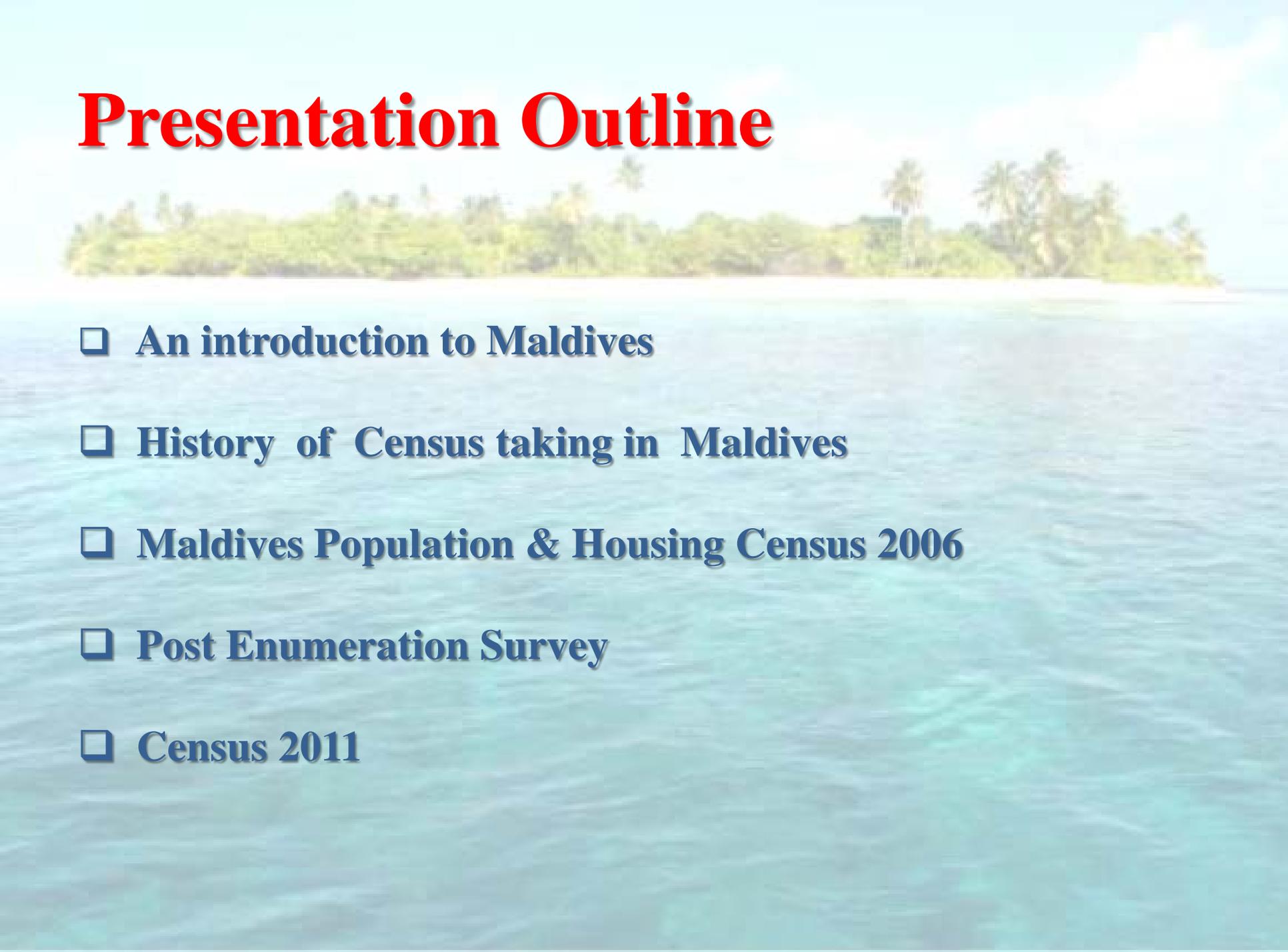


Population Census and PES 2006

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Presentation Outline

A tropical island with palm trees and a white beach, viewed from the water. The island is lush with greenery and palm trees, and the water is a clear, light blue. The sky is bright and blue with some light clouds.

