

MALDIVES

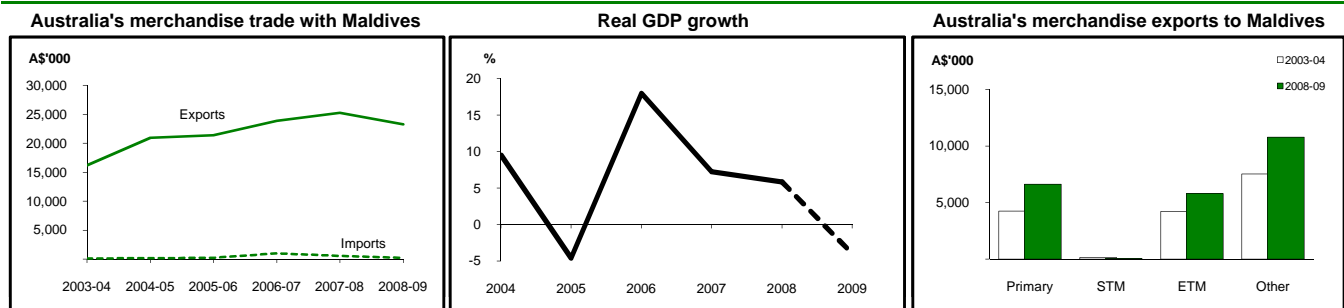
Fact Sheet

General information:

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Capital:	Malé	Head of State and Head of Government:
Surface area:	300 sq km	President HE Mohamed Nasheed
Official language:	Divehi	
Population:	0.3 million (2009)	
Exchange rate:	A\$1 = 10.6803 Rufiyaa (Aug 2009)	

Recent economic indicators:	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008(a)	2009(b)
GDP (US\$m) (current prices):	776	750	915	1,054	1,261	1,343
GDP PPP (US\$m) (c):	1,204	1,180	1,437	1,585	1,713	1,670
GDP per capita (US\$):	2,390	2,239	2,654	3,056	3,654	3,893
GDP per capita PPP (US\$) (c):	3,705	3,524	4,166	4,595	4,967	4,842
Real GDP growth (% change yoy):	9.5	-4.6	18.0	7.2	5.8	-4.0
Current account balance (US\$m):	-122	-273	-302	-438	-651	-390
Current account balance (% GDP):	-15.8	-36.4	-33.0	-41.5	-51.7	-29.0
Goods & services exports (% GDP):	88.7	63.8	84.9	81.2	na	na
Inflation (% change yoy):	6.3	2.5	3.6	7.6	11.9	5.5



Australia's trade and investment relationship with Maldives (d):

Australian merchandise trade with Maldives, 2008-09:		Total share:	Rank:	Growth (yoy):
Exports to Maldives (A\$'000):	23,238	0.0%	94th	-7.9%
Imports from Maldives (A\$'000):	195	0.0%	169th	-60.8%
Total trade (exports + imports) (A\$'000):	23,433	0.0%	113th	-9.0%

Major Australian exports, 2008-09* (A\$'000):

Meat (excl beef)	1,334
Vegetables	1,232
Beef	790
Fruit & nuts	641

*Includes A\$11m of special transactions, 46% of total exports.

Major Australian imports, 2008-09 (A\$'000):

Electric power machinery & parts	143
Clothing	43
Seafood, prepared or preserved	5
Aircraft, spacecraft & parts	4

Australia's trade in services with Maldives, 2008-09:

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

Australia's investment relationship with Maldives, 2008 (e):

	Total:	FDI:
Australia's investment in Maldives (A\$m):	na	na
Maldives' investment in Australia (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; (e) Stock, as at 31 December. Released annually by the ABS. na Data not available.