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## REMINDER

All Liveaboard Operators,

Please note that it is **MANDATORY** to get permission from Ministry of Tourism prior to restarting operations.

Below are the required documents:

- Declaration Form
- Operating License
- Health and Safety Plan

**Boat Owners should not have any tourist arrival prior to receiving the permission from Ministry of Tourism.**

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Thank you, National Boating Association of Maldives (NBAM)!

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Aviation, Minister of Environment, Energy and Water in the former President Maumoon Abdul Gayyoom's regime, Dr. Mausoom acquired immense experience in the industry. He had further led the board of Maldives Association of Tourism Industry (MATI) following the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami crisis.

In the 2009, Dr. Mausoom represented Haa Alif Kelaa as a Member of Parliament while also working as a senior member of Maldives Tourism Promotion Board. His tourism related experiences also includes serving as the General Manager of the renowned Sun Island Resort.

Hailing from a respected background, Dr. Mausoom completed his Master of Science in Hotel and Catering from the University of Ulster, UK and secured his doctorate in Philosophy in Urban and Regional Studies from the University of Birmingham, UK. He was the first Maldivian to attain a PhD in tourism development.

During the absence of the Tourism Minister, Minister of Economic Development Uz. Fayyaz Ismail oversaw the Ministry of Tourism as the acting head.

## Maldives Marine Research Institute Celebrates 36 Years of Marine Research



On July 24, 2020, Maldives Marine Research Institute (MMRI) celebrated 36 years of marine research and studies since its establishment in 1984. On

the occasion, MMRI thanked all those who contributed to their work in understanding its most prominent natural resource.

In an appreciating note, Minister of Fisheries, Marine Resources and Agriculture, Honourable Zaha Waheed stated: "Having observed the evolution of MMRI since its inception, I would like to commend all that has been achieved in expanding the knowledge of our marine ecosystem. I hope to see further advancements and development of partnerships in the future. Happy 36th Anniversary MMRI!"

The Maldives Marine Research Institute (MMRI) of the Maldives is the research arm of the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture. On August 29, 2019, President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih announced an amendment in the name and mandate of 'Marine Research Centre' to 'Maldives Marine Research Institute'.

The revised mandate includes researching and collecting scientific data and specimens with regards to sea life and the marine environment; ensuring more on sustainability, protection in threat of extinction and ensuring fishing mechanisms to protect the marine environment with effective eco-system strategies in the Maldives.

Moreover, MMRI is mandated with research work and providing expert opinion on developing aquaculture profession in the Maldives, with factual information partaking international associations.

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## Maldives Immigration Introduces Traveller Health Declaration

Amidst the reopening of Maldivian borders on July 15, 2020, Maldives Immigration has introduced "Traveller Health Declaration" to expedite the process of pre-arrival and pre-departure health information in accordance with the health requirements of the Maldives. All travellers travelling to and from Maldives are required to submit a self-declarative health declaration within 24 hours prior to their travel under this declaration.



www.immigration.gov.mv, and then selecting "Imuga" from the Menu Bar.

Traveller Health Declaration has to be filled and submitted via the online portal of Maldives Immigration, "Imuga", imuga.immigration.gov.mv. It can also be viewed by visiting the official website of Maldives Immigration,

All the travellers, including tourists, work visa and other visa holders, and Maldivians have to submit the Traveller Health Declaration. According to the government office, the main objective is to mitigate health risks and ease immigration procedures.

## Travel Safely to Maldives With Your Preferred Airline



**EMIRATES**  
Commencing from:  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Routes:  
DXB-MLE-DXB



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Routes:  
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**INDIGO**  
Commencing from:  
10<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
Routes:  
BOM-MLE-BOM  
COX-MLE-COX



**ETIHAD AIRWAYS**  
Commencing from:  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Routes:  
AUH-MLE-AUH



**TURKISH AIRLINES**  
Commencing from:  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2020  
Routes:  
IST-MLE-CMB



**HONG KONG AIRLINES**  
Commencing from:  
1<sup>st</sup> August 2020  
Routes:  
HKG-MLE-HKG



**QATAR AIRWAYS**  
Commencing from:  
15<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Routes:  
DOH-MLE-DOH



**GULF AIR**  
Commencing from:  
2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020  
Routes:  
BAH-MLE-CMB



**EDELWEISS AIR**  
Commencing from:  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2020  
Routes:  
ZRH-MLE-ZRH



**SRI LANKAN AIRLINES**  
Commencing from:  
15<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
Routes:  
DOH-MLE-DOH



**SILK AIR**  
Commencing from:  
1<sup>st</sup> August 2020  
Routes:  
SIN-MLE-SIN

To ensure travelers can plan their travel with peace of mind, Airlines have extended its booking policies to offer more choice to their passengers. Travelers can fly safely to Maldives with their preferred

airline from July 15, 2020 onwards. As per the official Airport operations schedule of MACL Summer 2020; above are the Airlines commencing to Maldives.

## ILAA Maldives Donates PPEs to MACL Staff



Maldives Airports Company Limited's (MACL) staff has received a generous donation of PPEs from ILAA Maldives Pvt Ltd, a key player in providing environmentally sound engineering solutions to the resorts in the Maldives.

The donation made in partnership included a total of 3,000 gloves, 3,000 masks and 24 bottles of sanitizer. On the occasion, ILAA Maldives thanked the dedicated services provided by the front liners, following

extensive consultations with health professionals and all stakeholders, ensuring the safety and hygiene standards of all tourism facilities with the restart of Maldives tourism industry.

