



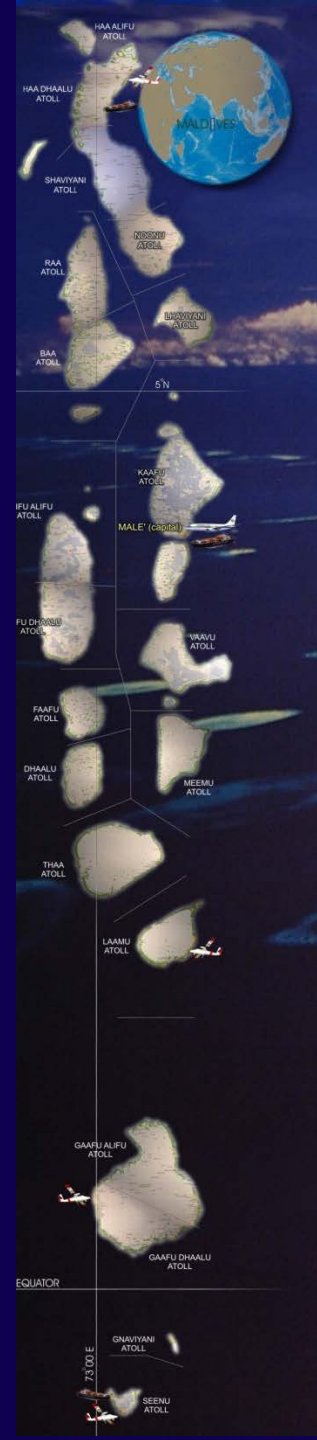
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# Sustainable and Community Friendly Fishing Practices in the Maldives

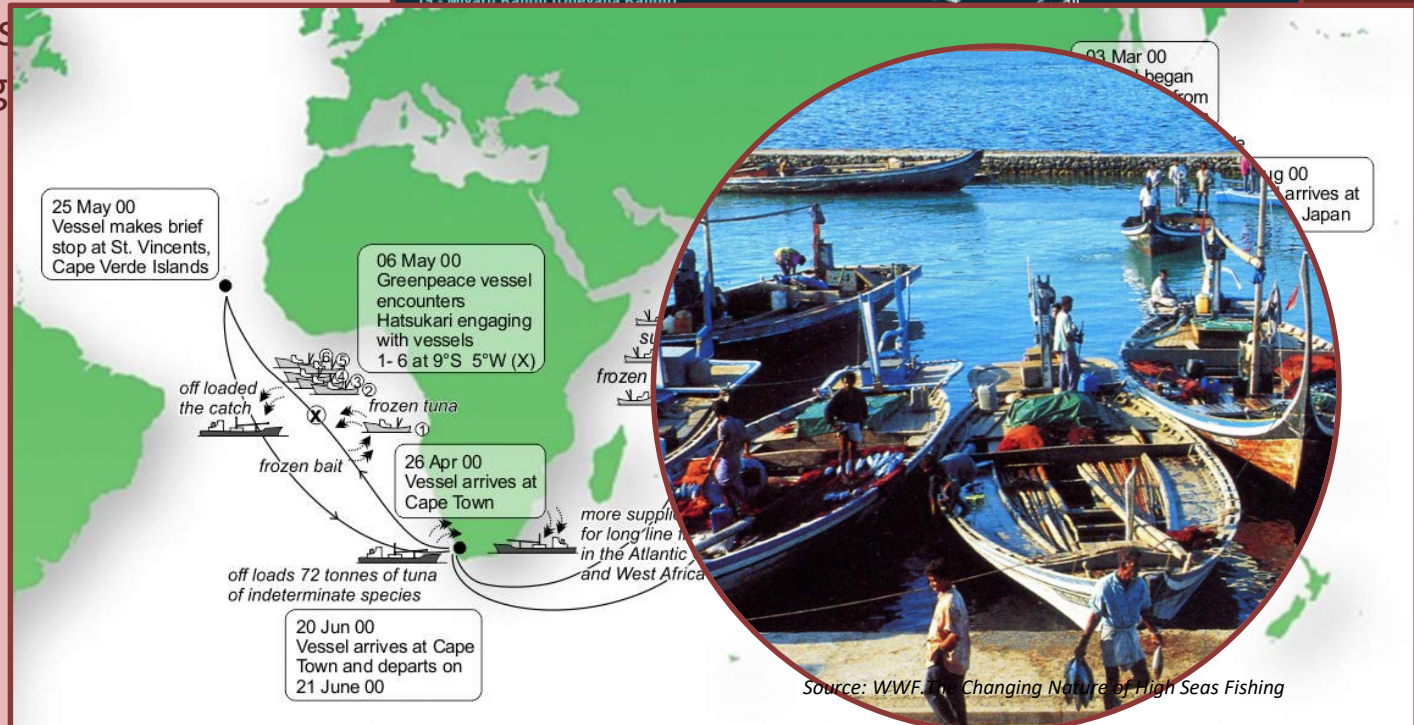
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# Stock sustainability: selective species, protection of juvenile, breeding areas

