Maldives Multi-Donor Climate Change
Trust Fund
Grant Agreement
(Climate Change Adaptation Project)
between
REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES
and
INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION
AND DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
ASSOCIATION
Acting as administrator of Maldives Multi-Donor Climate Change Trust Fund

Dated \text{June 16}, 2015
\text{July 16}
CCTF GRANT NUMBER TF019383

MALDIVES MULTI-DONOR CLIMATE CHANGE TRUST FUND
GRANT AGREEMENT

July 16

"AGREEMENT dated 16th June, 2015, entered into between REPUBLIC
OF MALDIVES ("Recipient") and INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR
RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT and INTERNATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (collectively, the "World Bank"), acting as
administrator of the Maldives Multi-Donor Climate Change Trust Fund.

The Recipient and the World Bank hereby agree as follows:

Article I
Standard Conditions; Definitions

1.01. The Standard Conditions for Grants Made by the World Bank Out of Various
Funds, dated February 15, 2012 ("Standard Conditions"), constitute an integral
part of this Agreement.

1.02. Unless the context requires otherwise, the capitalized terms used in this
Agreement have the meanings ascribed to them in the Standard Conditions or in
the Appendix to this Agreement.

Article II
The Project

2.01. The Recipient declares its commitment to the objectives of the project described
in Schedule 1 to this Agreement ("Project"). To this end, the Recipient shall
carry out the Project through its Ministry of Environment and Energy in
accordance with the provisions of Article II of the Standard Conditions.

2.02. Without limitation upon the provisions of Section 2.01 of this Agreement, and
except as the Recipient and the World Bank shall otherwise agree, the Recipient
shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of
Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

Article III
The Grant

3.01. The World Bank agrees to extend to the Recipient, on the terms and conditions
set forth or referred to in this Agreement, a grant in an amount equal to four
million two hundred ten thousand Dollars ($4,210,000) ("Grant") to assist in financing the Project.

3.02. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with Section IV of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

3.03. The Grant is funded out of the abovementioned trust fund for which the World Bank receives periodic contributions from the donors to the trust fund (the "Donors"). In accordance with Section 3.02 of the Standard Conditions, the World Bank's payment obligations in connection with this Agreement are limited to the amount of funds made available to it by the Donors under the abovementioned trust fund, and the Recipient's right to withdraw the Grant proceeds is subject to the availability of such funds.

Article IV
Recipient's Representative; Addresses

4.01. The Recipient's Representative referred to in Section 7.02 of the Standard Conditions is its Minister at the time responsible for finance.

4.02. The Recipient's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

Ministry of Finance and Treasury
Ameenee Magu
Male' 20379
Republic of Maldives

Facsimile:
(960) 332 4432

4.03. The World Bank's Address referred to in Section 7.01 of the Standard Conditions is:

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and
International Development Association
1818 H Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20433
United States of America
Cable: INTBAFRAD INDEVAS Washington, D.C.

Telex: 248423 (MCI) or 64145 (MCI)

Facsimile: 1-202-477-6391

AGREED at Male', Republic of Maldives, as of the day and year first above written.

REPUBLIC OF MALDIVES

By

[Signature]

Authorized Representative

Name: Abdulla Tingat

Title: Minister of Finance and Treasury

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Acting as administrator of the Maldives Multi-Donor Climate Change Trust Fund

By

[Signature]

Authorized Representative

Name: Françoise Clottes

Title: Country Director for Sri Lanka and Maldives
SCHEDULE 1

Project Description

The objective of the Project is to demonstrate climate adaptive planning and management through the adoption of a multi-sectoral approach in Addu Atoll and Gnaviyani Atoll.

The Project consists of the following parts:

Part 1: Wetlands Conservation

Establishment of a protected wetland management system for Hithadhoo Island and Fuvahmulah Island, including through: (a) implementation of a zoning system and wetlands protection system; (b) implementation of an environmental education and communication program; (c) implementation of an eco-tourism program and construction of eco-tourism facilities; (d) support for local eco-friendly livelihood activities; (e) support for development of a national wetlands management strategy plan; (f) development of a Project exit strategy and future sustainability options for protected areas; and (g) carrying out of a feasibility study on the designation of Addu City and Fuvahmulah Island as Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas.

