



# **Compendium of Marine Spatial Planning Targets Report**

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# *About this Compendium*

The compendium of marine spatial planning (MSP) targets aims to provide precedence and guidance to the Marine Spatial Planning Working Group (MSPWG) as they develop conservation principles, goals, objectives, and design criteria related to marine spatial planning in the Maldives. Through an understanding of the existing context of the goals and targets for marine waters of the Maldives, MSP efforts can be designed to complement and build on these previous decisions.

This review of documents and compendium was developed focusing on the MSP pillar of Noo Raaje Program which aims to safeguard ocean resources and restore coral ecosystem health and protect at least 20% of Maldives' waters as fully protected MPAs.

Sixty-seven documents, including development plans, legislative acts and regulations, policy documents, and international commitments, were reviewed to develop this compendium. These include 44 national documents, 10 international documents, 10 regional documents and 3 documents related to Small Island Developing States (SIDS) commitments in the Indian Ocean. The documents reviewed relate to key areas related to marine spatial planning in the Maldives: sustainable development, conservation, major economic industries utilizing the marine environment: tourism and fisheries, climate change, and culture and heritage.

The review was developed by compiling principles, goals, objectives, and design criteria from existing documents focusing on the following themes relevant to MSP: species, biodiversity and ecosystems, resource management, development and services, tourism, fisheries, climate change, and culture and heritage.

# *Navigating the Compendium*

The compendium spreadsheet includes various levels of information relevant to MSP in the Maldives in six tabs. These are as follows:

## **The Reference Tab**

The reference tab provides the list of documents reviewed for the compendium. Each document is labelled with a reference letter (corresponding to the governance level of document) and a number. The reference letters correspond to the following labels: N = National, I = International, R = Regional, and S = SIDS commitments in the Indian Ocean. The documents in the national governance level are further labelled with reference to different areas related to MSP, and correspond to the following labels: N-D = National and Local Development, N-C = Conservation, N-T = Tourism, N-F = Fisheries, N-CC = Climate Change and N-H = Culture and Heritage.

The reference tab also provides the details of the documents reviewed, including type of document, owner of document and document date. It also includes citation for reference entry for each document.

## **The Synthesis Tab**

The synthesis tab provides a referenced summary of MSP goals and objectives focusing on the MSP relevant themes: species, biodiversity and ecosystems, resource management, development and services, tourism, fisheries, climate change, and culture and heritage. Specific topics such as transport, infrastructure and local development are considered under the development and services theme. Management of waste and sewage and natural resources are considered under resource management. Energy use and food security are considered under the climate change theme.

Each goal and objective include reference to the documents that captures those goals and objectives.

## Review Tabs (National, International, Regional and SIDS)

Additional details of the document review are provided in each of the governance level tabs: National, International, Regional and SIDS. The document review tabs include the following information:

- Reference # - Reference letter and number that are linked to the reference tab source documents and citations under the reference tab
- Document – Name of document
- Nearshore / Offshore / Both – Whether the document captures goals and objectives relating to nearshore, offshore or both
- Principle – Overarching statements that guide the document, which was sometimes stated as a vision, principles, or background context as topics of importance
- Area – Sub-headings of MSP relevant themes: species, biodiversity and ecosystems, resource management, development and services, tourism, fisheries, climate change, and culture and heritage
- MSP related Goals and Objectives – Goals and objectives that could influence MSP design by specific area (MSP relevant theme)
- Actions and targets – Specific targets or actions, where they provided more details that could relate to MSP
- MSP design criteria – Defines specific criteria or standards for zoning or designing protected areas/networks
- Referenced goal – Includes reference to a parent goal if relevant