

# 4TH NATIONAL REPORT TO CBD OFFICIALLY RELEASED



The Fourth National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity was officially released on 25th November 2010 by the Minister of Housing and Environment, Hon. Mohamed Aslam in a meeting held at the ministry.

The meeting was held to brief the stakeholders on the outcomes of the Tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (COP10) and the Fifth Conference of the Parties Serving as the Meeting of the Parties to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety (COP-MOP5).

In addition to the status, trends and threats to biodiversity, the report also highlights the status of implementation of the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) in the Maldives and the present efforts to mainstream biodiversity in national, sectoral and cross-sectoral plans of the country.

Remarks were also made by the Minister, where he noted that the report shows a 40% decrease in the local fish catch level in the past 5 years. He also highlighted the importance of involving officers at a province level when addressing climate change issues and biodiversity loss.