## Assessment and conversation of Marine Organisms in Maldives

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The main area of research is based on the conservation efforts by Baa Atoll Biosphere Reserve in Baa. Eydhafushi.

These two mainstays depend directly on the continued maintenance of coastal and marine ecosystems. We have found out that people are underestimating the gravity of the situation and the conservation efforts are not meeting the development efforts being carried out in Maldives. Even though several organisms are being remarkably conserved, it is still not up to the level. The environmental organizations should widen their scope of research and increase the number of projects being carried out. Proper enforcement of laws needs to be ensured by the respective authorities.

In conclusion, it is our sincere hope that this project increases consciousness and increase the efforts in this marine biodiversity conservation.

## <u>Protected areas under the biosphere reserve:</u>

- I. Hanifaru
- 2. Mendhoo
- 3. Maahuruvalhi
- 4. Angafaru
- 5. Bathalaa
- 6. Dhigali-haa
- 7. Dhigali-giri
- 8. Olhugiri
- 9. Mathifaru-huraa
- 10. Wreck of Cobin
- II. Goidhoo Koaru