Part 2: Coral Reef Monitoring

Scaling up of the Recipient’s coral reef monitoring system, including through: (a) support for newly inducted and existing Participating Resorts and Participating Dive Centers, and the Protected Area Management Unit in Hithadhoo Island, on field data collection and the use of the Coral Database; (b) enhancing the functionality and user-friendliness of the Coral Database platform; (c) development of policy notes and organization of exchange workshops to enable strategic mainstreaming of the use of the National Coral Reef Monitoring Framework; and (d) strategic and technical advisory support for the PMU, MRC and MoT.

Part 3: Development of an Island Level Integrated Solid Waste Management System

Provision of support for institutional capacity building for Island Councils and Atoll Councils in solid waste management planning, including through: (a) carrying out of a strategic options study on solid waste management; (b) implementation of an atoll/island level composting program at island waste management centers in Addu Atoll and Gnaviyani Atoll; (c) facilitation of training and capacity building, including for contractors, and utility companies in solid waste management; and (d) conducting a communications campaigns to encourage community participation in island solid waste management.
Part 4: Mainstreaming Climate Change into Island Development Planning

Provision of support for the mainstreaming of climate change into island development planning, including through the: (a) facilitation of training on climate change to selected representatives and staff of Atoll Councils, Island Councils, Women’s Development Committees and non-governmental organizations; and (b) provision of Scholarships for environmental management academic studies to Scholarship Recipients.

Part 5: Project Management

Provision of support for Project implementation, management, and monitoring and evaluation.
SCHEDULE 2

Project Execution

Section I. Implementation and Other Arrangements

A. Institutional Arrangements

1. The Recipient shall maintain, throughout the period of Project implementation, a Project Management Unit (the “PMU”) within MEE, under the direction of qualified management provided with sufficient resources, and staffed with competent personnel in adequate numbers, with qualifications, experience, and under terms of reference acceptable to the World Bank, led by a Project director and including a Project manager, wetlands coordinator, solid waste management coordinator, coral reef monitoring coordinator, environmental and social safeguards coordinator, communications coordinator, works engineer, procurement officer and finance officer, and supported by a technical advisor. The PMU shall be responsible for overall Project implementation, oversight, coordination, monitoring and evaluation.

2. By no later than August 30, 2015, the Recipient shall establish, and thereafter maintain throughout the period of Project implementation, a Protected Area Management Unit in each of Hithadhoo Island and Fuvahmulah Island, under the direction of qualified management provided with sufficient resources, and staffed with competent personnel in adequate numbers, with qualifications, experience, and under terms of reference acceptable to the World Bank, including a protected areas manager, a conservation officer, rangers, a solid waste management officer, and environmental and social safeguards officers. The Protected Area Management Units shall be responsible for guiding and supervising Project implementation on the islands.

3. By no later than June 30, 2017, the Recipient shall retain the services of an evaluation and exit strategy consultant, with qualifications and experience and under terms of reference acceptable to the World Bank, and thereafter cause such consultant to carry out an evaluation and exit strategy study of the Project and submit the related report by no later than six (6) months prior to the Closing Date.
B. Operations Manual

1. The Recipient shall:

   (a) implement the Project in accordance with the provisions of the Operations Manual and in a manner satisfactory to the World Bank; and

   (b) not amend, revise, waive or allow to be amended, revised, or waived, the provisions of the Operations Manual or any part thereof without the prior written approval of the World Bank.

2. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the Operations Manual and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

C. Memoranda of Understanding

1. Unless the World Bank shall otherwise agree in writing, the Recipient shall cause MEE to enter into memoranda of understanding, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, with each of the stakeholders listed below, within the indicated deadlines set forth below:

   (a) by no later than September 30, 2015, with the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture, the Ministry of Tourism and, individually, each of the Participating Resorts and Participating Dive Centers, setting out the stakeholders' roles and responsibilities for the carrying out of Part 2 of the Project, including environmental and social safeguards measures in accordance with the Safeguard Instruments;

   (b) by no later than September 30, 2015, with the Local Government Authority, setting out the stakeholders' roles and responsibilities for the carrying out of Part 4(a) of the Project; and

   (c) prior to the commencement of any activities under Parts 1 or 3 of the Project, with:

      (i) Addu City Council, setting out the stakeholders' role and responsibilities for the carrying out of Parts 1 and 3 of the Project; and

      (ii) Gnaviyani Atoll Council, setting out the stakeholders' roles and responsibilities for the carrying out of Parts 1 and 3 of the Project.
D. Scholarships

1. The Recipient shall:

   (a) by no later than six (6) months after the date of this Agreement, revise the Operations Manual to include criteria, terms and conditions, satisfactory to the World Bank, for the provision of Scholarships to Scholarship Recipients;

   (b) prior to the provision of any Scholarships under Part 4(b) of the Project, cause MEE to enter into the Scholarship MoU with the Maldives National University, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, setting forth, inter alia, the arrangements for the provision of Scholarships to Scholarship Recipients; and

   (c) thereafter provide Scholarships to Scholarship Recipients in accordance with the provisions of the Operations Manual, the Scholarship MoU, this Agreement, and in a manner satisfactory to the World Bank.

E. Safeguards

1. The Recipient shall carry out the project in accordance with the Safeguards Instruments.

2. Whenever an additional or revised Environment and Social Impact Assessment, Environmental Management Plan or Resettlement Action Plan shall be required for any proposed Project activity in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental and Social Assessment and Management Framework, the Recipient shall:

   (a) prior to the commencement of such activity, proceed to have such ESIA, EMP, or RAP: (i) prepared in accordance with the provisions of the ESAMF; (ii) furnished to the World Bank for review and approval; and (iii) thereafter adopted, disclosed and implemented as approved by the World Bank, in a manner acceptable to the World Bank;

   (b) thereafter take such measures as shall be necessary or appropriate to ensure compliance with the requirements of such ESIA, EMP, or RAP; and

   (c) in the case of any resettlement activity under the Project involving Affected Persons, ensure that no displacement shall occur before necessary resettlement measures consistent with the ESAMF and RAP applicable to such activity have been executed, including, in the case of displacement, full payment to Affected Persons of compensation and of other assistance required for relocation, prior to displacement.
3. The Recipient shall not amend, suspend, or waive any of the Safeguards Instruments, or any provision thereof, unless the World Bank has provided its prior approval thereof in writing and the Recipient has complied with the same consultation and disclosure requirements as applicable to the original adoption of the said Safeguards Instruments.

4. Without limitation on its other reporting obligations under this Agreement, the Recipient shall collect, compile, and submit to the World Bank, as part of the Project Reports, information on the status of compliance with the Safeguards Instruments, giving details of: (a) measures taken in furtherance of the Safeguards Instruments; (b) conditions, if any, which interfere or threaten to interfere with the smooth implementation of the Safeguards Instruments; and (c) remedial measures taken or required to be taken to address such conditions.

5. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of any of the Safeguards Instruments and the provisions of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail.

F. Anti-Corruption

The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Anti-Corruption Guidelines.

G. Enforcement of Protected Wetlands Management System

In order to ensure that the wetlands conservation activities under Part 1 of the Project are implemented in a manner designed to achieve the objectives of the Project, and unless the World Bank shall otherwise agree in writing, the Recipient shall ensure that:

(a) all Eligible Expenditures incurred for these activities are used exclusively for the sole purpose of implementing the protected wetlands management system established under the Recipient’s laws and regulations and shall not be used for purposes of any other law enforcement (including policing) activity;

(b) the Grant shall not be used to support the investigation, prosecution, and/or enforcement of judgments that, ex ante, target individuals; and

(c) the Grant shall not be used to purchase arms or ammunition or to train any personnel in the use of arms or ammunition.
H. Donor Visibility and Visit

1. The Recipient shall take or cause to be taken all such measures as the World Bank may reasonably request to identify publicly the Donors’ support for the Project.

