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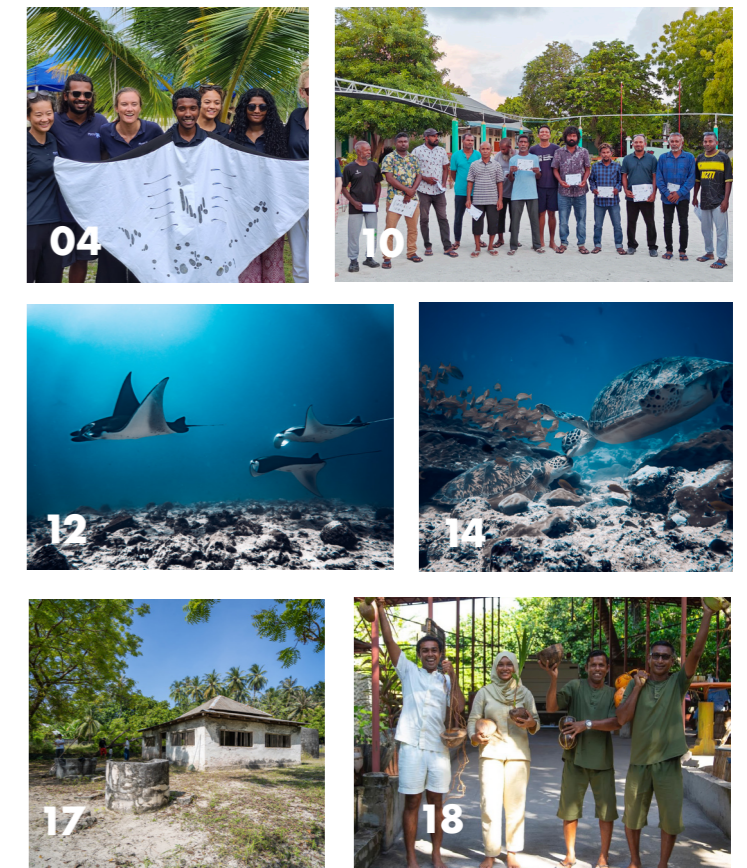
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## THE BIG STUFF

-  **542** Guests joined on megafauna surveys
-  **888** sharks were sighted
-  **547** rays were sighted
-  **394** turtles were sighted

## OUR EDUCATION

-  **1717** moments of education were shared with guests
-  **113** moments of education were shared with hosts
-  **230** moments of education were shared with the community



# SIX SENSES CONSERVATION CORAL FESTIVAL 2023



The MUI team was thrilled to be invited to the coral festival held from April 28 to 30 in the southernmost corner of the Maldives, Addu. Started by the Maldives Coral Institute (MCI) it's a festival to celebrate, advocate and increase awareness on the importance of coral reefs. The festival was held in the Maldives National University Hithadhoo Campus, where scientists, conservationists, researchers, stakeholders, students and politicians came together to share the knowledge and expertise which can contribute to preserve and protect coral reefs around the Maldives. A total of four of the MUI team attended the festival, including our partner NGOs, sharing their research and findings around the coral reefs of the Maldives. The team participated in various presentations, panel discussions and meetings while raising awareness by having fun activities at each of their stalls.

The Manta Trust team showcased the beauty of manta rays through a range of activities. Festival attendees had the chance to participate in manta ID workshops, solve manta ID puzzles, get their faces painted, and even experience virtual reality encounters with manta rays. The workshops provided education on identifying individual manta rays, their injuries, and sexual dimorphism, both anthropogenic and natural. The Manta Trust team participated in various festival activities, including a sustainability tourism panel, discussing key elements of sustainable tourism, barriers to achieving it, and how tourists can be encouraged to adopt responsible practices to combat climate change. The festival also saw the team joining a dive to the local manta point in Addu, where the divers were briefed on how to swim with manta rays responsibly. During the dive, they encountered a resident manta named Joana 1, who stayed with the group for an extended period. The festival provided an excellent opportunity for The Manta Trust to share their knowledge, engage with NGOs, university students, researchers, and the locals of Addu, and collaborate with others to protect the underwater world.



