



# Multi-Stakeholder Workshop On Ecosystem Conservation And Management In Laamu Atoll

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## **ACRONYMS**

BABR	Baa Atoll Biosphere Reserve Office
ENDhERI	Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPPA	Environment Protection and Preservation Act
GEF	Global Environment Facility
LUP	Land Use Plan
MECCT	Ministry of Environment Climate Change and Technology
MNDF	Maldives National Defence Force
MNU	Maldives National University
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MPS	Maldives Police Service
NGO	Non Governmental Organization
PA	Protected Area
UNEP	United Nation Environment Program
WDC	Women's Development Committee



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## SUMMARY:

ENDhERI project, supported by the Enhancing National Development through Environmentally Resilient Islands (ENDhERI) project financed by Global Environment Facility (GEF) and assisted by United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), implemented by MECCT has a scope in supporting the process of formulation of management regime for the 6 designated PAs in Laamu Atoll. In order to conserve and manage ecosystems the community members especially decision makers need to have knowledge and understanding on natural resource conservation and management and their role in the process.

The multi-stakeholder workshop on ecosystem conservation and management was conducted to strengthen the understanding and knowledge of stakeholders in Laamu Atoll on ecosystem conservation and management and was the first of a series of awareness and capacity building workshops planned by ENDhERI Project.

The aim of this workshop is to develop and strengthen atoll wide stakeholder knowledge and understanding on ecosystem conservation and management to achieve better stakeholder engagement and participation in process of decision-making in conservation in management of natural resources in Laamu Atoll. The one-day workshop was held with 52 participants from all eleven inhabited islands of Laamu Atoll. The workshop was conducted with participation and contribution from resource persons working in field of ecosystem conservation, natural resource and protected area management.

The sessions were divided into 3 main areas, ie ; general outlines on ecosystems, protected areas, conservation and management, case studies and success stories on conservation and management of protected areas in the Maldives and focus group discussion.

This report is formulated to give an insight into the proceedings of the workshop and its outcomes.



# INTRODUCTION:

The government of Maldives has pledged to bring 1 island, 1 reef and 1 mangrove under a protected area regime and has committed to establish better management regimes for these areas which is also reflected in the present Strategic Action Plan 2019-2023 and National Resiliency and Recovery Plan. In an effort to conserve key biodiversity habitats of Laamu Atoll for supporting development for better management and decision making, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology has designated 6 areas of Laamu Atoll as protected areas under the Environmental Protection and Preservation Act 4/93 on 23rd December 2021. The six protected areas in Laamu are:

- i. L. Gan Boda Fengandu
- ii. L. Gaadhoo (key habitats of turtle nesting beach, seagrass, mangrove, vegetation)
- iii. L. Hithadhoo Kulhi
- iv. L. Maabaidhoo Koaru & Fushi Kandu (Marine)
- v. Hithadhoo Gaadhoo Kandu (Marine)
- vi. L. Fushi Island with Vadinolhu Kandu Olhi (Sandbank with marine area)

ENDhERI project, supported by United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), financed by Global Environment Facility (GEF) and implemented by MECCT has a scope in supporting the process of formulation of management regime for the 6 designated PAs in Laamu Atoll.

The multi-stakeholder workshop on ecosystem conservation and management was conducted to enhance the understanding and knowledge of stakeholders in Laamu Atoll on ecosystem conservation, management, existing national legal and institutional framework on ecosystem conservation, sustainable financing for ecosystem conservation and role of stakeholders in the process and sustainability of conserved ecosystems.

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## AIM AND OBJECTIVE:

The aim of the workshop was to develop and strengthen atoll wide stakeholder knowledge and understanding on ecosystem conservation and management to achieve better stakeholder engagement and participation in process of decision-making in conservation and in management of natural resources in Laamu Atoll. The main objectives of the multi-stakeholder forum include:

- To develop knowledge of stakeholders on ecosystem conservation, management, protected areas of Laamu atoll and existing national legal and institutional framework for ecosystem conservation and management.
- To enhance the understanding of role of stakeholders in process of conservation and management of ecosystems.
- To achieve a transparent decision-making process with greater input from stakeholders.
- To support meaningful engagement of stakeholders in process of formulation of management regimes for protected areas in Laamu Atoll.