- Pole and line fishing
- Limited fishing effort
- No discards
- Protected areas
- Good reporting



Source: WWF, *The Changing Nature of High Seas Fishing*

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## Environment and eco-friendly

- Net fishing prohibited
- No trawling (bottom or otherwise)
- Blast and poison prohibited
- Turtles/sharks protected (2011)
- Coral mining restrictions



## Community engagement

Family and community complement of crew

Women engaged in processing

Community involvement in related



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## Fisher friendly

Short period at sea (normally return same day)

Immediate and often in kind payment

Safe vessels (built, operated and maintained under regulations)

EEZ fishing only beyond 100 miles from coast and for local entities

No distant water fishery

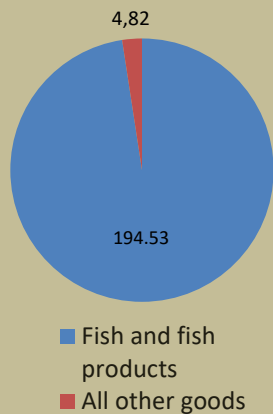


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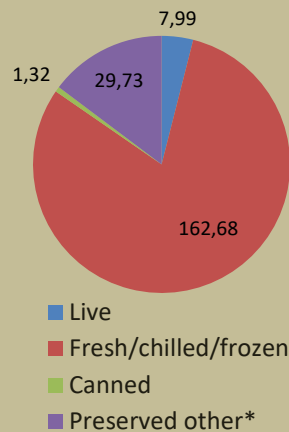
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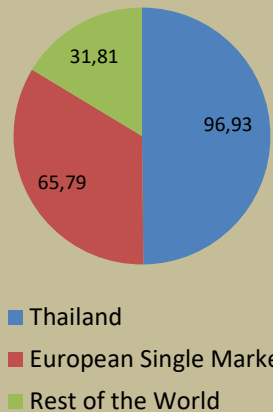


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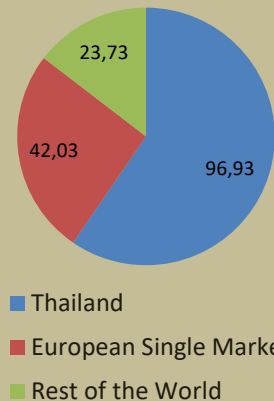


\* Includes sea cucumber in all forms

**All fish exports 2017**  
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**Fresh/chilled/frozen fish exports 2017**  
(USD million)



Source: Maldives Customs Service, 2018. <https://www.customs.gov.mv/Statistics>

# Export Statistics

Source: Maldives Customs Service

## Human rights vs sustainability EU must not attack Maldives 'green' fishery

“The Maldives has worked hard to make its fisheries among the world's most sustainable, But now the EU has slapped a 20% levy on its fish exports due to human rights concerns - a move that mainly hits poor fisherfolk innocent of any wrongdoing” - *Tony Juniper (27 Nov 14)*

<https://theecologist.org/2014/nov/27/human-rights-vs-sustainability-eu-must-not-attack-maldives-green-fishery>



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