Maldives Resilient Reefs and Blue Marine Foundation were sure to cover everything reef resilience and protection at the coral festival. The team participated in two panel discussions about sustainable tourism practices and about the experience of exploring the deep oceans of Maldives with Nekton Mission. Shaha Hashim (Blue Marine Maldives Project Manager) shared her experience of being among one of the first aquanauts to explore the deep oceans of the Maldives.

At the stall, the team briefed visitors about all on-going projects and engaged them in a game demonstrating how the Laamaseelu Masveriyaa programme sources sustainably caught reef fish with minimum landing size limits. A sea grass monitoring workshop was run on day two for the public, where we provided theory and in-field training. Afaaz, Naufal, and Muffliha gave a talk about each of their projects. They shared how the Laamaseelu Masveriyaa program is run at Six Senses Laamu, how the development of a Community Conservation Area in Laamu Hithadhoo can be an effective model for ocean protection throughout the Maldives and nitrogen research in Laamu Atoll. MRR chairperson Shaha also announced the launching of the new website, 'MasmahaaVeshi'. This is a free e-learning platform currently consisting of five modules, including educational videos, infographics, quizzes, and certificates to earn. More modules will be added to the portal in time.

Six Senses MUI explained Bioacoustics and explained how different fishes make different types of sounds. A lot of the community didn't know that fish made sounds, so they were very keen to listen and learn the different sounds they made. Everyone's favorite was the Maldivian Anemonefish and the sounds they were making to communicate with each other. Over 40 different people listened and learned about Bioacoustics!



 4 presentations

 1 call for action

 3 panel discussions

 5 educational videos played



# MASTERS STUDENTS

The MUI team is lucky to have welcomed four Masters students into the team to conduct their research projects for their Masters Thesis. Three of these students have come from Prof. Callum Roberts and Dr. Julie Hawkins Masters course in University of Exeter. Callum & Julie also came to visit in April before they headed to the Coral Festival. Callum is a marine conservation researcher, author and was the chief scientific advisor for Blue Planet 2. Their visit was a great success with many of MUIs research projects benefiting from their advice. We are looking forward to seeing these projects progress and contribute to our understanding of Laamu's marine life!

## CHLOE - UNIVERSITY OF EXETER



Chloe grew up in California, where she found her love for the ocean and from a young age has wanted to protect the beautiful underwater world. Upon moving to the UK, she undertook a BSc in Marine Vertebrate Zoology and then pursued her love of the ocean with an MSc in Marine Environmental Management.

Chloe is in Laamu to collect data for her Master's thesis, investigating the interactions between dolphin cruise boats and pods of Spinner and Bottlenose dolphins within Laamu Atoll. Understanding this, it is important to know if dolphin behavior is impacted by dolphin cruises and to develop our Code of Conduct so that it is suitable to be shared amongst other tourism operators. She is currently noting details such as pod size, presence of calves and mating behavior on each dolphin cruise. She is also observing if pods choose to avoid the boat or interact with it through approaching and bow riding. She will then use this data to reform Six Senses dolphin cruise code of conduct and progress our understanding of dolphin distribution and behavior in Laamu.

## JUSTIN - UNIVERSITY OF EXETER



Justin is a MSc student in Marine Environmental Management at the University of Exeter. Growing up in Hong Kong, he loved to travel to nearby South-East Asian countries from a young age, where he developed his passion for marine conservation. His childhood experiences encouraged him to complete his SDI Rescue Diver course and undertake a BSc in Environmental Science from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, followed by an MSc at the University of Exeter.

Justin is in Laamu to collect data for his MSc thesis, and to learn the methods with which the MUI team have built their historical data set. Very little is still known about the coral reproductive patterns in the Maldives and understanding their reproduction is key to understanding how coral reefs are able to recover. His thesis aims to assess the spawning patterns of coral reefs in Laamu and develop a baseline understanding of their reproductive cycles. Whilst on island, he will take part in coral cracking and night spawning dives, and the ultimate goal of his project is to produce the first MUI publication of coral spawning events patterns.

