

## Ministry of Environment and Energy

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Dr. Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias. Executive Secretary, 413, Saint Jacques Street, suite 800, Montreal OC H2Y 1N9, Canada.

## Sub: Pledge from Maldives towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate you on the success of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Hyderabad, in October 2012.

With reference to your call for urgent actions from Parties and other stakeholders towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets within the frame set as COP-10 and strive to become one of the "Biodiversity Champions", I would like to the pledge that,

"The whole country of Maldives will be a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve by 2017 – where public support for conservation of the country's remarkable environment secures a vibrant green economy and good quality of life for all Maldivians"

Please find attached the pledge form attached with this letter.

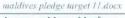
Thanking you

Sincerely,

Dr. Mariyam Shakeela,

Minister











## **Biodiversity Champions - Pledge Form**

Parties, partners or stakeholders willing to provide support towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets are kindly invited to submit their pledge in writing through an official letter to the CBD Executive Secretary at <a href="mailto:secretariat@cbd.int">secretariat@cbd.int</a>. The present form is available to provide details about the pledge.

Name of Party or partner									
MALDIVES									
Aichi Target(s) supported by this pledge									
Α	Cau	Causes & Mainstreaming C Safeguarding		guarding					
$\boxtimes$	1	Public awareness	$\boxtimes$	11	Conserved areas				
$\boxtimes$	2	Socio-economic integration		12	Threatened species				
$\boxtimes$	3	Appropriate incentives		13	Agricultural biodiversity				
$\boxtimes$	4	Sustainable production and consumption	D	D Biodiversity Benefits					
				14	Ecosystem services				
В	Pre	ssures & Sustainable Use		15 Ecosystem resilience					
$\boxtimes$	5	Reduced rate of habitat loss		16	Access and benefit-sharing				
$\boxtimes$	6	Sustainable fishing	E	Implementation					
	7	Sustainable agriculture & forestry		17	NBSAP				
	8	Pollution reduction		☐ 18 Traditional knowledge					
	9	Invasive alien species							
$\boxtimes$	10	Coral reefs		20	Resource mobilization				
		(s) or sub-region(s) covered es Exclusive Economic Zone							
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Type(s) of support									
☐ Financial resources									
☐ Capacity-building	william dhala an ahkaati santite ii hatie ii								
☐ Technical assistance									
☐ Human resources	man Tanahadi ana kamani Andrew Janahadi .								
Other, please specify	Contribution towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity targets								
Further details on typ	e of support pledged								
1. In June 2012, at the Brazil, the President Biosphere Reserve v designating Baa Ato	UN Conference on Sustainable Development, RIO+20 meeting in Rio de Janeiro, of Maldives announced the intention to declare the whole of Maldives as a UNESCO within 5 years (by 2017). This announcement was inspired by the success achieved in all as the first UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Maldives.								
for environmental m Atoll. The Vision is conservation of the	This ambitious target represents a commitment by the Government to implement a de-centralised system for environmental management and sustainable development, based on the lessons learned from Baa Atoll. The Vision is that "Maldives will be a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve – where public support for conservation of the country's remarkable environment secures a vibrant green economy and good quality of life for all Maldivians"								
<ul> <li>3. The three main components covered while becoming the whole country of Maldives as a biosphere reserve will be:</li> <li>sites of excellence where new and optimal practices to manage nature and human acti</li> </ul>									
<ul> <li>tools to help concentrated</li> <li>Development and Approach;</li> </ul>	are tested and demonstrated; tools to help countries implement the results of the World Summit on Sustainable  Development and, in particular, the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Ecosystem Approach;  Learning sites for the UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development								
Type(s) of institution	supported								
Government, Private S	Sector, Local Communities, Non Government Organisations, etc								
Pledge timeframe	encodes pour a de la Carte de								
From:	2013								
То:	2017								
Additional relevant in	formation								
Please find attached th Implementation Plan)	e Implementation plan for this pledge (Maldives Biosphere Reserve								

Main person responsible for this pledge				
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Organization	Ministry of Environment and Energy			
Government	MALDIVES			

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