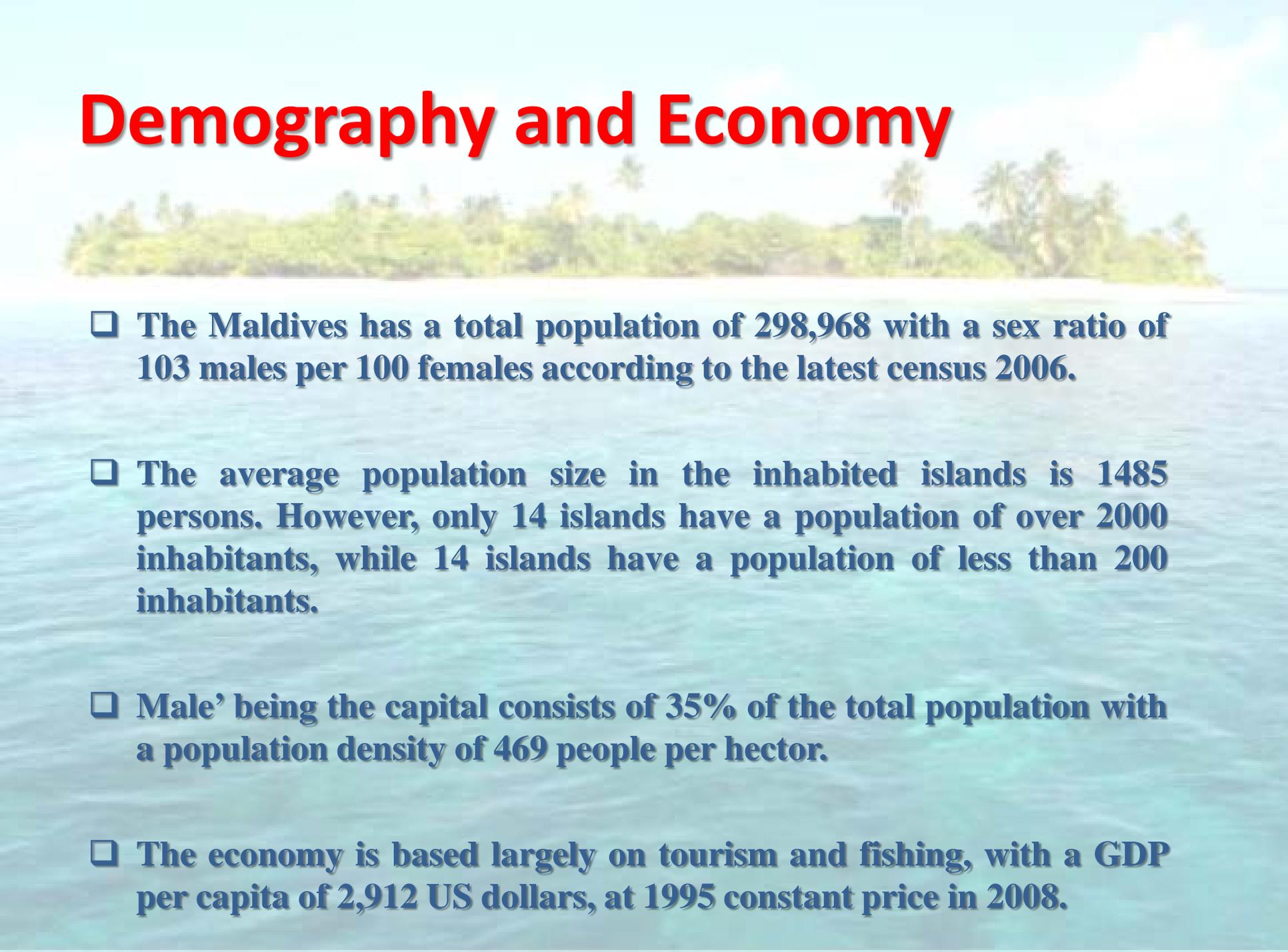
- ❑ An introduction to Maldives**
- ❑ History of Census taking in Maldives**
- ❑ Maldives Population & Housing Census 2006**
- ❑ Post Enumeration Survey**
- ❑ Census 2011**

Country Profile

- ❑ **Area: 115,300 sq.km**
- ❑ **Location: 300 miles southwest of the southern tip of India and 450 miles west of Sri Lanka**
- ❑ **Consists of 1190 islands. 194 inhabited and 92 used as tourist resorts**
- ❑ **Capital: Male'**
- ❑ **Language: Dhivehi**
- ❑ **Currency: Rufiyaa**
- ❑ **Ethnic composition: 100% Muslims**