## BEN - UNIVERSITY OF EXETER



Ben is a MSc Marine Environmental Management student, from the University of Exeter, who will be collecting data for his research thesis for the next month. Ben will be focusing on the Manta Trust's Eyes on the Reef remote camera data sets that the team has continuously collected here in Laamu since 2021. Looking at cleaning stations at both Hithadhoo Corner (Manta Point) and Fushi Kanduu, he is trying to understand the variation in the mantas site use. Manta ray's slow reproductive rates, coupled with a diversity of threats from humans makes these animals particularly vulnerable to overexploitation and considerable population declines. By identifying and understanding areas of particular importance to the animals, Ben aims to detail areas of protective priority and provide applicable insights to the Manta Trust's code of conduct for the continuation of sustainable tourism.

Ben began his journey in conservation in 2017, after applying for university from an elephant rehabilitation centre in rural Cambodia. During Ben's BSc in Conservation Biology and Ecology, also from the University of Exeter, he slowly transitioned into the realm of marine conservation. Following his undergraduate degree, he spent six months working for the Society for the Protection of Turtles (SPOT), based in Northern Cyprus, in 2021 and 2022, as well as fisheries research and turtle conservation in Costa Rica. Ben's desire to conduct a Master's course after finishing his placements was clear. Throughout his MSc, Ben developed an understanding of fisheries management, marine protected area design, statistical modelling and the ecology of coral reefs and their associated fisheries. The Manta Trust has been on Ben's radar for a while and to have the opportunity to conduct original research with the Laamu team was very exciting.

## AMY - IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF LONDON



Amy is studying Computational Methods in Ecology and Evolution at Imperial College London and is here for three months to conduct research for her masters thesis. When Amy first got involved in conservation, she was fascinated by marine creatures' natural instincts and abilities. She has carried out fieldwork in marine environments, working in various organizations including the Sea Turtle Conservancy in Costa Rica and Archelon in Greece, where she gained experience with green, hawksbill and loggerhead sea turtles in nesting projects.

She will be spending the next three months with MUI to work on her thesis projects, which will focus on studying the sea turtles at Hithadhoo Corner, a megafauna hotspot in Laamu. Amy is aiming to carry out a social network study of the green sea turtles we see there regularly. Sea turtles are generally known as solitary creatures, however there are studies to suggest that individuals do interact with each other. Her work aims to understand if the sea turtles at this site recognise each other and rest together. The findings from her research will help us better understand the importance of resting sites for turtles, and ultimately contribute towards better conservation of such sites.



# MUI TEAM STARTS THE ANNUAL SEAGRASS SURVEYS



It is that time of the year when the MUI team starts the annual seagrass surveys around the island of Six Senses Laamu. Athif and Jess kicked off the surveys by collecting data on distribution, species composition, height, and algae cover. 1.25 meadows done and 4.75 to go! More members of the MUI team will join the surveys, with quadrat transects, biodiversity surveys and fish transect surveys all being conducted. In addition to the annual survey, the team also does a monthly drone survey to monitor changes in the meadows. By doing these surveys, we can understand the abundance, distribution and the incredible biodiversity in these meadows. We are excited to see how the meadows have developed and compare the results to the previous years.



# MUI'S FIRST CORAL EXPERIENCE FOR GUESTS



With the high occupancy over Easter, the MUI team took this opportunity to show guests a more detailed and hands-on experience of the research going on in the SHELL. The MUI team hosted a Coral workshop termed the 'Coral Experience'. During the workshop, guests could come into the lab and see the processes in place to get our baby corals currently growing in the Coral Rearing Tanks of our Collaborative for Laamu (CRL) project that launched in March. Guests could also dive into Virtual Reality and be fully immersed in a coral reef with our MetaQuest headsets. In addition to all that was going on in the Lab, guests could enter the Tank to experience the true sounds of the reef and understand the interesting and still under-studied communications on the reef. This event was a great success and allowed guests a more intimate sneak peek into the daily workings of MUI's research and also allowed for some inspiring and moving experiences using VR and the Tank. We are looking forward to hosting more in-depth experiences for guests in our Lab and SHELL facilities in the future.

