



Dharavandhoo (Island)



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Dharavandhoo (Dhivehi: ދަހަރަވަންދުވު) is one of the inhabited islands of Baa Atoll.

This island is surrounded by clear waters known as Dharavandhoo Thila and Hanifaru Bay; which are famous amongst divers around the world, for it is a sanctuary for a variety of marine life, including manta rays and whale sharks. This globally renowned eco-life zone is now strictly protected by law.

EconomyThe economy is mainly based on tourism related activities, fishery and agriculture, though most of the educated run their own businesses or are employed with work in Male (the capital city of Maldives). The education system is only available up to secondary school; further education is sought from Male or elsewhere.

TransportationDharavandhoo Airport was opened on 17 October 2012. Inner harbour dredged at first in 1997. started on 11 September 1997. Completed 09 December 1997. Work done by MTCC. The community leader of the dredging was the Mr. Abdul Hakeem Idrees under the Leadership of the Island chief Mr. Abdullah Muaz. The island also consists of a Health Centre, a Children's Nursery School, two Football Grounds, a break-water Jetty, a Powerhouse (run by a Utility Company), and two mosques.

The citizen of the island are all Dhivehi speaking. The island is administered by an Island Council consisting of 5 councilors elected by the people of the island.

Poetry and LiteratureDharavandhoo significant Island in Poetry and Dhivehi Literature. Most popular poets and linguistics were found in Dharavandhoo Hussain Edhurukaleyfaanu family. Most famous Scholar of Maldives Shaikh Hussain Salahudhdeen (father of Hon. Ibrahim Shihab, Hon. Adnan Hussain, First lady Her Excellency Fathimath Saeed (Wife of Amimn Didi), First lady Her Excellency Mariyam Saeed (Wife of President Ibrahim Nasir) and His Brother Abdullah Kamaludhdeen (father of Chief Justice Shaikh Mohamed Jameel Didi and Moosa Jameel)'s mother Thuththu Manike is a grand daughter of Dharavandhoo Edhuru kaleyfaanu. Famous poets Mr. Yoosuf Alifulhu and Mr. Saeed Alifulhu are also from Edhuru Kaleyfaanu family. Mr. Ahmed Nashid and Mr. Abdullah Muaz are also well known poets in Maldives.

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