

Angsana Resort & Spa Maldives – Velavaru House Reef

A Management Review



Angsana Velavaru house reef is a 'no-take' zone linked to Angsana Resort & Spa Maldives

Site facts

- ▶ Legally recognised since 2012 as a 'no-take' zone under the [Tourism Boundary Regulation \(No.2012/R-7\)](#).
- ▶ Managed by resort staff to protect coral reef and marine life.
- ▶ Rules include no fishing, sand mining or anchoring in the area.

Review of site management

- ▶ We have assessed the site's management by reviewing available evidence and engaging with local stakeholders.
- ▶ We have identified what is working well and the key actions that could help to improve management.

Main results

Key successes

- ▶ Annual coral reef surveys assess the health of the site.
- ▶ Programmes, like crown-of-thorns starfish removal and coral restoration, maintain the health of the reef.
- ▶ Excellent facilities and equipment for management and tourism needs.

Key suggestions that could improve management

- ▶ Develop a management plan for the site, and engage the local community in management discussions.
- ▶ Clearly outline the boundary of the house reef/site and its rules.
- ▶ Reinvigorate the education and outreach programme with local communities and schools.
- ▶ Investigate how the site could improve livelihood options for the local community.

Next steps

We will be collaborating with the Government to explore opportunities for improving management of marine sites in the Maldives.

Further information is available at <https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/maldives>



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