# EASTER JUNIOR MARINE BIOLOGISTS

Our Junior Marine Biology programme as always was popular over the Easter period with 12 students joining Junior Marine Biology over April! Sessions included How to Help, Tangled Turtles and Studying the Sea. All of these sessions are preparing these young naturalists with skills and knowledge that they can use as they grow into the budding Marine Biologists they aspire to be.





# BLUE MARINE FOUNDATION



## SECOND LAAMASEELU MASVERIYA QUARTERLY MEETING 2023

On April 24, Maldives Resilient Reefs (MRR) and Blue Marine Foundation, held the Laamaseelu Masveriyaa second quarterly meeting of 2023 and two of our MUI team members assisted. A total of 12 local fishers attended. The meeting began with a presentation of the main findings from the 2022 Laamaseelu Masveriyaa report: no protected species were landed, 9,428 kg of seafood was landed, species statistics (Giant Trevally was the most frequently landed species) and fishing locations. Action points from the report were explained to the fishers and the fishers had an opportunity to discuss their concerns and thoughts. The new government guidelines on sailfish measurement were explained to the fishermen to ensure they measure the sailfish correctly when



bringing to Six Senses Laamu. The three fishers of the quarter were announced and appreciated. The second part of the meeting was focused on the launch of our new online education portal – MasMahaaVeshi. The fishers were guided through three of the five modules with videos and infographics and completed quiz questions at the end of each module. The fishers also completed a short questionnaire to give their input on two local Marine Protected Areas. The meeting concluded with a group photo followed by dinner at a local café.



 1 fisher meeting held

 12 fishers attended the meeting

# BLUE MARINE AND MRR PROUDLY PRESENTS MASMAHAA VESHI



Maldives Resilient Reefs (MRR) and Blue Marine Foundation proudly launched a new online education programme MasMahaaVeshi at the Coral Festival in Addu. MasMahaaVeshi means reefs, fish and their habitat and is available in English and Dhivehi languages. It is aimed at the public, and specifically the fishers, who are part of our sustainable fishing programme at Six Senses Laamu– Laamaseelu Masveriyaa. There are currently five modules in total, four general and one specialist. Users will learn about the Maldives marine environment in our 'precious reefs' module, reef fish biology in 'the secret lives of fish', sustainable fisheries in 'fish

with care' and fisheries management in 'conservation in action'. The specialist module explains how the sustainable fishing programme, Laamaseelu Masveriyaa, works and how the fishers are supplying sustainably caught fish to Six Senses Laamu. Each module has infographics and a short video, at the end of each module users can test their knowledge with a fun quiz! We will continue to develop and add to the programme and already have modules on climate change and nitrogen planned.

 1 educational program launched

 5 educational modules

## FISH OF THE MONTH – SMALL TOOTHED JOBFISH

The small-toothed Jobfish has a bronze/blue-gray color and can grow up to 70 cm in length. This species is primarily piscivorous, feeding mainly on smaller fish, and can be found either solitary or in small schools on the reef. As schooling fish are vulnerable to overfishing, the Laamaseelu Masveriyaa program has implemented a precautionary size limit of 40 cm for these tropical fish. Although these tropical snappers can be found at depths ranging from 1-120 meters depending on their size and age, there have been reports of them being found at depths of up to 300 m. Being found in such deep depths means that their flesh needs to be tender to withstand the high pressure, which makes them a favorite of chefs to serve at the resort restaurants.