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## KEY AREAS COVERED:

The method of delivery of the workshop was combination of Instructor-led Sessions or classroom sessions with Online sessions, discussions and exercises/activities. The workshop sessions were divided in three main areas:

The stakeholder workshop sessions were divided into 3 main areas, that is;

- i. General outlines on ecosystems, protected areas, conservation and management (Presentations and Discussions).
- ii. Case studies and success stories on conservation and management of protected areas in the Maldives (Presentations and Discussions).
- iii. Focus group activities.



The agenda of the workshop is attached in Annex 1 of this report. The following key areas were covered in the workshop:

- Ecosystems, its services and benefits in local context
- Protected areas and management of protected areas in Maldives.
- Protected Areas of Laamu Atoll
- Legal and Institutional Framework on ecosystem conservation and management.
- Conservation Financing, Marketing and Outreach
- Stakeholder role in Ecosystem Conservation and Management
- Case Studies on Protected Area Management ( Hanifaru MPA, Addu Nature Park & Fuvamulah Nature Park)

## TARGET GROUP:

The multi-stakeholder workshop on ecosystem conservation and management was designed for the community of Laamu Atoll. The participants are selected from all the islands of Laamu atoll, including private sector (resorts and guest house) in Laamu Atoll. The participants are selected from the following sectors:

- Island Councils
- Atoll Council
- Women's Development Committee (WDC)
- Academia/ Schools
- Law Enforcement (MPS & MNDF)
- Private Sector (Resorts & Guest House)

## SCHEDULE:

The multi-stakeholder forum on ecosystem conservation and management is a one-day workshop scheduled on 24th March 2022, which was held in Fonadhoo, Laamu atoll.

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## FACILITATORS AND GUEST SPEAKERS:

The workshop was designed and conducted by Ms. Mariyam Rifga, Community Co-management Consultant for ENDhERI project. Expert facilitators and guest speakers from number of disciplines in field of environment management and conservation participated in the workshop. The following table shows list of the facilitators/speakers who conducted the session:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Institution</b>	<b>Areas of expertise/ Area covered</b>
Mariyam Rifga	Community Co-Management Consultant	ENDhERI Project	Environment Conservation and Protected Area Management
Muhsina AbdulRahman	Senior Conservation Officer	MECCT	Protected Areas and Capacity and resource needs
Uza. Fazeela Ahmed Shaheem	Associate Legal Counsel	MECCT	Legal and Legislative
Ahmed Shan	Project Manager	MECCT	Ecosystem Research and Survey
Aminath Ameera	Environment Analyst	EPA	Enforcement
Abdulla Shibau	Baa Atoll Conservation Fund Manager	MECCT	Conservation Financing, Marketing and Outreach
Aminath Afau,	Assistant Director	Addu City Council	Addu Nature Park Management
Amaany Habeeb,	Environment Analyst	Fuvamulah City Council	Fuvamulah Nature Park Management
Shafee Ali	Outreach Officer	BABR	MPA Management

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## WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS:

### 7.1 Official Opening:

The workshop was officially inaugurated by the Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Energy, Honorable Aminath Shauna. The opening ceremony was attended by the Maldives Special Envoy for Climate Change, Sabra Ibrahim Nooradheen, President of Laamu Atoll Council, Ismail Ali, Minister of State for Environment, Climate Change and Technology, Dr. Naseer and Director General of Environmental Protection Agency, Ibrahim Naeem.



### 7.2 Workshop Introduction:

The workshop introduction was given by Mariyam Rifga, Community Co-management consultant of ENDhERI project. In the presentation she highlighted a general background on workshop, aim and objectives, expected outcomes and agenda items of the workshop.

### 7.3 Session 1: Ecosystem Conservation and Protected Areas

The overall aim of this session was to build a general understanding on ecosystem, its conservation and protection with its legal instruments at local context and tools required for the long-term conservation of ecosystems. The intended outcome was that, participants will have a general understanding on scope of workshop whereby understanding ecosystems and its roles in general and local context, with protected areas and its relevance to the participants. In addition, legal instruments in place for conservation of ecosystems and its enforcement processes, roles and challenges were highlighted in the presentations.

The capacity and resource requirements for conservation process was discussed with budgeting and training requirements. The importance of sustainable financing, the process of formulation of such a mechanism with marketing tools and management of fund was also included in the topics. The presentations included existing mechanisms and practices in place for conservation and protected area and real-life examples.

