



# **Population Census and PES 2006**

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# Presentation Outline

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- ❑ **History of Census taking in Maldives**
- ❑ **Maldives Population & Housing Census 2006**
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- ❑ **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**

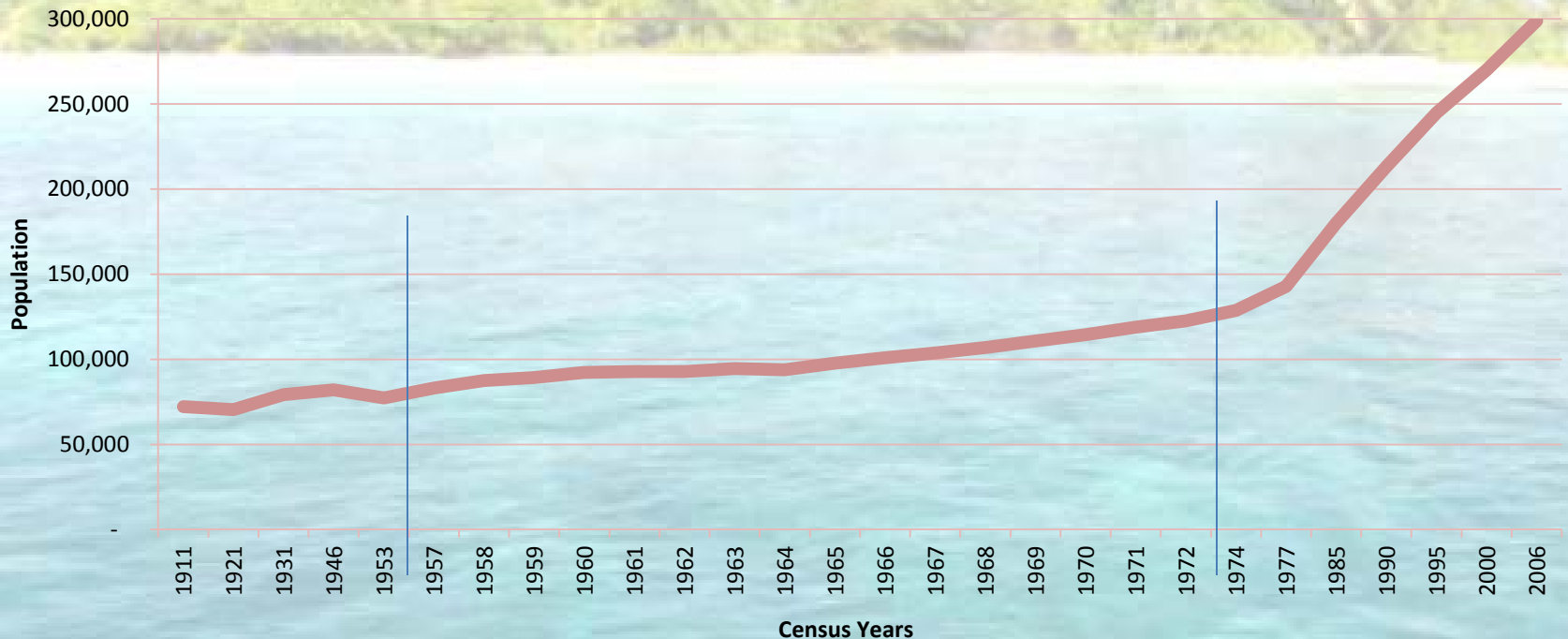


# Demography and Economy

- ❑ 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 hector.
- ❑ 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

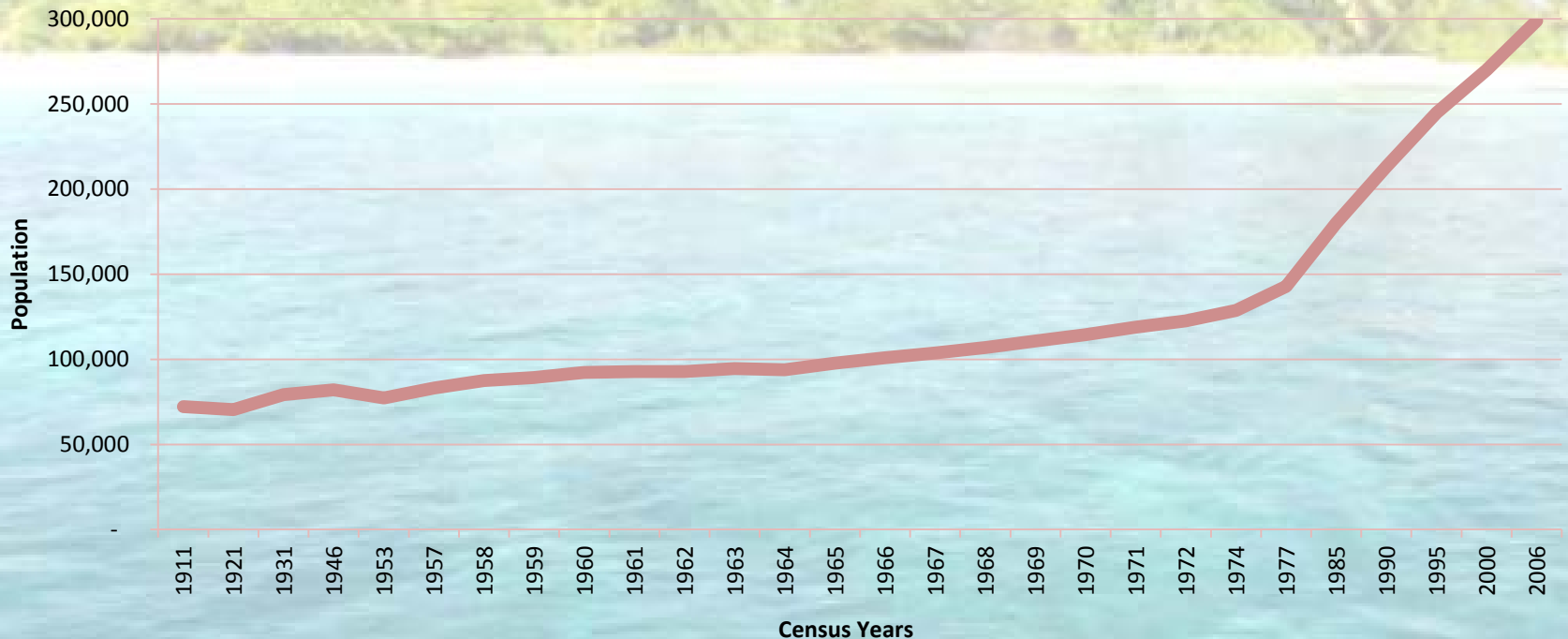
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- ❑ The first modern type census was conducted in 1977, with financial and technical assistance from UNFPA, which laid the foundation for a new era of census taking in the Maldives.

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- ☐ 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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