 91 Small Toothed Jobfish landings

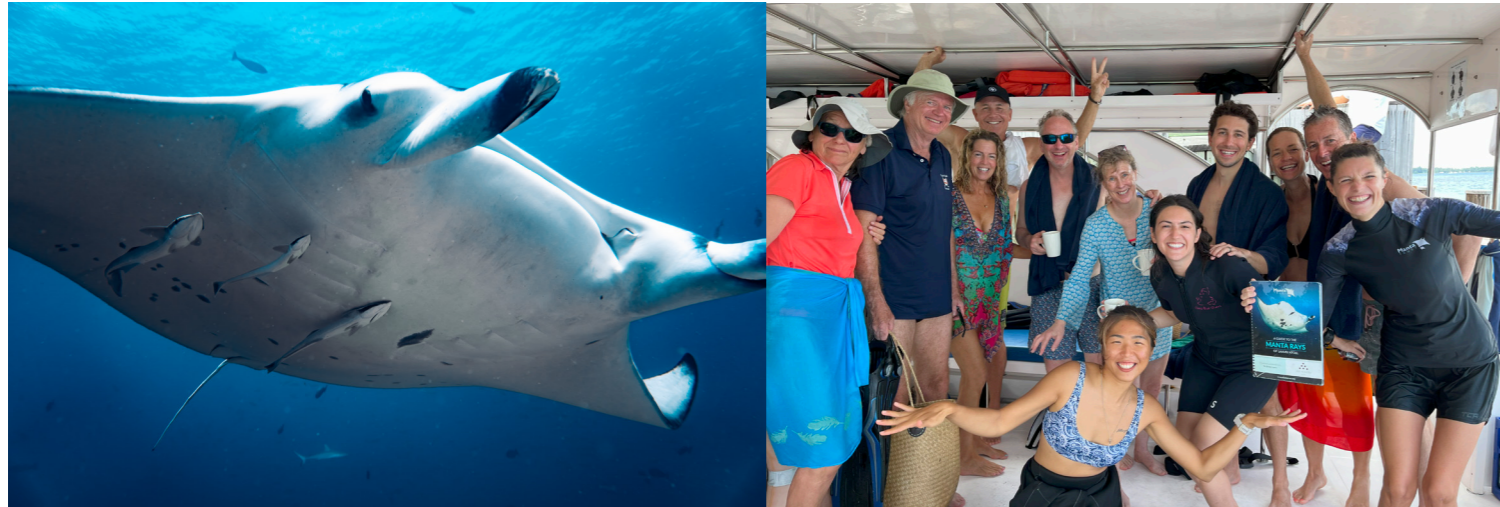




# THE MANTA TRUST



## MANTASTIC DIVES



April was a great mobulid month, with sightings of 118 Short horned Pygmy Devil Rays in one dive alone, over 40 manta ray sightings across the month and a total of 25 photo-IDs obtained! The Manta Trust team joined 141 guests on their manta or mobula dives, giving code of conduct briefings and focusing on explaining the difference between devil – and manta rays.

With the change of seasons, manta sightings are usually high, and this month was no difference – towards the end of the month the team had almost daily manta sightings on our nearby manta site Hithadhoo Corner. Guests on these dives were amazed to be able to observe manta rays getting cleaned by the little cleaner wrasses for up to 60 minutes at a time, while patiently and calmly hovering above the seafloor next to the cleaning stations. Some lucky guests even saw mantas in courtship behavior, which is particularly exciting as the mantas pick up speed from one moment to the other, doing flips and turns chasing each other. It was a mesmerizing experience for all of them and the team was so happy to observe a pregnant female manta as well! This is the first pregnancy suspected since 2021 and the team is incredibly excited to hopefully see the manta's belly grow from month to month. Manta rays only give birth to one pup at the time, and they are pregnant for over a year. Because it is a lot of energy that goes into their reproduction, it is even more special to be able to observe these gentle giants during their pregnancies.

 **8** eyes-on-the-reef deployments

 **141** guests joined on manta dives

 **42** manta ray sightings



# NEW CLEANING STATION DISCOVERED

Finding new manta aggregation sites in Laamu Atoll is one of Manta Trust's biggest goals. When looking for new sites, the team usually tries to either find manta rays on the surface using drones, allowing the team to locate feeding grounds, or identify potential cleaning stations, which are usually characterized as prominent reef outcrops or a coral bommies with the right species of cleaner fish present such as the Lyretail Wrasse (*Thalassoma lunare*) and the Bluestreak Cleaner Wrasse (*Labroides dimidiatus*).