The table shows the topics covered:

<b>Workshop Sessions and Facilitators</b>		
#	Topic	Facilitator/ Speaker
1	General outline on multi-stakeholder forum on ecosystem conservation and management	<i>Mariyam Rifga, Community Co-Management Consultant, ENDhERI Project</i>
2	General outline on ecosystems, its services and benefits in local context	<i>Ahmed Shan, Project Manager, MECCT</i>
3	General outline on protected areas and management of protected areas in Maldives.	<i>Mariyam Rifga, Community Co-Management Consultant, ENDhERI Project</i>
4	Protected Areas of Laamu Atoll	<i>Muhsina AbdulRahman, Senior Conservation Officer, MECCT</i>
5	Legal and Institutional Framework in ecosystem conservation and management.	<i>Uza. Fazeela Ahmed Shaheem, Associate Legal Counsel, MECCT</i>
6	Enforcement of ecosystem conservation and management.	<i>Aminath Ameera, Environment Analyst, EPA</i>
7	Capacity and Resource needs for ecosystem conservation and management.	<i>Muhsina AbdulRahman, Senior Conservation Officer, MECCT</i>
8	Conservation Financing, Marketing and Outreach	<i>Abdulla Shibau, Fund Manager, Baa Atoll Conservation Fund</i>

## 7.4 Session 2: Case studies on conservation and management of protected areas in the Maldives.

The overall aim of this session was to convey significance of protected area management to achieve broader ecosystem conservation goals. The management processes, methods, governance, tools and role of stakeholders were presented in detail. The next part included, case studies and success stories of protected area management in the Maldives. The park managers from Addu and Fuvamulah Nature park presented information regarding the management of wetland and mangrove ecosystem in Southern most two Atolls of Maldives. In addition, MPA management case study on Hanifaru Marine Protected Area was presented by Baa Atoll Biosphere Reserve Office (BABR).

#	Topic	Facilitator/ Speaker
1	Management of Protected Areas	<i>Mariyam Rifga, Community Co-Management Consultant, ENDhERI Project</i>
2	Mangrove – Wetland Management in Addu Nature Park	<i>Aminath Afau, Assistant Director, Addu City Council</i>
3	Mangrove – Wetland Management in Addu Nature Park	<i>Amany Habeeb, Environment Analyst, Fuvamulah City Council</i>
4	Management of Hanifaru Marine PA & Olhugiri in Baa Atoll	<i>Shafee Ali, Outreach Officer, BABR</i>

## 7.5 Session 3: Group Discussion

The purpose of group discussion was to examine the extent of knowledge and understanding of the participants on conservation and management of ecosystems. The main expected output of the group discussion was to allow the participants to express their opinion and communicate their ideas and knowledge in local context, to determine a way forward in formulation process of conservation and management actions. The following areas were included in the discussion:

- a. Expected Vision for Laamu Atoll
- b. Short term & Long-Term Actions for management of PAs in Laamu Atoll
- c. Capacity Needs for Management of PAs in Laamu
- d. Governance Model for PAs of Laamu Atoll
- e. Community Engagement and Methods
- f. SWOT
- g. Marketing PAs

Depending on the number of participants some groups were combined to form larger groups to facilitate better discussion. The group discussion points are summarized below:

## Group 6 & 1:

<p><b>Vision:</b></p> <p><b>Short term &amp; Long-Term Actions for management of PAs in Laamu Atoll</b></p>	<p>Protected areas in Laamu Atoll are well protected, sustainably maintained and the most visited places in the Maldives.</p> <p>As short-term actions the group suggested to identify ways to generate funding to manage protected areas, developing management plans, forming an advisory board, sourcing technical support and to work on promotion of the area as protected.</p>								
<p><b>Capacity Needs for Management of PAs in Laamu</b></p>	<p>As long-term actions the group suggested to identify sustainable financing mechanism for management, human resource development, conducting research and awareness in the Atoll.</p> <p>Human capital development with support from experts especially research field was suggested as the priority by this group. Acquiring technologies to monitor the marine and land-based areas and was the most important need identified by the group. In addition, sea and land transport resources are marked as essential resources for the management the protected areas.</p>								
<p><b>Governance Model for PAs of Laamu Atoll</b></p>	<p>A system should be established to include the stakeholders at all the levels. The following stakeholders are marked as important for management for PAs of Laamu Atoll; Island level (Councils), Atoll level, Government level, International NGOS and Private sector.</p>								
<p><b>Community Engagement and Methods</b></p>	<p>The group suggests to conduct more awareness programs to make community aware, conduct field trips for school, festivals, social media educational campaigns, fund raising programs and promote using billboards/posters / leaflets.</p>								
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<p><b>Marketing PAs</b></p>	<p>The group suggested to have marketing plan to promote the PAs. The following methods were suggested for marketing and information sharing with regard to protected areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Using Social Media platforms</li> <li>- Online Media</li> <li>- Collaborating with Influencers on Social Media</li> </ul>								

