

# Erosion

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Beach erosion is a very serious issue for the Maldivian islands. The islands depend on tourism as the main source of development and what attracts tourists to Maldives are the clear white sandy beaches, blue lagoons and it's under water coral gardens. Maldives need to protect its vulnerable and dynamic beaches for its own very existence.

Moreover, beaches have always played a vital role in the everyday lives of the locals in the islands. Beaches are associated with moments and memories for local residents. It is therefore a responsibility of each island community to play its part in the protection of these dynamic beaches.

The project highlights the plight of the people of Fuvahmulah who face an uncertain future due to the severity of beach erosion and the speed of land loss over the recent past years. The objective is to show how concerned the future guardians of the island are and to share the strong sentiments of the people drawing urgent attention to the dire consequences, that could follow if nothing is done to protect the island. For the students, some of whom live just few feet away from the shore, beach erosion is a daily reality. To put this project together, the students surveyed the coastal topography of the worst affected areas of the island.



## Aim:

Instill a love for environment in students, sensitize them towards the fact that erosion can have devastating consequences and encourage them to give voice to the plight of a safe environment.

## Objectives

- To gain students' attention towards erosion, land loss and other environmental issues.
- To give students an opportunity to voice out their concerns and get involved in conserving our environment.

## Conclusion

- Beach erosion is a very serious issue for Maldivian islands.
- We need to protect these vulnerable and dynamic beaches for its own very existence.
- Beaches are associated with the moments and memories for local residents like us.
- It is therefore, a responsibility of each and every island community to play its part in the protection of these dynamic beaches.

