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WHALE SHARK SITES

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Haa Alifu Atoll
North Thiladhunmathi
(HA)

Haa Dhaalu Atoll
South Thiladhunmathi
(HDh)

Shaviyani Atoll
North Miladhunmadulu
(Sh)

Noonu Atoll
South Miladhunmadulu
(N)

Raa Atoll
North Maalhosmadulu
(R)

Lhaviyani Atoll
Faadhippolhu
(Lh)

BAA ATOLL

May/June - October/November

Whale sharks travel to Baa atoll for the yearly plankton feeding in Hanifaru Bay (plankton season mid summer t hrough winter). During these months of south west monsoon causes a massive build up of plankton, drawing in plenty of whale sharks.

Baa Atoll
South Maalhosmadulu
(B)

Kaafu Atoll
Male' Atoll
(K)

North Male'Atoll

South Male'Atoll

KAAFU ATOLL (NORTH MALE' ATOLL)

May/June

North Male' Atoll is a diving wonderland. Many colourful corals, tropical fish and deep wrecks.

Alifu Alifu Atoll
North Ari Atoll
(AA)

Alifu Dhaalu Atoll
South Ari Atoll
(ADh)

SOUTH ARI (ALIF DHAALU)

This is a marine protected area with year round aggregation.

The individuals found in South Ari Marine Protected Area (SAMPA), have a high site fidelity rate, meaning that the same individuals are often re-sighted in the area. SAMPA has the highest re-sighting rate of any whale shark hotspot in the world.

Vaavu Atoll
Felidhu Atoll
(V)

Faafu Atoll
North Nilandhe Atoll
(F)

Meemu Atoll
Mulakatholhu
(M)

Dhaalu Atoll
South Nilandhe Atoll
(Dh)

Thaa Atoll
Kolhumadulu
(Th)

Laamu Atoll
Hadhdhunmathi
(L)

Gaafu Alifu Atoll
North Huvadhu Atoll
(GA)

Gaafu Dhaalu Atoll
South Huvadhu Atoll
(GDh)

0° Equator

FUVAHMULAH

In Fuvahmulah, mostly large female whale sharks averaging to 8 metres in length are sighted. Male whale sharks are less common but have been sighted as well.

Gnaviyani Atoll
Gnaviyani
(Gn)

Seenu Atoll
Addu City
(S)

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