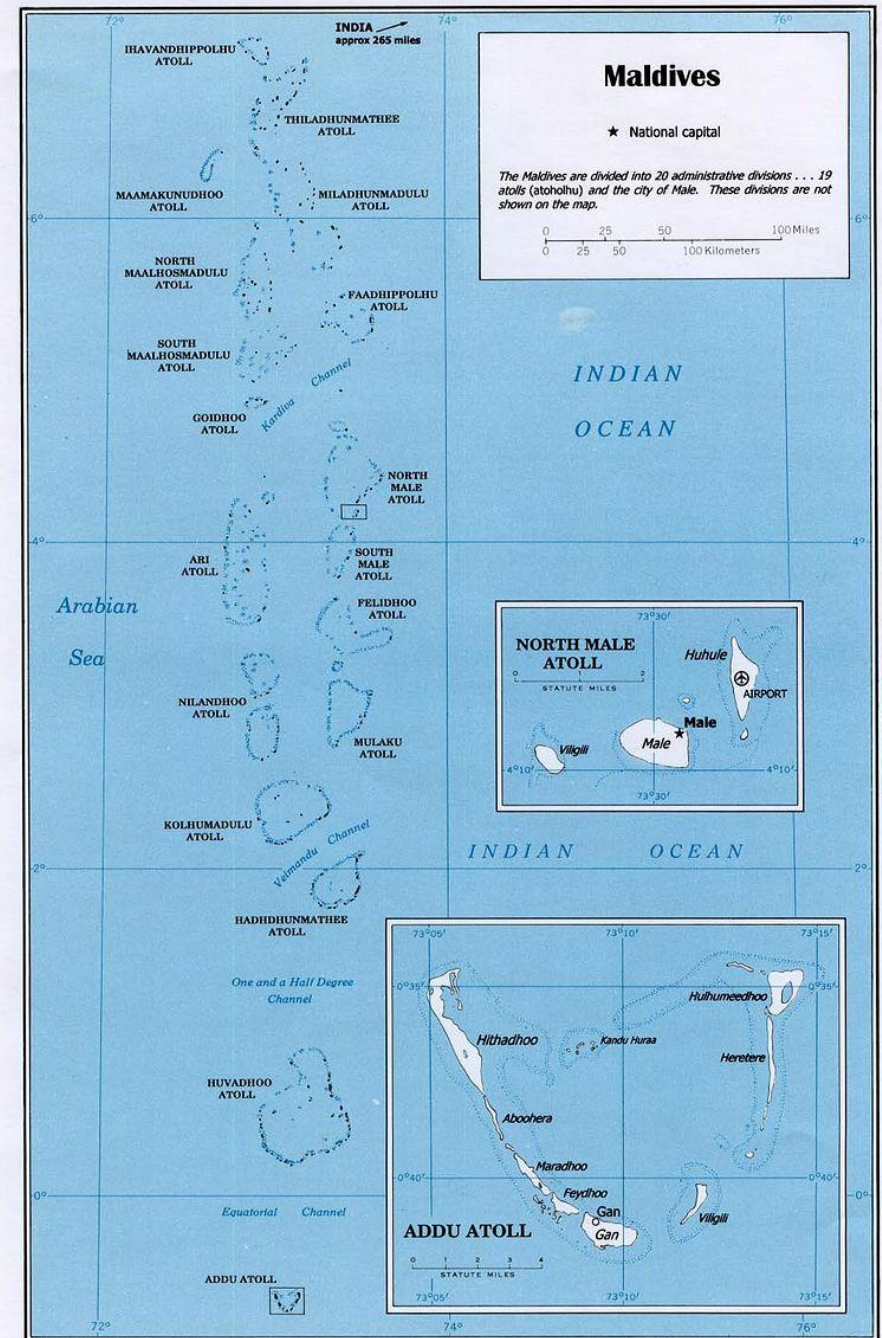


Financing sustainable tourism development



About Maldives

- 1192 islands; 188 inhabited islands
- spread over roughly 90,000 square kilometers
- One of the most dispersed countries in the world
- Land area is only 300 square kilometers
- Population 402,000



Tourism development in the Maldives

- **Began in 1971 with just 2 resorts**
- **2017 - 135 resorts and 455 guest houses and 133 safari vessels**
- **1.4 million tourists**



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Environmental sustainability

- *Positive factors*
- *Strict government regulations*
 - *Initially one-island-one resort*
 - *Restricted the number of rooms in a resort*
 - *Banned fishing within the lagoon of the resort island*
 - *Banned coral mining and introduced strict laws to preserve the corals.*
 - *More than fifty-percent of the resort island had to be left untouched to preserve the natural vegetation.*
- *Resort owners protects the environment in an around the resort*

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- **Environmental sustainability: *Negative factors***
 - **Waste management**
 - **High dependence on oil**



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- **Economic sustainability**

- *Positive factors*

- Tourism receipts: \$2.7 billion US dollars
- Tourism direct contribution: over 25% of GDP; indirect: 70% of GDP
- Nearly 30% of total government revenues tourism good & services tax
- Indirectly about 60% through green taxes, airport service charges and import duties.



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- **Economic sustainability**
 - *Negative factors*
- High leakages: imports; workers and profit remittances;
- High dependence on tourism
- Lack of inclusive growth
- Limited linkages to agriculture and fishing



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- **Socio-cultural sustainability**
 - *Positive factors*
 - *Promote local traditions, food and heritage*
 - *Negative factors*
 - *Lack of respect for local ways and norms*



Financing Sustainable Tourism

- *Overcoming sustainable tourism development challenges requires innovative means of financing and efficient approaches*
 - *Accessing climate finance for environmental projects*



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- ***Overcoming sustainable tourism development challenges requires innovative means of financing and efficient approaches.***
 - ***Accessing affordable infrastructure financing***



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- ***Overcoming sustainable tourism development challenges requires innovative means of financing and efficient approaches.***
 - ***Accessing low interest rate collateral free financing for SMEs***



Thank you