2. For the purposes of Section 2.09 of the Standard Conditions, the Recipient shall, upon the World Bank’s request, enable the representatives of the Donors to visit any part of the Recipient’s territory for purposes related to the Project.

Section II. Project Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation

A. Project Reports; Completion Report

1. The Recipient shall monitor and evaluate the progress of the Project and prepare Project Reports in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions and on the basis of the indicators set forth in the Operations Manual. Each Project Report shall cover the period of one (1) calendar quarter, and shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than forty five (45) days after the end of the period covered by such report.

2. The Recipient shall prepare the Completion Report in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.06 of the Standard Conditions. The Completion Report shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the Closing Date.

B. Financial Management; Financial Reports; Audits

1. The Recipient shall ensure that a financial management system is maintained in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 of the Standard Conditions.

2. The Recipient shall ensure that interim unaudited financial reports for the Project are prepared and furnished to the World Bank not later than forty five (45) after the end of each calendar quarter, covering the quarter, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

3. The Recipient shall have its Financial Statements for the Project audited in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.07 (b) of the Standard Conditions. Each such audit of the Financial Statements shall cover the period of one fiscal year of the Recipient. The audited Financial Statements for each such period shall be furnished to the World Bank not later than six (6) months after the end of such period.

4. Without limitation to the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Section II.B., the Recipient shall acquire or develop, within three (3) months of the date of this
Agreement, and thereafter maintain and operate throughout the period of Project implementation, a customized accounting software, satisfactory to the World Bank, to be used in the accounting and financial management of the Project.

Section III. **Procurement**

A. **General**

1. **Procurement and Consultant Guidelines.** All goods, works non-consulting-services and consultants' services required for the Project and to be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant shall be procured in accordance with the requirements set forth or referred to in:

   (a) Section I of the Procurement Guidelines in the case of goods, works and non-consulting services, and Sections I and IV of the Consultant Guidelines in the case of consultants' services; and

   (b) the provisions of this Section III, as the same shall be elaborated in the Procurement Plan.

2. **Definitions.** The capitalized terms used below in this Section to describe particular procurement methods or methods of review by the World Bank of particular contracts, refer to the corresponding method described in Sections II and III of the Procurement Guidelines, or Sections II, III, IV and V of the Consultant Guidelines, as the case may be.

B. **Particular Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services**

1. **International Competitive Bidding.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, goods, works and non-consulting services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of International Competitive Bidding.

2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-consulting Services.** The following methods, other than International Competitive Bidding, may be used for procurement of goods, works and non-consulting services for those contracts specified in the Procurement Plan: (a) National Competitive Bidding, subject to the additional provisions set forth in the Attachment to this Schedule; (b) Shopping; (c) Direct Contracting; and (d) Community Participation procedures which have been found acceptable to the World Bank.

C. **Particular Methods of Procurement of Consultants' Services**

1. **Quality- and Cost-based Selection.** Except as otherwise provided in paragraph 2 below, consultants' services shall be procured under contracts awarded on the basis of Quality- and Cost-based Selection.
2. **Other Methods of Procurement of Consultants’ Services.** The following methods, other than Quality- and Cost-based Selection, may be used for procurement of consultants' services for those assignments which are specified in the Procurement Plan: (a) Quality-based Selection; (b) Selection under a Fixed Budget; (c) Least Cost Selection; (d) Selection based on Consultants’ Qualifications; (e) Single-source Selection of consulting firms; (f) Selection of Individual Consultants; and (g) Single-source procedures for the Selection of Individual Consultants.