## Group 2 & 5

### Vision:

Ensuring life in harmony for all species in Laamu Atoll

### Short term & Long-Term Actions for management of PAs in Laamu Atoll

As short-term actions the group suggested to increase awareness within community regarding conservation, build capacity of the atoll in natural resource conservation, formulate regulations and identifying funding opportunities and channelizing the funds and communicating and advertising regarding ecosystem conservation.

As long-term actions the group suggested to develop management plans, business models to manage the area and diversification of the conservation and management.

### Capacity Needs for Management of PAs in Laamu

Human capital development was the most important need identified by the group. In addition, it was suggested to maintain PA exclusive, demarcated by fencing and zonation. In addition, the land-based PAs should have amenities, utilities and electricity together with infrastructure including visitor centers.

### Governance Model for PAs of Laamu Atoll

It is essential to go for a business model, where public private partnership allows effective management of protected areas. Community organizations should play a leading role in the management of PAs.

### Community Engagement and Methods Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Treats

The group suggests to engage community at the planning level and involvement of private sectors as partners is important.

STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Geographical land sufficiency Leadership/ governance: Mundoo Nasif's commitment and determination Established systems, mechanisms such as waste management	Lack of strategic and managerial capacity Lack of amenities Lack of availability of technical people Environmental Sensitivity
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
Environment researches LECrED Protected Areas	Lack of representatives at policy level Fund concentration Culture Type of fishing

### Marketing PAs

The following main method of communicating needs to be done through atoll council and promoted via atoll council website

### Group 3:

#### **Vision: Short term & Long- Term Actions for management of PAs in Laamu Atoll**

Most beautiful place on Earth  
As short-term actions the group suggested to develop management plans, identify the staff and resources for management and to work on promotion of the area as protected.

As long-term actions the group suggested to conduct, regular awareness, trainings together with an economical plan to enhance livelihood of the community. In addition to that group emphasized on developing infrastructure/ eco-tourism facilities in the PAs.

#### **Capacity Needs for Management of PAs in Laamu**

Human capital development was the most important need identified by the group. Trained park managers, rangers and trained staff to manage the protected areas. In addition to that the group highlighted the importance of establishing additional income earning resources, such as restaurants, café, museum and multi-purpose hall.

#### **Governance Model for PAs of Laamu Atoll**

It is essential to for councils to play a leading role and NGO participation is essential. Atoll funds

#### **Community Engagement and Methods**

The group suggests to conduct more awareness programs to make community more aware as an aware community is expected to engage more in conservation efforts.

#### **Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Treats**

STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Easy transportation Many places to be seen from one stop Islands have rich forests	Less number of resorts and guest houses Poor awareness level Expensive air fare Poor waste management
OPPOTUNITIES	THREATS
Potential islands available for resort construction Existing active NGOs Space availability for events like Marathon	Unavailability of fund / trained staff No community Support

#### **Marketing PAs**

The following methods were suggested for marketing and information sharing with regard to protected areas.

- Advertising in resorts and at Airport
- Posters / Billboards
- Using Social Media platforms
- Having a dedicated website to share information



## Group 4:

### Vision:

Exemplary Laamu Atoll's natural environment and resources to be sustainably maintained for all generations.

### Short term & Long-Term Actions for management of PAs in Laamu Atoll

As short-term actions the group suggested to demarcation of protected areas and fixing boards to indicate the areas is protected. Simultaneously, awareness sessions for community and schools needs to be conducted. Waste management in PAs and enhancing individual responsibility has to be part of short-term plans.

