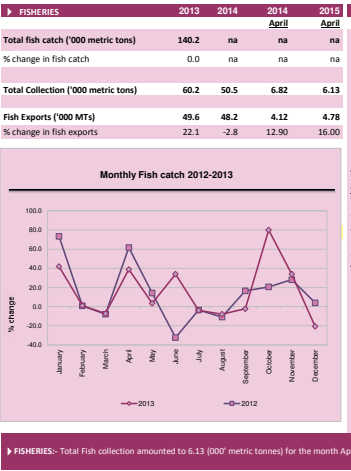
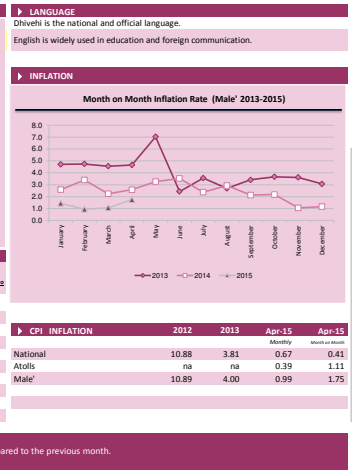
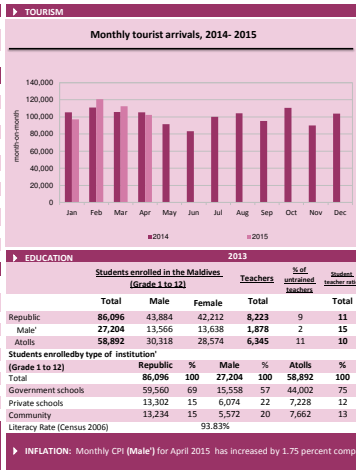


LOCATION, AREA AND CLIMATE			
Location			
Latitude : 7° 6' 35" N to 0° 42' 24" S			
Longitude : 72° 33' 19" E to 73° 46' 13" E			
Area			
Area (including sea)		115,300 sq. km	
E.E.Z		859,000 sq. km	
Climate			
	2014	Apr-14	Apr-15
Rainfall (mm)	1,996.3	84.9	82.3
Average daily min. temp. (°C)	25.8	26.7	26.4
Average daily max. temp. (°C)	31.3	32.3	32.4
Lowest temp.	20.4°C	22.8	22.5
Highest temp.	35.2°C	34.1	34.1
Number of Islands			
Inhabited	188		
Uninhabited	1004		
Number of Inhabited Islands by size of Population			
Population	<100	1000-1999	2000-3999
No. of Islands	131	47	11
Number of Inhabited Islands by Area (in hectares)			
Area (in hectares)	1-39	40-79	80-99
No. of Islands	115	40	8
POPULATION			
	2014	2015	
Both Sexes	341,256	347,552	
Male	173,172	175,394	
Female	168,084	172,158	
Census 2014			
Male	133,033		
Atolls	208,237		
Average Annual Growth Rate	Republic	1.56%	
(2000-2006)	Male	2.93%	
	Atolls	0.76%	

HEALTH			
Life expectancy at birth (years)			
Male	73.0	74.8	
Female	74.8	74.7	
Infant mortality rate /000 Live Births			
	2013	2014	
	6.0	8.0	
Crude Birth Rate (CBR) /000 Population			
	21.0	21.0	
Crude Death Rate (CDR) /000 Population			
	3.0	3.0	
Still Birth Rate (SBR) /000 Live Births			
	9.0	5.0	
Maternal Mortality Rate (MMR) /000 Live Births			
	0.00	0.41	
Population per hospital bed			
	na	na	
Population per practicing nurse			
	na	na	
Population per practicing doctor			
	na	na	
Doctors / 10,000 Population			
	na	na	
Family Health Workers / 10,000 Population			
	na	na	
Community Health Workers / 10,000 Population			
	na	na	
Notes: In 2013 no item-level deaths was covered in the country			
TOURISM			
	2014	2015	
TOURISM			
	April	Jan-Apr	
Tourist arrivals	1,204,857	102,242	432,210
% change (same period prev. year)	7.1	-2.9	1.3
No. of registered resorts/marinas	111	111	111
No. of operational resorts/marinas	104	105	106
Occupancy rate resorts/marinas	82.3	79.9	84.9
Beds in operation(Resorts & Hotels)	24,349	24,720	24,831
% change (same period prev year)	1.5	0.4	0.9
Bed Nights (Resorts & Hotels)	7,108,851	574,095	2,450,725
% change (same period prev. year)	#	-8.4	-6.0
TOURISM:- Growth in tourist arrivals showed a decline of 2.9 percent for the period April 2015 compared to the same period of previous year.			



PRINCIPAL EXPORTS

	2014	2014	2015
Total Exports	166,518	101	65,177
Total fish and fish products	163,821	98	64,000
Frozen tuna	73,611	44	28,319
Fresh or chilled tuna	59,686	36	23,853
Dried tuna	7,051	4	2,862
Canned fish	16,539	10	5,946
Fresh or chilled reef fish	3,168	2	1,862
Salted dried fish	1,239	1	355
Live reef fish	1,004	1	510
Fish meal	921	1	466
Sea cucumber	590	0	148
Frozen reef fish	6	0	78
Other marine products	2,698	2	1,153
Scrap metals	0	0	24
Others	0	0	0

FISHERIES:- Total Fish collection amounted to 6.13 ('000' metric tonnes) for the month April 2015.

Notes: 'Frozen' Tuna Lots previously classified under 'canned fish' is now classified as 'other marine products'.