D. **Review by the World Bank of Procurement Decisions**

The Procurement Plan shall set forth those contracts which shall be subject to the World Bank’s Prior Review. All other contracts shall be subject to Post Review by the World Bank.

Section IV. **Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds**

A. **General**

1. The Recipient may withdraw the proceeds of the Grant in accordance with the provisions of: (a) Article III of the Standard Conditions; (b) this Section; and (c) such additional instructions as the World Bank may specify by notice to the Recipient (including the “World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects” dated May 2006, as revised from time to time by the World Bank and as made applicable to this Agreement pursuant to such instructions), to finance Eligible Expenditures as set forth in the table in paragraph 2 below.

2. The following table specifies the categories of Eligible Expenditures that may be financed out of the proceeds of the Grant ("Category"), the allocations of the amounts of the Grant to each Category, and the percentage of expenditures to be financed for Eligible Expenditures in each Category:
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<th>Category</th>
<th>Amount of the Grant Allocated (expressed in USD)</th>
<th>Percentage of Expenditures to be Financed (exclusive of Taxes)</th>
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<td>(1) Goods, works, non-consulting services, consultants' services, Training and Workshops, and Incremental Operating Costs under the Project</td>
<td>4,110,000</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>(2) Training (Scholarships) under Part 4(b) of the Project</td>
<td>100,000</td>
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<td>TOTAL AMOUNT</td>
<td>4,210,000</td>
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B. Withdrawal Conditions; Withdrawal Period

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Part A of this Section, no withdrawal shall be made:

   (a) for payments made prior to the date of this Agreement, except that withdrawals up to an aggregate amount not to exceed $842,000 equivalent may be made for payments made prior to this date but on or after December 1, 2014, for Eligible Expenditures under Category (1); or

   (b) under Category (2) for Scholarships until the World Bank has notified the Recipient that it has received evidence satisfactory to it that the Recipient has: (i) revised the Operations Manual to include criteria, terms and conditions, satisfactory to the World Bank, for the provision of Scholarships to Scholarship Recipients; and (ii) caused MEE to enter into the Scholarship MoU with the Maldives National University, in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank.

2. The Closing Date referred to in Section 3.06 (c) of the Standard Conditions is June 30, 2018.
Attachment to Schedule 2

Requirements Under National Competitive Bidding

In order to ensure economy, efficiency, transparency, and broad consistency with the provisions of the Procurement Guidelines; goods, works and non-consulting services procured under National Competitive Bidding (NCB) method shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. Only the model bidding documents for NCB agreed with the World Bank shall be used for bidding;

2. Invitations for bids will be advertised in at least one widely circulated national daily newspaper, and bidding documents will be made available at least twenty one (21) days before, and issued up to, the deadline for submission of bids;

3. Qualification criteria will be stated in the bidding documents, and if a registration process is required, a foreign firm declared as the lowest evaluated responsive bidder shall be given a reasonable time for registering, without let or hindrance;

4. Bids will be opened in public in one location, immediately after the deadline for the submission of bids, as stipulated in the bidding document (the bidding document will indicate the date, time and place of bid opening);

5. Except in cases of force majeure or exceptional situations beyond the control of the implementing agency, the extension of bid validity will not be allowed;

6. Bids will not be rejected merely on the basis of a comparison with an official estimate;

7. Except with the prior concurrence of the World Bank, there will be no negotiation of price with bidders, even with the lowest evaluated bidder;

8. A bidder’s bid security will apply only to the specific bid, and a contractor’s performance security will apply only to the specific contract under which they are furnished; and

9. Bids will not be invited on the basis of percentage premium or discount over the estimated cost, unless agreed with the World Bank.
APPENDIX

1. “Addu Atoll” means the atoll of Addu within the Recipient’s territory.

2. “Addu City Council” means the elected local council for Addu City under the Decentralization Act, having legal jurisdiction for Hithadhoo Island within Addu City; or any successor thereto.