ILAA Maldives Pvt Ltd is a family owned business established on August 22, 1991. ILAA Maldives provides world renowned quality products for clean power generation, solid and liquid waste management, electric vehicles and marine vessels.

## Maldives Fishermen launch #DiscoverHuvadhu Dive Event



Discover Huvadhu officially kicked off the #DiscoverHuvadhu Dive Event by Dhivehi Masverin. This is an initiative targeted to discover, document, disseminate, and promote the unique environmental, cultural, social, and scenic beauty of Huvadhu Atoll. It is part of the Small Island Developing States - Community Based Adaptation Programme aided by the Australian High Commission in the Sri Lanka and Maldives. UNDP Maldives conducts the programme through its GEF Small Grants Programme.

Huvadhu Atoll in the Southern Maldives consists of 255 islands, the most islands in

an Atoll that was recognized by Guinness World Records. Its favorable location with 39 channels feed into the Indian Ocean that enriches the marine life surrounding it. The atoll is considered the deepest in the archipelago. It is blessed with ample natural wonders with its coral reefs, seagrass beds, sandbanks and mangroves. It is inevitable for ocean lovers with the rich biodiversity to discover seabird nesting grounds and unique terrestrial flora and fauna.

The event is sponsored by Marine Equipments Pvt Ltd, Apnea Maldives, Raajje Divers and Bank of Maldives.

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After graduating from the prestigious Al-Azhar University Moosa Solih commenced his service at MACL; the management and operating company of the Maldives' main gateway - Velana International Airport (VIA), as an Engineer in the early 80's and continued to show his caliber as a highly technical team member. This led him to take up the post of Head of Technical Department - supervising all aviation advancements. Over the years, he contributed his exertion in developing and managing the technical aspects of air traffic control, aerodrome and other operations and filled the position of Chief Operating Officer at MACL which gave him the opportunity to give his best input in the operational advancements with the latest technology in his tenure. In 2012, with the streamline of the company's strategic departments Moosa Solih was assigned to the IT department to take over the emerging challenges at that time.

Over the years, he had demonstrated leadership and guided the company while overseeing numerous technical projects with commitment and integrity. His tactic of practicality steered MACL towards becoming a more driven company with efficient and effective strategies. MACL team acknowledged Moosa Solih's invaluable service to the company and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors.

As Moosa Solih retires, the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD) Gordon Andrew Stewart will proceed with the official responsibilities of the company. Gordon Andrew Stewart was appointed CEO and MD of MACL by the Board of Directors on July 26, 2020.

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Marine Equipment Pvt Ltd was established in October 2006 by three enthusiastic and experienced professionals. Today, MEQ is one of the leading boat equipment suppliers in the Maldives. They are the sole distributor of Sea-Line Paints and offers anti-fouling services, boat equipment, marine hardware, marine electronics and all-inclusive marine safety solutions. Ranging from simple spare parts to world's leading outboard engines, their vast product line can cater the target market's requirements. MEQ's success is followed by number of satisfied customers who trust them with their capacity to provide quality products and services.



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and 70% supported the legal protection of giant groupers and parrotfish. Maldives Resilient Reefs project - Riyaz Jauharee stated: "Parrotfish are one of the most important groups of fish on coral reefs. Overfishing of them has devastated reefs in many countries and those reefs have never fully recovered. The Maldives must act now and ban fishing of Parrotfish before it is too late. "

#FishForTomorrow was developed in response to the emergence of photographs displaying illegal fishing in the Maldives of nationally protected giant clams and the

unsustainable capture of other important species such as parrotfish. Healthy populations of such fish on coral reefs are crucial for the Maldives' fight against climate change. The campaign's aim was to familiarize and educate the Maldivian people about the biology of particularly vulnerable reef species in order to ensure they understand why some species can be easily overfished and require such careful management. Maldives Resilient Reefs used interesting facts about local fish species, such as "Red snappers can live up to 55 years - longer than a bear!", to shock people into changing their perceptions about fish.

Throughout the four-week campaign, nearly 40,000 people – just under 10% of the Maldivian population – visited the website and played the campaign's "higher or lower" game where players were required to guess the answers to questions like, "Which of these species can you legally fish?". The campaign also kick-started a viral trend for fishermen to post Instagram Stories of themselves releasing juvenile groupers and snappers.

The campaign was supported by variety of "reef hero" advocates and influencers including popular local band Detune, as well as Ahmed Saeed (Gahaa), Riyaz Jauharee and Shaziya Saeed (Saaxu). Find out more about vulnerable species from [www.fishfortomorrow.maldivesresilientreefs.com](http://www.fishfortomorrow.maldivesresilientreefs.com).

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## NBAM Members Permitted to Restart Operations (as of 5th August 2020)



Since the restart of Tourism Operations in Maldives in 15th July 2020, Ministry of Tourism has permitted 23 NBAM Member Liveaboards to restart operations as of 5th August 2020. Below is the list of the Liveaboards:

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|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| - Maavahi      | - Sea Coral           | - Horizon 2      |
| - Searex       | - Leo                 | - White Sand     |
| - Gurahali     | - Handhu              | - Sunkissed      |
| - Koimala      | - Soleil              | - Atoll Jade     |
| - Seafarer     | - Soleil 2            | - Dhinasha       |
| - Blue Shark 2 | - Adora               | - Soneva in Aqua |
| - Gahaa        | - Princess Dhonkamana | - Noah           |
| - Gulfaam      | - Horizon 3           |                  |