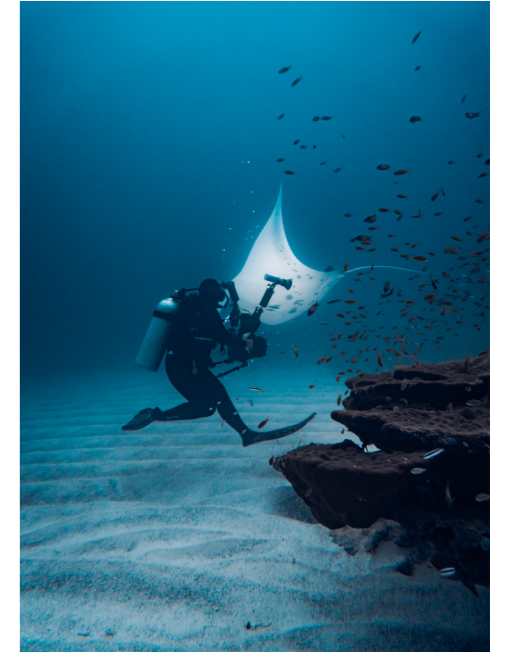
Earlier in the month, the Manta Trust team had identified one of these potential areas about 1 kilometer away from their Kurethi dive location. The team marked the location with the intention of returning when conditions would allow. They managed to return during the last week of the month, and what a success it was! The team located the cleaning station, descended, and started deploying one of their Remote Underwater Video Systems, when in the corner of their eyes they saw a manta cruising by.

During a camera deployment the team "enters" the cleaning station for a short period of time. So as soon as Miri, Manta Trust Project Manager, spotted the manta, she calmly moved off the cleaning station aborting the camera deployment, noticing how the manta observed her from a safe distance. Only a few moments later, the manta (later identified to be Mantamax – one of Laamu's resident mantas) saw the cleaning station to be "free" and felt comfortable enough to come closer and get cleaned on the station for 15 minutes with the team watching. This interaction showed exactly the reason why the team is promoting code of conducts: if you ever find yourself on top of a cleaning station, move to the side so that animals like manta rays can enter the cleaning station.

The next day a keen photography dive group was taken to the new cleaning station. From the surface, Miri had already spotted two mantas cruising by the cleaning station. After the whole group descended, unfortunately there wasn't any sign of mantas anymore, so most of the group moved on. Erin Quigley, photographer, videographer and supporter of MUI, and Miri, stayed so Erin could take some more closer videos of the cleaning stations. Erin's big video lights might have sparked some curiosity because in that moment, a manta called Everette, came flying in with great speeds. By the time Erin reacted to Miri's sounds, Everette was already in touching distance to Erin, giving her a little shock to see a manta this close to her when turning around. What a beautiful encounter showing the curiosity of these intelligent creatures. Luckily, some of the rest of the group saw the manta passing by just minutes later. The team managed to deploy an Eyes on the Reef camera on the new station and can't wait to view what's been recorded when retrieving it soon.

 **1** new cleaning station discovered

 **1** eyes on the Reef deployed at new site





# MANTASTIC DIVES



This month, a very special manta named Jimbo was sighted for the very first time after its' initial sighting in 2022. Jimbo was named and adopted by one of our Junior Marine Biology alumnae kids, James. Him and his brother Oli, named two of our new Laamu mantas last year after learning more about manta ray biology and research during one of their JMB sessions. When Jimbo the manta was first sighted in Fushi Kandu, a site in the northeast of Laamu Atoll, the team classified him as a juvenile, but this time the team was surprised to see him grown up, now already classifying as sub-adult, happily playing with two manta friends near one of the local cleaning stations close to the resort. When the team contacted the boys to let them know about the return of one of their mantas, they sent back this lovely photo of them both proudly holding their adoption certificates! Thank you, James and Oli, for supporting manta ray conservation and research and we hope to see you, and Jimbo & Oli-bobs again soon.