3. “Affected Persons” means persons who, on account of implementation of the Project, have experienced or would experience direct economic and social impacts caused by: (a) the involuntary taking of land resulting in: (i) relocation or loss of shelter; (ii) loss of assets or access to assets; or (iii) loss of income sources or means of livelihood, whether or not such persons must move to another location; or (b) the involuntary restriction of access to legally designated parks and protected areas, resulting in adverse impacts on the livelihood of such persons.


5. “Atoll Council” means the elected local council for an atoll under the Decentralization Act.

6. “BirdLife Important Bird and Biodiversity Area Programme” means the global programme for the conservation of birds and other wildlife established and administered by BirdLife International.


9. “Coral Database” means a web-enabled database of coral reef health data developed under the Climate Change Multi-Donor Trust Fund Grant for the Wetland Conservation and Coral Reef Monitoring for Adaptation to Climate Change Project, in order to store data and assist with the analysis and decision-making process on coral reef monitoring, studying and preservation.

11. “Environmental and Social Assessment and Management Framework” and the acronym “ESAMF” mean the Recipient’s framework, dated November 26, 2014, and acceptable to the World Bank, for undertaking environmental and social analysis and developing mitigation measures for all Project activities, including protocols for screening of Project activities, guidelines for the preparation of ESIAs, EMPs, and RAPs, as said framework may be revised from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank, and such term includes any annexes or schedules to such framework.

12. “Environment and Social Impact Assessment” and the acronym “ESIA” mean each assessment to be prepared in accordance with the ESAMF, and pursuant to Section IE of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, each such assessment in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, and defining details of potential environmental and social risks and adverse impacts associated with the implementation of Project activities, as said assessments may be revised from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank, and such term includes any annexes or schedules to such assessments.

13. “Environmental Management Plan” and the acronym “EMP” mean each plan to be prepared in accordance with the ESAMF, and pursuant to Section IE of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, each such plan in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, and setting forth the measures for mitigating the environmental and social risks and impacts associated with the implementation of Project activities, as well as the administrative and monitoring arrangements for ensuring the implementation of said plans, as said plans may be revised from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank, and such term includes any annexes or schedules to such plans.

14. “Environment Protection Agency” means the Recipient’s Environment Protection Agency, established pursuant to a Recipient Presidential Decree; or any successor thereto.

15. “Fuvahmulah Island” means the island of Fuvahmulah, part of Gnaviyani Atoll within the Recipient’s territory.

16. “Gnaviyani Atoll” means the atoll of Gnaviyani within the Recipient’s territory.

17. “Gnaviyani Atoll Council” means the elected local council for Gnaviyani Atoll under the Decentralization Act; or any successor thereto.

18. “Hithadhoo Island” means the island of Hithadhoo, part of Addu Atoll within the Recipient’s territory.

19. “Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas” means areas designated as Important Bird and Biodiversity Areas using standardized criteria under the BirdLife Important Bird and Biodiversity Area Programme.

20. “Island Council” means the elected local council for an island under the Decentralization Act; or any successor thereto.
21. “Local Government Authority” and the acronym “LGA” mean a local government authority established pursuant to the Recipient’s Decentralization Act of 2010; or any successor thereto.

22. “Maldives National University” means the Maldives National University established pursuant to the Maldives National University Act of 2010; or any successor thereto.

23. “Marine Research Centre” and the acronym “MRC” mean the Marine Research Centre within the Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture and established pursuant to a Recipient Presidential Decree; or any successor thereto.


25. “Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture” and the acronym “MoFA” mean the Recipient’s Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture; or any successor thereto.

26. “Ministry of Tourism” and the acronym “MoT” mean the Recipient’s Ministry of Tourism; or any successor thereto.

27. “National Coral Reef Monitoring Framework” means the Recipient’s National Coral Reef Monitoring Framework that supports the web-enabled technology platform that will enable access to coral reef health data and associated decision-making support tools, and referred to in Part 2 of the Project.