As long-term actions the group suggested to establishing measures for island level maintenance of Atoll's significant areas and supporting students for further education in environment field to build capacity for future.

### Capacity Needs for Management of PAs in Laamu Governance Model for PAs of Laamu Atoll

Formation of governing board with representatives from each island to manage the PAs in Laamu Atoll. Guideline should be in place to operate the governing board. In addition, revenue generated from user fee and international financing should generate revenue to manage the areas.

### Community Engagement and Methods

The group suggests to conduct more awareness programs to make community more aware as an aware community is expected to engage more in conservation efforts.

### Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Treats

STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Rich natural resources Presence of historical heritages Easy transportation network	No management plan yet Less human resource Waste not managed effectively
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
More job opportunities Economic growth opportunities Opportunity to have an international airport in the Atoll	Resource misuse/depreciating due to more visitors Difficulty to manage the sea areas under protection

### Marketing PAs

The following methods were suggested for marketing and information sharing with regard to protected areas.

- Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube)
- Internet (Webpage)
- Poster installations at islands.

Group 7:

**Vision:  
Short term & Long-  
Term Actions for  
management of PAs  
in Laamu Atoll**

As short-term actions the group suggested to awareness sessions for community and schools needs to be conducted regarding protected areas and waste management issue needs to be resolved immediately.

As long-term actions the group suggested to significant infrastructure like airports to bring enough visitors to provide livelihood opportunities for the community.

**Capacity Needs for  
Management of PAs  
in Laamu  
Governance Model  
for PAs of Laamu  
Atoll**

Training and capacity building need to be given to locals on conservation

Individual protected areas to be managed by the respective islands and to establish an atoll wide fund to cater the management of PAs in Atoll. The PAs must be managed under decentralized system.

**Community  
Engagement and  
Methods**

Involve all the islands of Laamu Atoll equally in conservation efforts and conducting events and festivals at atoll level to enhance participation.

**Strengths,  
Weakness,  
Opportunities and  
Treats**

STRENGTH	WEAKNESS
Presence of PAs Scenic, unique environment Established transportation network Islands formation (linked to each other)	Marketing Poor / No government assistance Less number of resources / less supportive Costly transportation / unavailability
OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
Maldives could reach peak Hope is establishment of endangered species Awareness in educational field / curriculum	Poor awareness Turtle extortion Inadequate Maldivians on the jobs

**Marketing PAs**

The group suggested need for marketing plan. The following methods were suggested for marketing and information sharing with regard to protected areas.

- Websites (island/atoll wise)
- Slogan – Laamaseelu Laamu
- TV Channels- sponsorship
- Leaflets / News Letters
- Social Media

## 7.6 Session in Images:



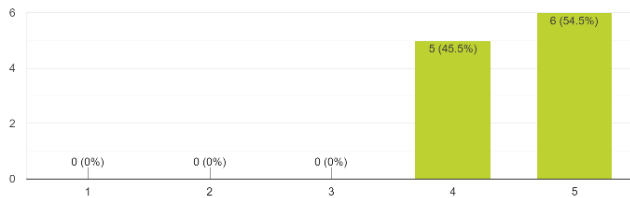




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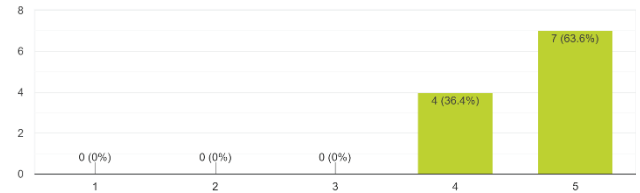
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11 responses



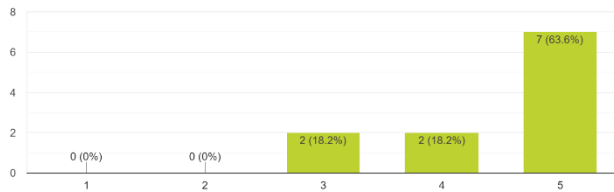
How relevant and helpful do you think it was for your atoll?

11 responses



How satisfied were you with the session content?