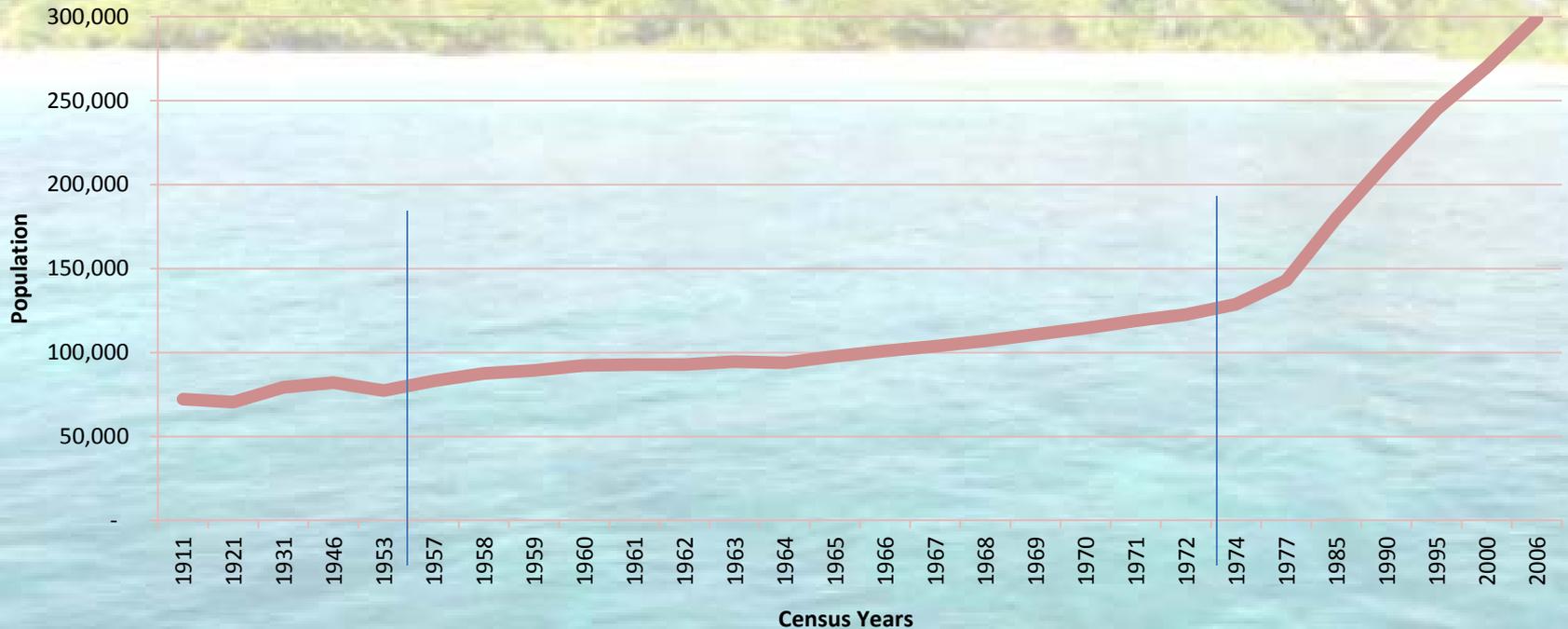
Demography and Economy



- ❑ The Maldives has a total population of 298,968 with a sex ratio of 103 males per 100 females according to the latest census 2006.
- ❑ The average population size in the inhabited islands is 1485 persons. However, only 14 islands have a population of over 2000 inhabitants, while 14 islands have a population of less than 200 inhabitants.
- ❑ Male' being the capital consists of 35% of the total population with a population density of 469 people per hectare.
- ❑ The economy is based largely on tourism and fishing, with a GDP per capita of 2,912 US dollars, at 1995 constant price in 2008.