28. “Operating Costs” means the reasonable costs incurred by the Recipient for purposes of the management and supervision of the Project, including costs of office utilities and supplies, communication, printing services, bank charges, advertising expenses, vehicle rental, operation and maintenance of vehicles, office equipment and facilities, travel, lodging and per diem expenses, in accordance with the provisions of the Operations Manual, but excluding salaries, fees, honoraria, bonuses and any other salary supplements of the Recipient’s civil servants.

29. “Operations Manual” means the Recipient’s manual dated May 7, 2015 and acceptable to the World Bank, setting forth implementation, organizational, administrative, monitoring and evaluation, financial management, disbursement, and procurement arrangements for purposes of implementation of the Project, and criteria, terms and conditions for the provision of Scholarships to Scholarship Recipients and the selection of Participating Resorts and Participating Dive Centers, as said manual may be revised from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank, and such term includes any annexes or schedules to such manual.

30. “Participating Dive Centers” means privately owned dive centers in the Recipient’s territory that have been selected to participate in the implementation of the Project based on the criteria set forth in the Operations Manual.
31. "Participating Resorts" means privately owned tourist resorts in the Recipient's territory that have been selected to participate in the implementation of the Project based on the criteria set forth in the Operations Manual.

32. "Process Framework" means the framework, dated January 23, 2015, adopted by the Recipient and acceptable to the World Bank, which sets forth measures to address restrictions of access to legally designated protected areas within the Project Area.


34. "Procurement Plan" means the Recipient's procurement plan for the Project, dated May 7, 2015 and referred to in paragraph 1.18 of the Procurement Guidelines and paragraph 1.25 of the Consultant Guidelines, as the same shall be updated from time to time in accordance with the provisions of said paragraphs.

35. "Project Area" means those areas within the Recipient's territory that are the subject of, and/or will benefit from, activities under the Project.

36. "Project Management Unit" and the acronym "PMU" mean the unit established by the Recipient to be responsible for overall Project implementation, oversight, and coordination, and to be maintained as provided for in accordance with Section I.A.1 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

37. "Protected Area Management Unit" means each of the units to be established in Hithadhoo Island and Fuvahmulah Island under Part 1(a) of the Project and pursuant to Section I.A.2 of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

38. "Resettlement Action Plan" and the acronym "RAP" mean each plan to be prepared in accordance with the ESAMF, and pursuant to Section I.E of Schedule 2 to this Agreement, each such plan in form and substance satisfactory to the World Bank, and setting forth the principles and procedures governing the acquisition of land and related assets, and the compensation, resettlement, and rehabilitation of Affected Persons, as said plans may be revised from time to time with the prior written agreement of the World Bank, and such term includes any annexes or schedules to such plans.

39. "Safeguards Instruments" means, collectively, the ESAMF, the ESIAs, the EMPs, the Process Framework and the RAPs.

40. "Scholarship" means a scholarship provided by the Recipient under Part 4(b) of the Project and in accordance with the provisions of the Scholarship MoU, the Operations Manual, and Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

41. "Scholarship MoU" means the memorandum of understanding to be entered into between MEE and the Maldives National University, pursuant to Section I.D.1(b) of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.
42. "Scholarship Recipient" means a student enrolled in the Bachelors in Environment Management program at the Maldives National University who has been selected to receive a Scholarship in accordance with the provisions of the Scholarship MoU, the Operations Manual, and Section I.D of Schedule 2 to this Agreement.

43. "Training" means the reasonable costs of trainings, seminars, workshops, conferences and study tours, conducted in the territory of the Recipient and/or overseas, including: (i) the fees of training institutions and courses; (ii) domestic and international travel costs, lodging costs, and subsistence/per diem allowances for both trainers and trainees; (iii) the rental of training facilities; and (iv) preparation, purchase or reproduction of training materials; but excluding salaries, fees, honoraria, bonuses and any other salary supplements of the Recipient's civil servants.

44. "Women's Development Committees" means the Women's Development Committees established under Island Councils pursuant to the Decentralization Act.