


Kudahuvadhoo Kanduoilhi Grouper Aggregation Site

A Management Review

Kudahuvadhoo Kanduoilhi is a type of marine protected area (MPA).

Site facts

- ▶ Designated in 2013 to protect spawning groupers from fishing.
- ▶ Groupers spawn in large groups over several weeks. This makes them an easy target for fisheries and vulnerable to overfishing.
- ▶ Fishing and other activities are restricted in the site by the '[Regulation on Grouper Fishery Management](#) (Regulation No: 2022/R-2)'.



Groupers mature slowly and do not reproduce until late in their life

Review of MPA management

- ▶ We have assessed the MPA'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

- ▶ Kudahuvadhoo Kanduoilhi is legally protected by the Maldives Government.
- ▶ Goals and actions for improving the site are clearly outlined in the management plan.

Key suggestions that could improve management

- ▶ Have staff on-site to patrol and enforce the rules.
- ▶ Set up processes to help local communities feed into MPA management.
- ▶ Survey the MPA to improve understanding about the local grouper population.
- ▶ Raise awareness of the MPA, its boundary and rules with the local community.

Next steps

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

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



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