Island Ecosystem Conservation and Management for Ocean Governance

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The island state of the Maldives is built up on an archipelago of diverse coastal and marine ecosystems with exceptional biodiversity. The coral reef and related ecosystems are the foundations of the country's natural resources, supporting at least 89% of country's GDP. The two largest economic sectors of the country, tourism and fisheries are highly dependent on marine natural capital. Overall, the Maldives' natural capital including biological diversity is estimated to contribute 71% to employment and 98% to exports. Conserving and managing marine ecosystems has become crucial for the survival of the communities living in these tiny small islands of the Maldives.

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