# Kudahuvadhoo Kanduolhi Grouper Aggregation Site

# **A Management Review**

**Groupers** mature slowly and do not reproduce until late in their life

Kudahuvadhoo Kanduolhi is a type of marine protected area (MPA).

#### Site facts

- Designated in 2013 to protect spawning groupers from fishing.
- Groupers spawn in large groups over several weeks. This makes them an easy target for fisheries and vulnerable to overfishing.
- Fishing and other activities are restricted in the site by the 'Regulation on Grouper Fishery Management (Regulation No: 2022/R-2)'.

# Review of MPA management

- ▶ We have assessed the MPA's management by reviewing available evidence and engaging with local stakeholders.
- We have identified what is working well and the key actions that could help to improve management.

#### Main results

#### Key successes

- Kudahuvadhoo Kanduolhi is legally protected by the Maldives Government.
- Goals and actions for improving the site are clearly outlined in the management plan.

### Key suggestions that could improve management

- Have staff on-site to patrol and enforce the rules.
- Set up processes to help local communities feed into MPA management.
- Survey the MPA to improve understanding about the local grouper population.
- Raise awareness of the MPA, its boundary and rules with the local community.

### **Next steps**

We will be collaborating with the Government to explore opportunities for improving management of MPAs in the Maldives.

Further information is available at https://jncc.gov.uk/our-work/maldives



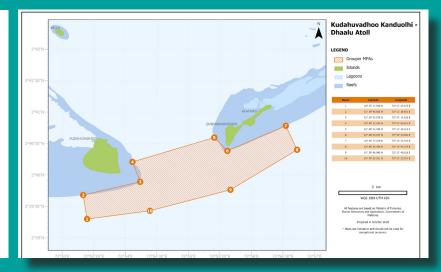


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