



**Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy**  
Male', Republic of Maldives

**Ministry of Housing and Environment**

Number: 138-FS2/1/2020/35

**Announcement**

Pursuant to Article 4 of Law no. 4/93 of the Environmental Protection and Preservation Act, the following areas have been proclaimed as protected as of 5th June 2011.

1. Mendhoo area, south of Maalhosmadulu
2. Goidhoo Lake area, south of Maalhosmadulu
3. Maahuravalhifaru area, south of Maalhosmadulu
4. Bathalaa area, south of Maalhosmadulu
5. Mathifaruhuraa area, south of Maalhosmadulu
6. Area of the "Corbin" shipwreck
7. Dhigali Giri, established as part of the Dhigali Haa, that was protected on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1999 under article 4 of the protection and preservation of the environment law (Law no. 4/93)
8. Hanifaru island, in the Hanifaru area that was protected on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009 under article 4 of the protection and preservation of the environment law (Law no. 4/93) established as part of the area

---

**1. Mendhoo area, south of Maalhosmadulu**

A 200-metre-wide area starting from Baa Atoll Mendhoo and the surrounding reef, Baa Atoll Mendhoo Binmatheefaru, Baa Atoll Kanburufaru and Baa Atoll Nibiligaa (sandbank) and the reef surrounding it, as well as the reefs of these islands or the reef edges of them.

**G.P.S points that distinguish the parameter of this area:**

5°9'35"N, 72°57'35"E

5°10'35"N, 72°56'3"E

5°10'46"N, 72°56'38"E

5°10'32"N, 72°57'9"E

5°10'30"N, 72°57'36"E

5°10'49"N, 72°58'8"E

5°11'3"N, 72°58'43"E

5°10'53"N, 72°59'42"E

5°10'29"N, 73°0'3"E



5°10'11"N, 72°59'54"E

5°10'0"N, 72°58'31"E

5°9'36"N, 72°58'3"E

5°9'36"N, 72°57'36"E

---

## 2. Goidhoo Lake area, south of Maalhosmadulu

Goidhoo Lake and the mangroves and wetlands surrounding it, as well as areas connected to it, located to the north of B. Atoll Goidhoo.

### G.P.S points that distinguish the parameter of this area:

4°52'47"N, 72°59'52"E

4°52'54"N, 73°0'1"E

4°52'5"N, 73°0'9"E

4°52'47"N, 73°0'8"E

4°52'46"N, 73°0'7"E

4°52'4"N, 73°0'5"E

4°52'43"N, 73°0'2"E

4°52'41"N, 72°59'57"E

4°52'41"N, 72°59'53"E

4°52'42"N, 72°59'52"E

4°52'44"N, 72°59'52"E

---

## 3. Maahuravalfharu area, south of Maalhosmadulu

A 200-metre-wide area starting from Maahuravalfharu reef and the reef's edge in the west corner of the south side of Maalhosmadulu

### G.P.S points that distinguish the parameter of this area:

5°11'15"N, 72°50'31"E

5°12'27"N, 72°50'34"E

5°13'6"N, 72°50'52"E

5°13'3"N, 72°51'21"E

5°12'45"N, 72°51'42"E

5°11'48"N, 72°51'57"E



5°10'26"N, 72°52'20"E

5°9'54"N, 72°52'25"E

5°9'28"N, 72°51'42"E

5°9'17"N, 72°51'8"E

5°9'52"N, 72°50'21"E

---

#### **4. Bathalaa area, south of Maalhosmadulu**

A 200-metre-wide area starting from Baa Atoll Bathalaahuraa, the reef surrounding Bathalaahuraa, Gaaganduhuraa (including the atoll entrance between Gaaganduhuraa and Bathalaahuraa) and Vinaneyfaruhuraa (including the atoll entrance between Vinaneyfaruhuraa and Bathalaahuraa), the reefs of these islands or the reef edges.

#### **G.P.S points that distinguish the parameter of this area:**

5°22'23"N, 73°3'46"E

5°21'24"N, 73°4'39"E

5°20'54"N, 73°4'60"E

5°20'16"N, 73°4'15"E

5°20'26"N, 73°3'53"E

5°20'44"N, 73°3'47"E

5°21'35"N, 73°3'12"E

5°22'23"N, 73°3'12"E

---

#### **5. Mathifaruhuraa area, south of Maalhosmadulu**

A 200-metre-wide area starting from Mathifaruhuraa and its reef edge to the west of Baa Atoll Dhorukadu.

#### **G.P.S points that distinguish the parameter of this area:**

4°48'48"N, 72°53'14"E

4°48'48"N, 72°53'37"E

4°49'8"N, 72°53'37"E

4°49'12"N, 72°53'26"E

4°48'58"N, 72°53'10"E

---



## 6. “Corbin” shipwreck area

A one-kilometre-wide radius surrounding the area including the site of the shipwreck that occurred in the year 1602, northwest of Fulhadhoo, on the south side of Maalhosmadulu.

### G.P.S points that distinguish the parameter of this area:

4°54'33"N, 74°54'3"E

---

## 7. Dhigali Giri (patch reef)

A 200-metre-wide area starting from Dhigali Giri, established as part of the Dhigali Haa, that was protected on 21<sup>st</sup> October 1999 under article 4 of the protection and preservation of the environment law (Law no. 4/93), and including the places between Dhigali Haa and Dhigali Giri and their reef edges.

### G.P.S points that distinguish the parameter of this area:

5°8'44"N, 73°2'33"E

5°8'39"N, 73°2'22"E

5°8'45"N, 73°2'1"E

5°8'48"N, 73°1'55"E

5°8'56"N, 73°1'51"E

5°9'8"N, 73°1'56"E

5°9'11"N, 73°2'2"E

5°9'10"N, 73°2'8"E

5°8'55"N, 73°2'32"E

---

## 8. Hanifaru Island

Hanifaru island, in the Hanifaru area that was protected on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2009 under article 4 of the protection and preservation of the environment law (Law no. 4/93) is established as part of the area.

---

### The following actions are prohibited in the aforementioned areas as of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011.

1. Performing any action that could damage or bring changes to this area and its surroundings.
2. Removing and taking of rocks, sand, and coral from the area.
3. Dumping or throwing away anything in the area.



4. Dropping anchor for any reason other than a situation in which a person or a vessel is in danger.
5. Touching or harming any living thing while swimming in this area.
6. Piloting a boat at a speed more than 10 nautical miles.
7. Capturing, taking, and killing any species of birds from this area.
8. Fishing of any kind from any of these areas, excluding Maahuravalhi area.
9. Fishing of any other kind other than the traditional bait fishing method in the Maahuravalhi area. As such, bait fishing using lights is prohibited in this area.

Any action, other than visiting the previously mentioned areas for their maintenance under the regulations stated in the management plans prepared, should be done with the permission of the Environment Protection Agency, granted via written statement.

5<sup>th</sup> June 2011  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rajab 1423