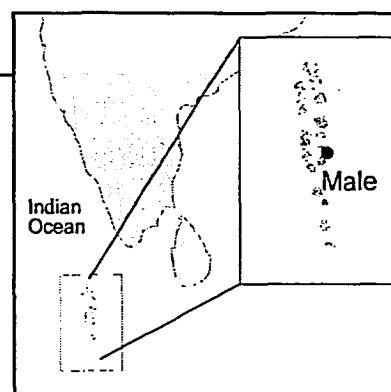
Major languages
Dhivehi (dialect of Sinhalese),
English

Major religious group
Sunni Muslim (99%)

Surrounding countries
India, Sri Lanka

Population
301,475 (2000 est.)

Population growth rate
3% (2000 est.)



POLITICAL DATA

Type of government
Republic

National legislature
Single chamber: People's Council

Leader
President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom

Minister of Foreign Affairs
Fatgulla Jameel

Minister of Trade and Industries
Abdulla Yameen

UN Human Development Index (2001)
Maldives ranks 77th among 162 countries

Canadian official development assistance
\$870,000 (2000-01)

ECONOMIC DATA

GDP
\$450 million US (2000)

GDP growth rate
6.3% (1999 est.)

GDP per capita
\$1,171 US (2000)

Inflation rate
3% (2000)

Unemployment rate
Negligible (2001)

Main exports
Fish, clothing

Main imports
Consumer goods, intermediate and capital goods, petroleum products

Main exports to Canada
\$8.3 million (2000), including clothing and apparel, fish products

Main imports from Canada
\$4.5 million (2000), including electrical machinery, equipment, aircraft parts

Canadian Representative

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