## MANTA IDENTIFICATION REPORT

### Jimbo

Sighting Country: MALDIVES
Recipient: James
Manta ID Number: MV-MA-5352
Biological Characteristics: Juvenile male
First Sighting Date: 06/10/2022
Total Number of Sightings: 1
Location Sighted: Fushi Kandu, Laamu
Additional Comments: Very curious and interested in playing with other mantas.

**1** adopted manta ray returned



**OLIVE RIDLEY PROJECT**

# THE OLIVE RIDLEY PROJECT

## CAPACITY THROUGH COLLABORATION

April was the month with the highest number of photo-ID submissions since the project began in 2018, totaling 320 recorded encounters with turtles during dives and snorkels. Not only this, there was an estimated 38 new turtles added to our growing database, bringing Laamu's number of identified wild turtles close to 900 individuals! This herculean feat would not have been possible without the collective effort of the MUI team, including our partners from the Manta Trust and Blue Marine Foundation, the Deep Blue Divers team, and more recently, ORP's new contributors from the amazing team at Reveries Dive Village in Gan.

This highlights the power of photo-ID as a tool in conservation research. It does not only provide a hands-off method of studying wild sea turtle populations, as well as other animals, but it's ease of use makes it accessible for citizen scientists who share a passion for conservation. Through collaboration with third party resorts and operators such as Deep Blue Divers and Reveries Dive Village, ORP are able to expand their capacity to study Laamu's green and hawksbill populations, and eventually, develop better protection measures for turtles around the atoll.

**179** submissions by MUI and DBD

**83** hours of nest-watch

**868** turtles in Laamu





# AFTER THE FLOOD

This month saw some of the highest spring tides of the year so far, with some beaches in Laamu Atoll being entirely washed over by the tide and waves. Unfortunately, one beach that was heavily impacted was Gaadhoo beach, the most significant nesting beach in the Maldives for green turtles. There have already been 25 nests recorded on Gaadhoo's beach this year, but sadly, most of them had experienced light to severe flooding during the high tides.

Sea turtles nest on beaches around the world, but their nests are vulnerable to a variety of environmental factors, including coastal erosion, predators, and extreme weather events, such as storms and flooding. Nests can naturally tolerate light flooding, but prolonged inundation can have a significant impact on the developing eggs, as too much water in the nest can drown the eggs and hinder the hatchlings' ability to emerge from the nest. Hopefully these nests will hatch successfully, but we will only know in the coming weeks.

Measures can be taken to protect sea turtle nests from flooding, such as using sandbags to shield the nest or relocating the eggs to a safer location.



However, the best way to protect sea turtles and their nests from flooding is to address the root cause of these issues – climate change.

Climate-associated sea level rise and increased storm activity pose a serious threat to all nesting beaches around the world, not just Gaadhoo, and should be a key focus when talking about sea turtle conservation.

# TURTLE IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Say hello to Bean (GR1111)!

This juvenile green has become a regular at Hithadhoo Corner, often found resting under coral blocks. Hithadhoo Corner, also known as Manta Point, is one of the popular dive sites near Six Senses Laamu. Bean is a 50 cm green sea turtle who was first sighted here in December 2019 and has since been encountered 37 times, with 15 sightings from this month alone! Juvenile and adult green sea turtles like Bean, are often seen resting or even sleeping at Hithadhoo Corner. Research suggests they rest for about 11 hours a day! They can slow their heart rate down to hold their breath underwater for longer, sometimes up to seven hours, and then wedge themselves under rocks and coral for a nap. This month we have seen some interesting interactions between Bean and a few other adult greens that frequent this site. On three occasions, we have seen Bean being chased away from their resting spot by larger females who may have gotten a little territorial (see photo). This behavior is interesting for sea turtles, who are considered non-social individuals, and suggests that there may be hierarchical structures within the local population.



1 excavation with 12 guests



1 nest laid

# OUR COMMUNITY GUEST CONTRIBUTION TO HERITAGE PRESERVATION

Laamu Atoll's history and culture are deeply intertwined with the broader Maldivian heritage. The atoll's beautiful natural surroundings and unique traditions and customs make it a fascinating place to explore and experience the Maldives' rich cultural tapestry.

