



Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Resources, and Agriculture

Male', Republic of Maldives



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Announcement

Invitation to bid for the long-term lease of uninhabited islands for agricultural investments

To implement the agricultural policies as determined by the Strategic Action Plan of the Government of Maldives, the Ministry has announced 6 (six) uninhabited islands for long-term lease. These islands will be leased for a period of 21 (twenty-one) years. The objective of the program is to attract agricultural investments to improve the food production and to reduce the volume of food imports to ensure food security in the Maldives. Additionally, the Ministry hopes to increase livelihood opportunities by raising livestock, such as poultry and goats, as well as production of nursery plants.

Furthermore, in order to encourage participation in the program, the Ministry has a fixed rent of 10 (ten) Laari per square foot per year.

It is mandatory for the leaseholder to dedicate up to 30% of the island area to cultivate crops that are pre-determined by the Ministry. Further information on these crops will be provided in the bidding document.

The following table lists the uninhabited islands that are now available for leasing for the above-mentioned program.

	Islands	Hectares	Geographical Coordinates	
1.	Ha. Madulu	16.1	7° 3' 17" N	72° 57' 11" E
2.	Sh. Kaka eriyadhoo	14.6	6° 28' 40" N	72° 54' 8" E
3.	Sh. Neyo	20.6	6° 27' 0" N	73° 3' 35" E
4.	N. Tholhendhoo	16.8	5° 55' 14" N	73° 26' 11" E
5.	B. Maaddoo	26.6	5° 5' 34" N	73° 3' 45" E
6.	GDh. Oinigilla	13.5	0° 16' 33" N	73° 3' 53" E

In accordance with the guideline set out by the Health Protection Agency (HPA), to avoid gathering of people in large numbers due to the Covid-19 pandemic, interested parties should send a text message to (+960)7755335 or email bids@foreign.gov.mv to register to purchase the 'Bidding Document'. Upon registration, the Ministry will send a preordained time for the party to be present at the Ministry.

The Bidding Document can be purchased during the preordained time as mentioned above at the Ministry's Meeting Room (2nd floor, Velaanaage), from the 14th of October to the 5th of November 2020. The submission of the 'Bidding Document' will also be accepted in the same manner as stated above.

The process to register for the submission of Bid Documents is by sending a text message to (+960)7755335 or by emailing bids@fishagri.gov.mv. Registration will be open from 9:00am on the 11th of October 2020. The deadline for the registration is by 12:00pm, on the 4th of November 2020.

- The Price for the 'Bidding Document' is MVR 2000.
- The 'Bidding Document' will only be accepted by the parties/individuals who submit for the aforementioned documents.
- A separate Bidding Document shall be submitted separately for each island.
- Parties/Individuals participating in the bidding process will only be allowed to submit 1 (one) bid for each island.
- The following table outlines evaluation criteria area for the proposals.

No.	Criteria	Marks (%)
1	Investment Plan	55
	- Total investment in the first 5 years of the project	40
	- Feasibility study	10
	- Work plan for the first 10 years of the project with production targets	05
2	Production Plan	25
	- Improved Technology	10
	- Environment friendly production concepts, waste management and certification for Good Agriculture Practices (GAP)	10
	- Services required for farm management	05
3	Human Resource Plan	20
	- Contribution to Government Agriculture Human Resource Fund	10
	- Commitment to train local staff during the first 8 years	10

A Pre-Bid Meeting, for the purpose of providing more information regarding the bidding process, is scheduled to take place virtually on Zoom. The invitation for the pre-bid meeting will be sent to the email address provided during the registration period.

Information regarding the bidding process will be available in the “Invitation for Bids” and “Information for Bidders” papers that are included in the ‘Bidding Document’.

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