

MALDIVES

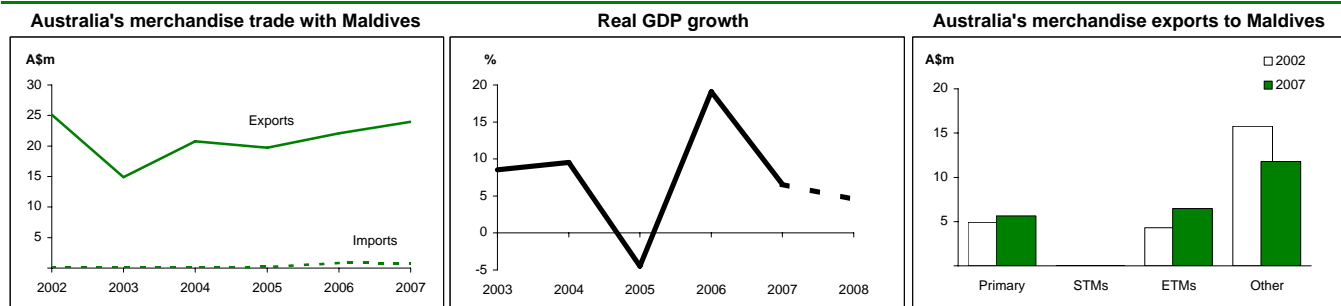
Fact Sheet

General information:

Fact sheets are updated biannually; May and September

Capital:	Malé	Head of State and Head of Government:
Surface area:	300 sq km	President HE Mr Maumoon Abdul Gayoom
Official language:	Divehi	
Population:	0.3 million (2007)	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 11.6873 Rufiyaa (Feb 2008)	

Recent economic indicators:	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007(a)	2008(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices):	692	776	751	907	1,049	1,162
GDP PPP (US\$m) (c):	1,053	1,204	1,181	1,451	1,588	1,693
GDP per capita (US\$):	2,197	2,390	2,242	2,629	3,040	3,368
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	3,342	3,705	3,529	4,207	4,604	4,908
Real GDP growth (% change YOY):	8.5	9.5	-4.5	19.1	6.6	4.5
Current account balance (US\$m):	-32	-128	-269	-369	-472	-415
Current account balance (% GDP):	-4.6	-16.5	-35.8	-40.7	-45.0	-35.7
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	83.6	88.0	62.5	na	na	na
Inflation (% change YOY):	-2.8	6.3	3.3	3.7	5.0	6.0



Australia's trade relationship with Maldives (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Maldives, 2007:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Maldives (A\$m):	24	0.0%	90th	8.7%
Imports from Maldives (A\$m):	1	0.0%	146th	-7.1%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$m):	25	0.0%	107th	8.1%

Major Australian exports, 2007* (A\$m):

Vegetables	1
Alcoholic beverages	1
Pumps for liquids	1
Internal combustion piston engines	1

*Includes A\$12m of special transactions, 48% of total exports.

Major Australian imports, 2007 (A\$m):

Non-electric engines & motors	1
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Australia's trade in services with Maldives, 2007:

		Total share:
Exports of services to Maldives (A\$m):	na	na
Imports of services from Maldives (A\$m):	na	na

Maldives' global merchandise trade relationships:

Maldives' principal export destinations, 2007:

1	Thailand	40.9%
2	Sri Lanka	14.9%
3	United Kingdom	11.5%
	Australia	na

Maldives' principal import sources, 2007:

1	Singapore	22.5%
2	United Arab Emirates	19.1%
3	India	11.5%
8	Australia	2.3%

Compiled by the Market Information and Analysis Section, DFAT, using the latest data from the ABS, the IMF and various international sources.

(a) All recent data subject to revision; (b) IMF forecast; (c) PPP is purchasing power parity; (d) Total may not add due to rounding.

na Data not available.