11 responses



A total of 11 participants completed the evaluation form which was circulated online. According to responses, 54.5% of the participants were very satisfied with the workshop and all responses are within range of 4 and 5 (on a scale of 1-5). The evaluation indicates 63.6% of the participants believe the workshop is very relevant and helpful to Laamu Atoll and all responses are within range of 4 and 5 (on a scale of 1-5). Based on responses, 81.8% were satisfied with the content of the workshop sessions.

According to the participants fruitful, informative, and important workshop to learn about ecosystem conservation. Respondents suggested to have more workshops, especially designed for schools of Laamu Atoll. In addition, the participants suggested to increase the time and add more practical sessions for future workshops. The key messages taken from the workshop, according to respondents are success stories and knowledge on protected areas, enriched the knowledge related to ecosystem conservation, management of protected area and how to acquire sustainable financing.

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## CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The multi-stakeholder workshop was the initial workshop conducted by the ENDhERI project regarding ecosystem conservation and management, after designation of protected areas in Laamu Atoll. The workshop aimed to introduce the concept of ecosystem conservation, management and protected areas and lay a foundation within atoll level of stakeholders to support conservation and management of natural resources. The basic concepts of ecosystem conservation and management in local context was delivered by resource persons working in the MECCT and EPA. In addition, practitioners and managers of protected areas participated as guest speakers, to give an insight into their efforts in management of protected areas, achievements and challenges in undertaking management of PAs.

The one-day workshop, included 52 participants (25 women and 27 men) from Laamu Atoll and island councils, women's development committee, private sector, law enforcement, and academia.

The group discussions indicated there is a high demand to build capacity especially within the council to manage the natural resources in Laamu Atoll. The trained locals on environmental research and management needed to be prioritized. The discussions also indicated that environmental consciousness needs to be built at a young age. In addition, there is a need to have proper funding mechanism and resources to manage the protected areas. A number of groups suggested the Atoll Council to play a leading role in governance where by having a dedicated unit in Atoll council to manage the network of protected areas in Laamu Atoll.

The workshop outputs indicate there is a need to conduct additional awareness sessions on ecosystem conservation and protected area management in Laamu Atoll. The awareness among the academia is significant, especially schools and university campuses in Laamu Atoll.



# ANNEX 1: AGENDA:

## MULTI-STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP ON ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT, LAAMU ATOLL

24<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022

FONADHOO, LAAMU ATOLL



### AGENDA

Participant Registration (8:30am-9:00am)

Opening: 15 Minutes (09:00 am – 09:15 am)

Recitation of Quran

Welcoming Remarks by Dr. Abdulla Naseer, Minister of State, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Technology

Opening remarks by Hon. Aminath Shauna, Minister of Environment, Climate Change and Technology

Remarks by Ismail Ali, President of Laamu Atoll Council

Session 1: Ecosystem Conservation and Protected Areas

#	Time	Topic
1	9:15 am -9:20 am	General outline on multi-stakeholder forum on ecosystem conservation and management <i>Presented by Mariyam Rifga, Community Co-Management Consultant, ENDhERI Project</i>
2	9:20 am -9:30 am	General outline on ecosystems, its services and benefits in local context <i>Presented by Ahmed Shan, Project Manager, MECCT</i>
3	9:30 am -9:40 am	General outline on protected areas and management of protected areas in Maldives. <i>Presented by Mariyam Rifga, Community Co-Management Consultant, ENDhERI Project</i>
4	9:40 am - 9:50 am	Protected Areas of Laamu Atoll <i>Presented by Muhsina AbdulRahman, Senior Conservation Officer, MECCT</i>
5	09:50 am -10:05 am	Legal and Institutional Framework in ecosystem conservation and management <i>Presented by Uza. Fazeela Ahmed Shaheem , Associate Legal Counsel, MECCT</i>

Q & A  
(5 minutes)

6	10:10 am -10:20 am	Enforcement of ecosystem conservation and management. <i>Presented by Aminath Ameera, Environment Analyst, EPA</i>
7	10:20 am -10:40 am	Capacity and Resource needs for ecosystem conservation and management. <i>Presented by Muhsina AbdulRahman, Senior Conservation Officer, MECCT</i>
8	10:40 am -10:55 am	Conservation Financing, Marketing and Outreach <i>Presented by Abdulla Shibau, Fund Manager, Baa Atoll Conservation Fund</i>
Q & A Coffee/ Tea (10 mins)		

Session 2: Case studies on conservation and management of protected areas in the Maldives.

