

## Fisheries in the Maldives

AN INTERNATIONAL OCEAN INSTITUTE OCEAN ACADEMY MALDIVES PROGRAMME



**DATE:** 27 Au 2023 – 07 Sep 2023

**TIME:** 20:30 – 22:30 Maldives

15:30 – 17:30 GMT

EVERY DAY EXCEPT FRI AND SAT

**LANGUAGE:** ENGLISH

**COURSE FEE:** TOTALLY FREE

The Maldives is an archipelagic nation comprising of many small islands, surrounded by the vast Indian Ocean. It is therefore no surprise that the communities living in these tiny islands of the Maldives have been fishermen for a very long time. While tourism maybe the largest contributor to the economy, fishing still employs a healthy portion of the working population. About 98 percent of the country's

export is also comprised of fish and related produces. Globally many countries, most much larger than the Maldives, are fishing nations, engaging in this huge and profitable industry. However, unlike the vast majority, Maldives' fishery is very ecological friendly, community friendly and also labour friendly. The Maldives is exemplary in this respect.

**Aim:** This training course, conducted in English, on "Fisheries in the Maldives" is designed to deliver a basic understanding of the Maldivian approach to fisheries. The course will first set the setting by explaining the marine environment, its ecology including the diversification of the life in the Maldivian waters. The primary species and methods used for capture fishery will also be addressed before going into marketing and research. It is expected that by the end of the course, the participants will be able to appreciate why the Maldives' practices are so unique and how the country manages to profit from the industry while achieving sustainability and be in harmony with nature and the people.

### Topics covered:

The marine environment

Marine ecosystems and their roles in fisheries

Diversity of marine life

Distribution and abundance

Fisheries resources

Fishing gear technology

Fishing in the Maldives

Fisheries management

Fisheries economics and marketing

Aquaculture and fisheries research

