

EIA PROCESS IN THE MALDIVES

TOURISM RELATED PROJECTS

A SIMPLE GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE EIA PROCESS IN MALDIVES
BEFORE UNDERTAKING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

1 Hire an EIA Consultant

First step is to hire a licensed EIA consultant. Only registered EIA consultants can do an EIA in the Maldives.



2 EIA application

EIA application must be submitted to the Ministry of Tourism (MoT) with the following documents
1. Completed EIA form, signed by the client and consultant. 2. Project brief with clear maps. 3. A draft ToR (Terms of Reference).

7 Days

4 Approval of ToR

EPA approve the ToR. Only when the ToR is approved, EIA consultants can start the EIA work.

3 Scoping meeting

After 7 days, MoT will conduct a scoping meeting with the client and the consultant to discuss the components of the ToR.



5 Preparation of the EIA Report

The EIA consultants will prepare the report, undertake the field visit and write up of the EIA report may take up to 8 weeks depending on the project



~56 Days

6 Submission of the EIA report

EIA report must be submitted to MoT with a review fee of \$2000 for EIAs and \$400 to MIRA for Environmental Monitoring projects.



7 Report Reviewing

The MoT will review the report withing 5 to 14 days.

5 to 14 Days

If the project involves any construction or costal modification, relevant forms must be submitted. Form 'AP-1' for construction and 'AP-2' for coastal modification.

*If the project involves reclamation or dredging, a dredging application signed by the client should be submitted to the EPA.

Project Implementation

After the DS is issued for the project, the client can proceed with the project.

8 Approval

After reviewing, EPA will issue the Decision Statement (DS).

*If the project involves any dredging or reclamation, the DS will be issued after obtaining a dredging permit for the project.

APPROVED

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