

# REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

Capital: Male

## GEODATA

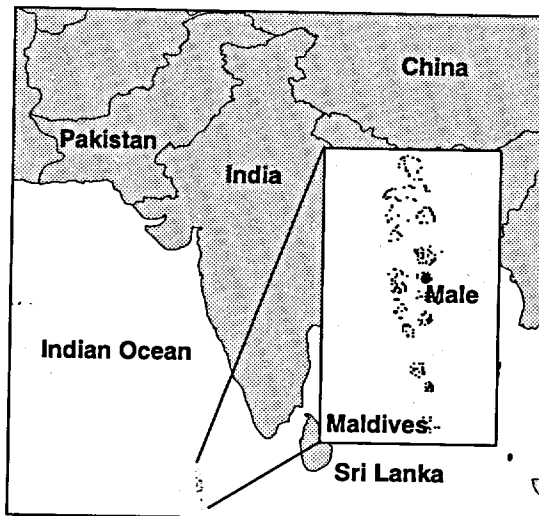
**Area**  
300 km<sup>2</sup>

**Population**  
234,000 (1992)

**Population growth**  
3.7% (1992)

**Major languages**  
Divehi (dialect of Sinhalese), English

**Major religions**  
Sunni Muslim



## POLITICAL DATA

**Type of Government**  
Republic

**Leader**  
President Abdul Gayoom

**Minister of Foreign Affairs**  
Fatgulla Jameel

**UN Human Development Index**  
Maldives ranks 118th among 174 countries

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## ECONOMIC DATA

**GDP**  
\$129 million US (1993)

**GDP growth rate**  
6% (1993)

**GDP per capita**  
\$770 US (1990)

**Main Exports**  
Fish, clothing

**Main Imports**  
Capital goods, consumer goods, petroleum products

**Main Exports to Canada**  
\$236 000 (1994), including apparel and clothing

**Main Imports from Canada**  
\$4.4 million (1994), including electrical machinery, equipment, aircraft parts

**Canadian bilateral assistance**  
\$0.12 million (1993-1994)