

Inventory of Coastal Trees and Plants

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“ Plants and trees play a vital role in our daily life even though Maldives is referred as a small country with tiny islands. The islands of Maldives highly rely on trees and plants when compared to rest of the world to remain as a country in the future. Therefore, it is essential to know the inventory of coastal trees and plants in the Maldives.

The coastal area we define as the interface or transition areas between land and sea including large islands and lakes. Coastal trees and plants helps to hold the beach soil from soil erosion and also to reduce the huge negative impact of cyclonic storms, hurricanes, and tsunamis. As a result of this, these tiny small islands appear as islands in the upcoming generation.

The coastal zone is used extensively for a large number of activities such as pleasure and family enjoyment purpose as well. They are also rich in biodiversity and acts as habitats for wildlife. Some of the trees that grows in the coastal areas of Maldives include Iron Wood (Kuredhi), Mangrove Apple (Kuhlhavah), Coconut Palm (Dhivehi Ruh) etc.

In conclusion, due to human impact, some trees and plants are being endangered. So it is indispensable to protect those trees and plants. There is a fear of extinction of coastal trees and plants. Therefore nationwide awareness programs are important for the future of coastal areas in Maldives. ”

Importance of coastal trees and plants

- To hold the soil in the coastal area (beach area)
- It reduces the impact of cyclonic storms like hurricanes and tsunamis.
- It acts as a habitat for wildlife.

Importance of coastal trees and plants for Maldives.

- Maldives is a country with tiny islands.
- 99% is surrounded by sea.
- Low lying nation.
- Such plants are indispensable to prevent from soil erosion.