Census History

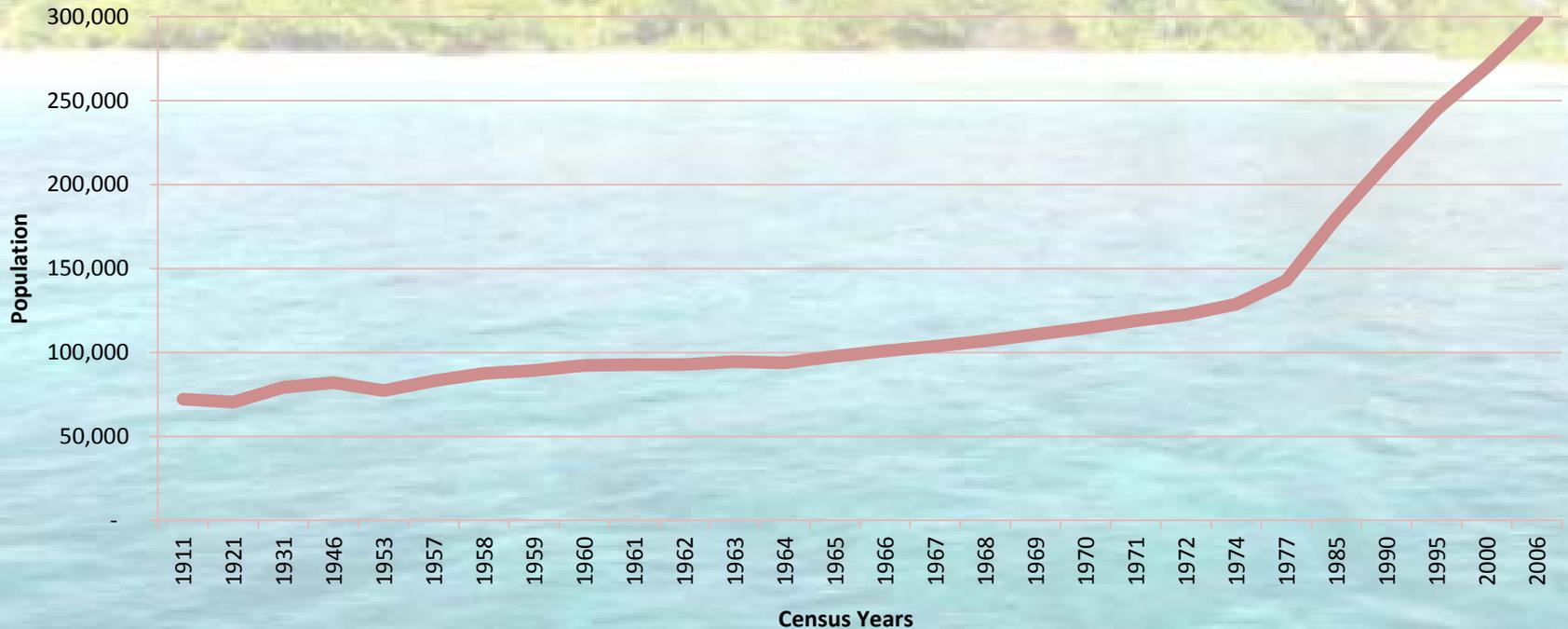
Population Censuses in Maldives 1911-2006



- ❑ The first modern type census was conducted in 1977, with financial and technical assistance from UNFPA, which laid the foundation for a new era of census taking in the Maldives.

Census History

Population Censuses in Maldives 1911-2006



- ❑ The new quinquennial series began in 1985. Next census was in 1990, 1995 and then in 2000.
- ❑ However, the 2005 census was delayed to 2006 due to the Asian Tsunami in December 2004.

Census 2006

- ❑ **Data for the Population and Housing Census was collected from 21 March 2006 to 28 March 2006.**
- ❑ **The information taken from the census consists of data on households and population. This includes detail information on employment, educational attainment, migration, marital status and fertility.**
- ❑ **Around 3200 enumerators, supervisors and officials were engaged in the data collection phase of the census 2006.**
- ❑ **All the 3200 staffs had done the census training which had last for 7 days.**

Census Enumeration



- ❑ Enumeration teams visited every household in the assigned census block,
- ❑ By interviewing the head of the household or responsible member of the household, data were collected regarding each person in the household within the census reference period.
- ❑ The supervision of the field work in Male' was carried out by 61 supervisors and 6 senior officials of the Statistics Section of the Ministry.
- ❑ In the atolls, the coordinators visited most of the islands in their respective atolls to supervise the fieldwork of the enumerators.

Census Enumeration

- ❑ **During the census period 2 slips were given to avoid duplication**
 - ❑ **People who travel from one island to another island and out of country.**
 - ❑ **people who work in the National Security Services and in the industrial islands where they have 2 usual place of residence.**

Census Data Processing

- ❑ **Data processing activities were handled by a team of 12 staff from the Statistics Section**
- ❑ **Additional 20 persons recruited on temporary basis for the special operations, such as editing, coding and data entry.**
- ❑ **United Nations Population Fund provided technical assistance of consultants whose advice and guidance were received in finalizing the census data.**
- ❑ **In Census 2006 for the first time data entry was automated using ICR.**

Post Enumeration Survey 2006

- ❑ The survey was carried out in four regions of Maldives; North, Middle, South and Male'
- ❑ At each region, the survey was carried out at one island. The population surveyed was about 10% of the island's population
- ❑ At the survey, information was collected about the sex, age, migration and marital status
- ❑ The data from PES was compared to the census data and found that no significant difference existed in the two data sets

Census 2011 – Head Count

- ❑ **The census 2011 is now planned to be undertaken as a head count. This has been due to**
 - Lack of adequate budget to undertake a full POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS due to the economic crisis in the Maldives
 - Recent surveys which have been undertaken whose results will become available in 2011
 - Household Income and Expenditure Survey
 - Demographic Health Survey
- ❑ **Planning of the Census Headcount**
 - Had a meeting with stake holders
 - Finalizing the work plane
 - Detail budget
 - Drafting the questionnaire



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