The old coral limestone mosque in Hithadhoo is a testament to Laamu's cultural and religious heritage. Its architectural beauty, intricate design, and cultural significance hold a special place in the hearts of Laamu's community. However, with the passing of time, the mosque is in need of restoration and preservation. Cracks, fading paint, and decaying woodwork are some issues that need attention. Preserving an old mosque is no small project and requires the community's collective effort.

In April, a generous contribution was made by one of the resort's guests toward the restoration of the Hithadhoo Cultural mosque. MUI is grateful for this generosity and commitment to preserving Laamu's heritage. By preserving this mosque, we ensure that future generations can appreciate its historical value and continue to be inspired by its timeless appeal.





# OUR HOME

## KUKULHU VILLAGE

The Earth Lab team was so excited to see that the efforts of collecting eggs and putting them in the incubator were successful. The team put 20 eggs, collected from the Kukulhu Village, into the incubator in the month of April and were lucky to get six eggs hatch successfully. The team is delighted to see the little ones growing and exploring Kukulhu Village.

“Kukulhu” is the native term for chickens. Chickens are social, intelligent birds that can be trained to do many things. They have excellent memories and can recognize up to 100 different faces. Chickens have a good sense of direction and can return to their roosts even after being moved far away. Chickens have an impressive array of vocalizations and can even distinguish between different human voices. They communicate with each other through a variety of clucks, purrs, and crows. It’s really a wonderful feeling to witness such a miracle of nature.



## LAISHA- AN EARTH LAB JOURNEY

Coming from the local island of Kunahandhoo, Laisha grew up in the beautiful Laamu Atoll. Her interest in sustainable tourism was first sparked when she participated in ‘Hello Hallu,’ the marine education program by MUI. Laisha also participated in Laamafaru festivals when in school and visited Six Senses Laamu to learn more about its sustainable practices.

With her strong passion and enthusiasm, Laisha joined the resort team as an Earth Lab intern last year. Using the opportunity as her first step into the field of sustainable tourism, she learned as much as she could. Laisha has now been promoted to a permanent position at the Earth Lab as sustainability coordinator. In her new role, she will continue to enhance the operations of the Earth Lab. Laisha hosts tours and workshops for guests and hosts and other activities such as soap, paper, and coconut oil making.

Laisha believes we must learn more about our planet to know how to use its resources sustainably. She wants to inspire the community and bring them together to work towards preserving the planet for generations to come.



## CELEBRATING EARTH DAY

On April 22, the resort was abuzz with activities to celebrate Earth Day. Guests were invited to take part in a Reef Clean Up with MUI. The cleanup focused on cleaning up the coral reefs around the resort and educating the guests on the importance of protecting the marine environment.

Likewise, Earth Lab Discovery was a great opportunity for participants to explore their creativity through a variety of activities, such as paper making, coconut oil making, glass cutting, coconut crafting, and candle making. These activities provided an informative and enjoyable experience, teaching participants about sustainable practices, the importance of self-sufficiency, and the beauty of our planet.

After that, guests were invited to attend a Kombucha Workshop at Chill Bar. This workshop focused on teaching guests how to make their own Kombucha and the health benefits of drinking it. At the end of the day, guests gathered for a special Earth Day meditation at the Yoga Pavilion. The meditation focused on connecting with nature and appreciating the beauty of the planet. It was a peaceful end to the day and a reminder to the guests of the importance of preserving the environment. The day concluded with a special Earth Day presentation held at the Arrival jetty. The presentation focused on educating guests on the importance of Earth Day and what we can do to help preserve the environment. The presentation also included a discussion on climate change and how our actions can impact the planet.

We believe that celebrating Earth Day at the resort is an important way to demonstrate our commitment to preserving the environment. Our Earth Day celebration will be a fun and educative event that we hope will foster a greater appreciation for the natural beauty of our planet and inspire people to take action to keep it safe and healthy.





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