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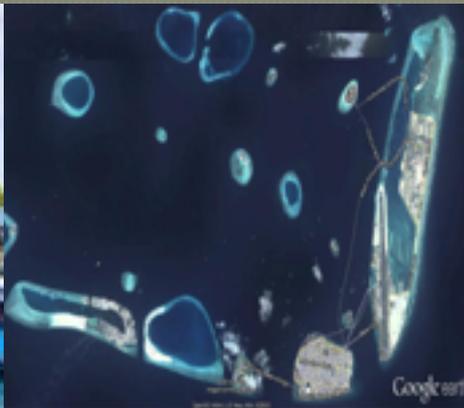
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Maldives



Profile

- Maldives consists of 1190 individual islands from which 198 islands are inhabited
- Geographically distributed over 300 sq.km
- The main mode of passenger transport between the islands is by ferry



Profile

Modes of Transportation: Motorcycle, Car, Taxi.

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Performance of modes of public road passenger transport

Male'

- At present the form of road based public transport system used in Male' are Taxi's and Private cars and motor cycles.



Transport and Environment

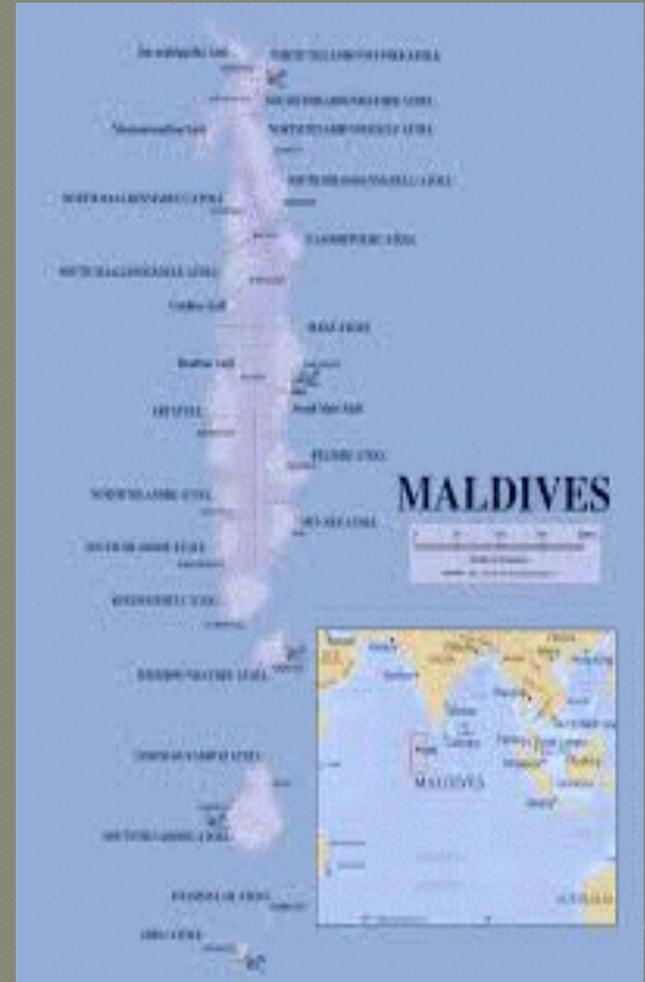
- Overall Carbon Emission is comparatively low due to the small population of motor vehicles in Maldives.
- Vehicle population is increasing in an alarming rate.
- Capital city Male is congested .
- Some renewable energy being used in the country;
 - Solar navigational lights
 - Solar energy for Housing and Infrastructural Uses.
- Objective - Development of pedestrian-friendly and environment-friendly transport in the Maldives



Current and Future challenges

- Redevelopment of Bus System in Male, due to high congestion and available space for stops allocated.
- Dense Population Hubs require a high level of bus needs, which current government is seeking to consolidate and establish.
- Establishment of a Standard in Bus Systems to reduce Carbon Footprint.
- Control of vehicle imports
- Environmental friendly energy for the marine crafts.

Addressing Current and Future Needs through Sustainable and Integrated Transport Network in the Maldives



Current Developments

- Cycle Taxi Services – Reduce Level of Carbon Emission Vehicles with Lighter Fuel Consuming Vehicles.
- Ferry System Consolidation
- National and Regional Ferry Terminal Developments Ongoing
- Developing Inter-Connecting Road Structures between Islands, Link Roads Developed in Laamu, Addu and Male’/Hulhumale





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