9	11:05 am -11:15 am	Management of Protected Areas <i>Presented by Mariyam Rifga, Community Co-Management Consultant, ENDhERI Project</i>
10	11:15 am – 11:25 am	Mangrove – Wetland Management in Addu Nature Park <i>Presented by Aminath Afau, Assistant Director, Addu City Council</i>
11	11:25 am- 11:35 am	Mangrove – Wetland Management in Addu Nature Park <i>Presented by Hawwa Rasheed, Assistant Director, Fuvamulah City Council</i>
12	11:35 am – 11:45 am	Management of Hanifaru Marine PA & Olhugiri in Baa Atoll <i>Presented by Shafee Ali, Outreach Officer, BABR</i>

Q & A (15 mins)

Lunch Break: 1hr (12:00pm- 13:00pm)

Session 3: Group Discussion

13:00pm – 14:00pm Focus Group Discussion

14:00pm -15:30pm Group Presentation & Discussion  
15:30pm – 16:00pm Evaluation / Wrap Up



## ANNEX 2: PARTICIPANTS LIST:

#	Participant Name	Organization
1	Adam Naseem	Isdhoo Council
2	Ibrahim Hameedh	Isdhoo Council
3	Mariyam Shameema	Isdhoo WDC
4	Nafiu Ali	Isdhoo School
5	Mohamed Saidh	Kalaidhoo Council
6	Ibrahim Shafiu	Kalaidhoo Council
7	Aminath Waleedha	Kalaidhoo WDC
8	Fathimath Hassaana	Isdhoo Kalaidhoo School
9	Hussain Fazeel	Dhanbidhoo Council
10	Ahmed Yasir Shareef	Dhanbidhoo Council
11	Hassan Riffath	Dhanbidhoo School
12	Mohamed Ajuwadh	Maabaidhoo Council
13	Ahmed Aslam	Maabaidhoo Council
14	Aminath Salma	Maabaidhoo WDC
15	Shareefa Abdullah	Laamu Atoll School
16	Ibrahim Naeem	Mundoo Council
17	Haleemath Inayath	Mundoo Council
18	Hussain Fayaz	Mundoo School
19	Mariyam Neena	Gan Council
20	Mariyam Suvaidha	Gan Council
21	Fathimath Ali	Gan WDC
22	Fathimath Rauna	Ihadhdhoo School
23	Sharuma Umar	Mukurimagu School
24	Warudha Hussain	Fonadhoo Council
25	Aishath Azeema	Fonadhoo Council
26	Aminath Rafia	Fonadhoo WDC
27	Mariyam Nathasha	Maamendhoo Council
28	Hawwa Shaama	Maamendhoo Council
29	Aishath Neesha	Maamendhoo WDC
30	Ibrahim Shiyam	Maamendhoo School
31	Ahmed Mohamed	Hithadhoo Council
32	Aminath Sudha	Hithadhoo WDC
33	Ahmed Azim	Kunahandhoo Council
34	Aminath Rasheedha	Kunahandhoo Council
35	Aishath Aboobakuru	Kunahandhoo WDC
36	Mohamed Muiz	Kunahandhoo School
37	Hawwa Athika Ali	Mavashu Council
38	Aminath Ansoodha	Mavashu Council
39	Fathimath Shehenaz	Mavashu WDC
40	Mohamed Ali	Mavashu School
41	Hussain Habeeb	Laamu Atoll Council
42	Mohamed Jameel	Laamu Atoll Council
43	Ahmed Zahir	Business Centre Corporation

<b>44</b>	Thoha Aboobakuru	Villa College- Laamu Gan Campus
<b>45</b>	Shifla Nasem Ibrahim	Maldives Islamic University- Laamu Fonadhoo Campus
<b>46</b>	Hassan Moosa	Maldives Resilient Reef
<b>47</b>	Mohamed Ahmed	MNDF
<b>48</b>	Asif Abdulla	MNU- L.Gan Campus
<b>49</b>	Murshid Hussain	Police
<b>50</b>	Fathimath Sama	Bizco Institute of Research and Development
<b>51</b>	Ali Zaky	MNDF
<b>52</b>	Ali Shareef	Six Senses Laamu Resort