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Dr.Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias,  
Executive Secretary,  
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**Sub: Pledge from Maldives towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity Targets**

Dear Sir,

I would like to congratulate you on the success of the eleventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, held in Hyderabad, in October 2012.

With reference to your call for urgent actions from Parties and other stakeholders towards achieving the Aichi Biodiversity Targets within the frame set as COP-10 and strive to become one of the "Biodiversity Champions", I would like to the pledge that,

***"The whole country of Maldives will be a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve by 2017 – where public support for conservation of the country's remarkable environment secures a vibrant green economy and good quality of life for all Maldivians"***

Please find attached the pledge form attached with this letter.

Thanking you

Sincerely,

Dr. Mariyam Shakeela,  
Minister





## Biodiversity Champions - Pledge Form

Parties, partners or stakeholders willing to provide support towards the achievement of the Aichi Biodiversity Targets are kindly invited to submit their pledge in writing through an official letter to the CBD Executive Secretary at [secretariat@cbd.int](mailto:secretariat@cbd.int). The present form is available to provide details about the pledge.

### Name of Party or partner

MALDIVES

### Aichi Target(s) supported by this pledge

A Causes & Mainstreaming	C Safeguarding
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Public awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11 Conserved areas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 Socio-economic integration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 12 Threatened species
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3 Appropriate incentives	<input type="checkbox"/> 13 Agricultural biodiversity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Sustainable production and consumption	D Biodiversity Benefits
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14 Ecosystem services
B Pressures & Sustainable Use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 15 Ecosystem resilience
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5 Reduced rate of habitat loss	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 Access and benefit-sharing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6 Sustainable fishing	E Implementation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7 Sustainable agriculture & forestry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17 NBSAP
<input type="checkbox"/> 8 Pollution reduction	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 Traditional knowledge
<input type="checkbox"/> 9 Invasive alien species	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19 Knowledge, science & technologies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10 Coral reefs	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 Resource mobilization

### Region(s) or sub-region(s) covered

Maldives Exclusive Economic Zone



Convention on  
Biological Diversity

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<b>Type(s) of support</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Financial resources	
<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity-building	
<input type="checkbox"/> Technical assistance	
<input type="checkbox"/> Human resources	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify	Contribution towards achieving Aichi Biodiversity targets
<b>Further details on type of support pledged</b>	
<p>1. In June 2012, at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, RIO+20 meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the President of Maldives announced the intention to declare the whole of Maldives as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve within 5 years (by 2017). This announcement was inspired by the success achieved in designating Baa Atoll as the first UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in Maldives.</p> <p>2. This ambitious target represents a commitment by the Government to implement a de-centralised system for environmental management and sustainable development, based on the lessons learned from Baa Atoll. The Vision is that “<i>Maldives will be a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve – where public support for conservation of the country’s remarkable environment secures a vibrant green economy and good quality of life for all Maldivians</i>”</p> <p>3. The three main components covered while becoming the whole country of Maldives as a biosphere reserve will be :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sites of excellence where new and optimal practices to manage nature and human activities are tested and demonstrated;</li> <li>• tools to help countries implement the results of the <a href="#">World Summit on Sustainable Development</a> and, in particular, the <a href="#">Convention on Biological Diversity</a> and its Ecosystem Approach;</li> <li>• Learning sites for the <a href="#">UN Decade on Education for Sustainable Development</a></li> </ul>	

<b>Type(s) of institution supported</b>
Government, Private Sector, Local Communities, Non Government Organisations, etc

<b>Pledge timeframe</b>	
From:	2013
To:	2017

<b>Additional relevant information</b>
Please find attached the Implementation plan for this pledge (Maldives Biosphere Reserve Implementation Plan)

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<i>Main person responsible for this pledge</i>	
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Position	Minister
Organization	Ministry of Environment and Energy
Government	MALDIVES

<b>Date</b> 5 February 2013	<b>Signature</b> 
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