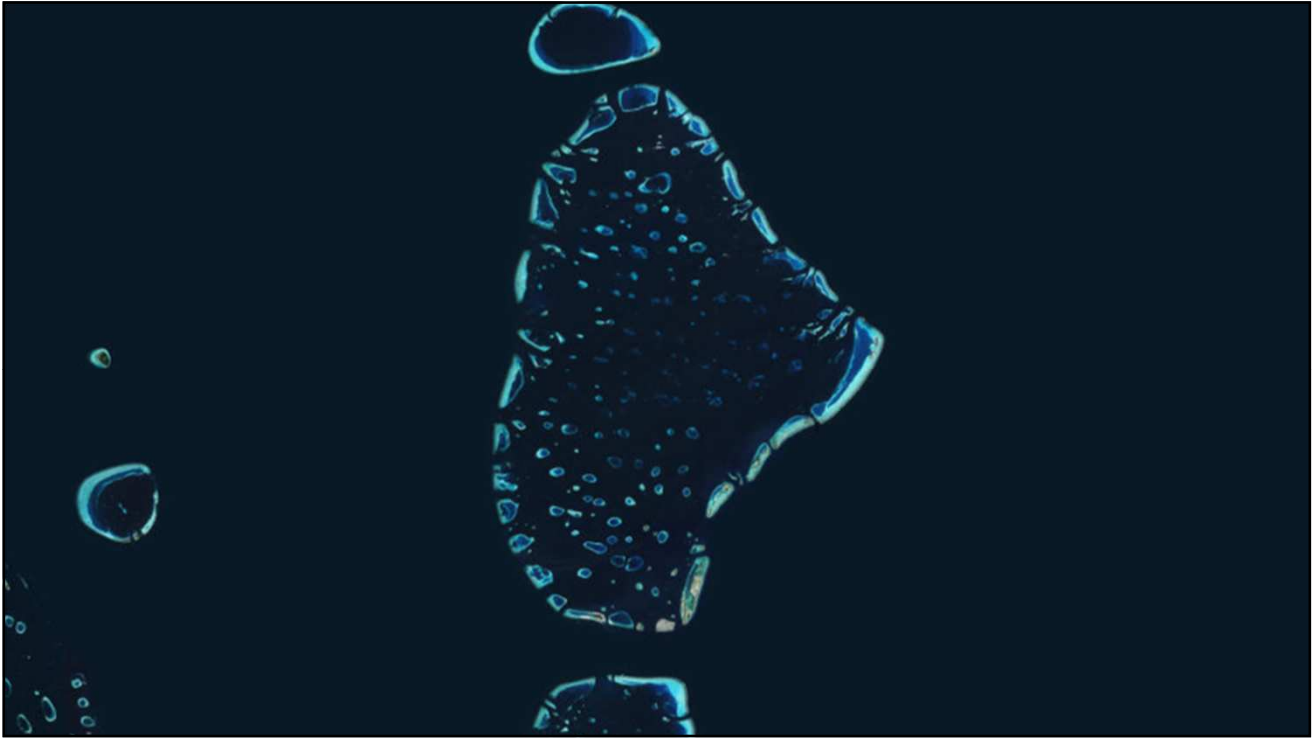


# Legal & Policy Issues Impacting Data Sharing and Dissemination in the MALDIVES

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## Functions of Maldives Land and Survey Authority

- Land management and Land Cadastre
- Cadastral Survey system and regulation
- National Mapping
- National Geographic Information System

## Major Geospatial data creators in the government

- Maldives Land and Survey Authority
  - Topographic Maps, Land Cadastre, Imagery
- Ministry of Housing and Infrastructure
  - Infrastructure Project Surveys, Reclamation Surveys
- Ministry of Environment
  - Environmental Zoning, Marine Protected areas



## **Key policy issues impacting data sharing**

- Data shared through bilateral agreements between agencies. Working on a common spatial data sharing policy
- Common metadata standards being worked out
- Data sharing platform needs to be expanded to include other agencies (NGIS)

## **Key legal issues**

- Legal framework needed for geospatial data creation and sharing
- Privacy protection in relation to personal data

## Challenges

- 190 separate islands. Data collection difficulty due to this
- Completing the national land cadastre. Hardcopy land registries, not consistent surveys carried out. need surveying Precision requirement because of small plots and plots adjacent to each other.
- Integration of statistical data with geospatial information for decision makers and planners

**Thank you**