

MALDIVES

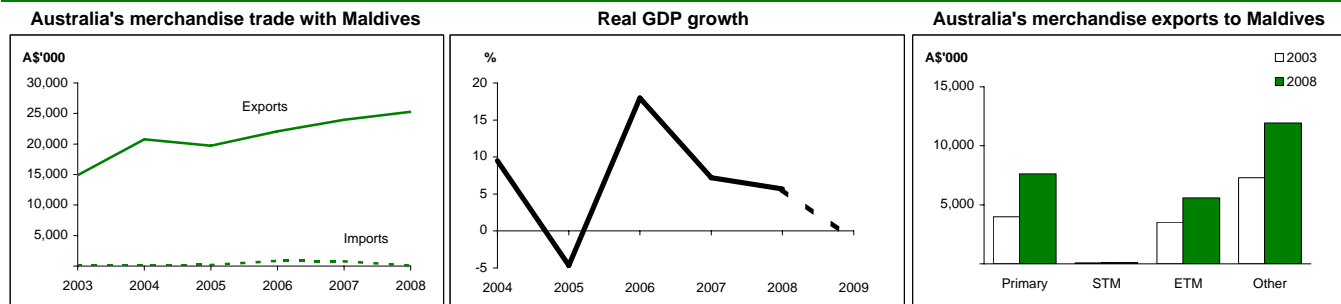
Fact Sheet

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 Mohamed Nasheed	
Official language:	Divehi		
Population:	345,000 (2008)		
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 8.3057 Rufiyaa (Feb 2009)		

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices):	776	750	915	1,054	1,259	1,288
GDP PPP (US\$m) (c):	1,204	1,180	1,437	1,582	1,708	1,701
GDP per capita (US\$):	2,390	2,239	2,654	3,055	3,649	3,735
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	3,705	3,524	4,165	4,585	4,951	4,932
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	9.5	-4.6	18.0	7.2	5.7	-1.3
Current account balance (US\$m):	-126	-269	-302	-425	-699	-229
Current account balance (% GDP):	-16.2	-35.9	-33.0	-40.3	-55.6	-17.8
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	88.8	64.6	84.9	81.2	na	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	6.3	3.3	3.5	7.4	12.3	3.7



Australia's trade relationship with Maldives (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Maldives, 2008:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Maldives (A\$'000):	25,260	0.0%	89th	5.3%
Imports from Maldives (A\$'000):	49	0.0%	185th	-93.6%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	25,309	0.0%	110th	2.2%

Major Australian exports, 2008* (A\$'000):

Meat (excl beef)	1,524
Vegetables	1,120
Internal combustion piston engines	1,094
Alcoholic beverages	984

*Includes A\$12m of special transactions, 46% of total exports.

Major Australian imports, 2008 (A\$'000):

Clothing	44
Seafood, prepared or preserved	5

Australia's trade in services with Maldives, 2008:

		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, 2008:

1	Thailand	49.0%
2	Sri Lanka	9.5%
3	France	8.7%
	Australia	na

Maldives' principal import sources, 2008:

1	Singapore	21.3%
2	United Arab Emirates	18.0%
3	India	10.4%
12	Australia	2.0%

Compiled by the Market Information and Research 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.