



# Maldives

*Ilhavadiffulu*

*Atoll*

*Tiladummati*

*Atoll*

100km  
60 miles

*Miladummadulu Atoll*

*Malos-*

*madulu*

*Atoll*

*Fadiffolu*

*Atoll*

*Male*

*Atoll*

**Male**

*Ari*

*Atoll*

*Felidu*

*Atoll*

*Nilandu*

*Atoll*

*Mulaku*

*Atoll*

*Haddummati Atoll*

*Kolumadulu Atoll*

*Suvadiva*

*Atoll*

*Addu*

*Atoll*



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*Tourism is mainstay of economy in nation of 1,192 low-lying coral islands*

Full name: **Republic of Maldives**

Area: **300 sq km** (smallest in Asia)

Average land elevation: **1.5m**

Population: **316,000** (2010)

Population aged 0-14 years: **27%**

Life expectancy: **72 years** (men),  
**76 years** (women)

**Background:** Independence from Britain in 1965. Country ruled for 30 years by President **Maumoon Abdul Gayoom**. Following riots in **Male** in 2003, political reforms lead to first democratic elections in 2008

## Economy

GDP: **\$1.91 billion** (2010)

GNI per capita: **\$5,750** (2010)

Inflation: **5%** (2010)

Labour force: **152,000** (2009)

Jobless rate: **14.5%** (2010 est.)

Poverty rate: **16%** (2008)

GDP by sector: Agriculture **5.6%**,  
industry **16.9%**, services **77.5%**

**Recent events:** President **Mohamed Nasheed** resigns Feb 7 following weeks of protests and police mutiny. New president **Mohammed Waheed Hassan** (above) calls for formation of national unity government