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RESPONSIBLE  
TRAVEL



# SUSTAINABILITY

AT ANGSANA VELAVARU  
MALDIVES



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## THE REEF & LAGOON

Angsana Velavaru boasts one of the most preserved reefs in Maldives, forming a beautiful lagoon in the middle at a depth of 10 metres, perfect for swimming and enjoying water sports.

The barrier reef houses some of the best corals in the Maldives, containing a high biodiversity of fish and invertebrate species. Snorkeling trips are arranged daily from the dive centre, where you can see the stunning reef for yourself.

"NO LAGOON  
LIKE IT!"

- Christine, Germany,  
12 January 2019



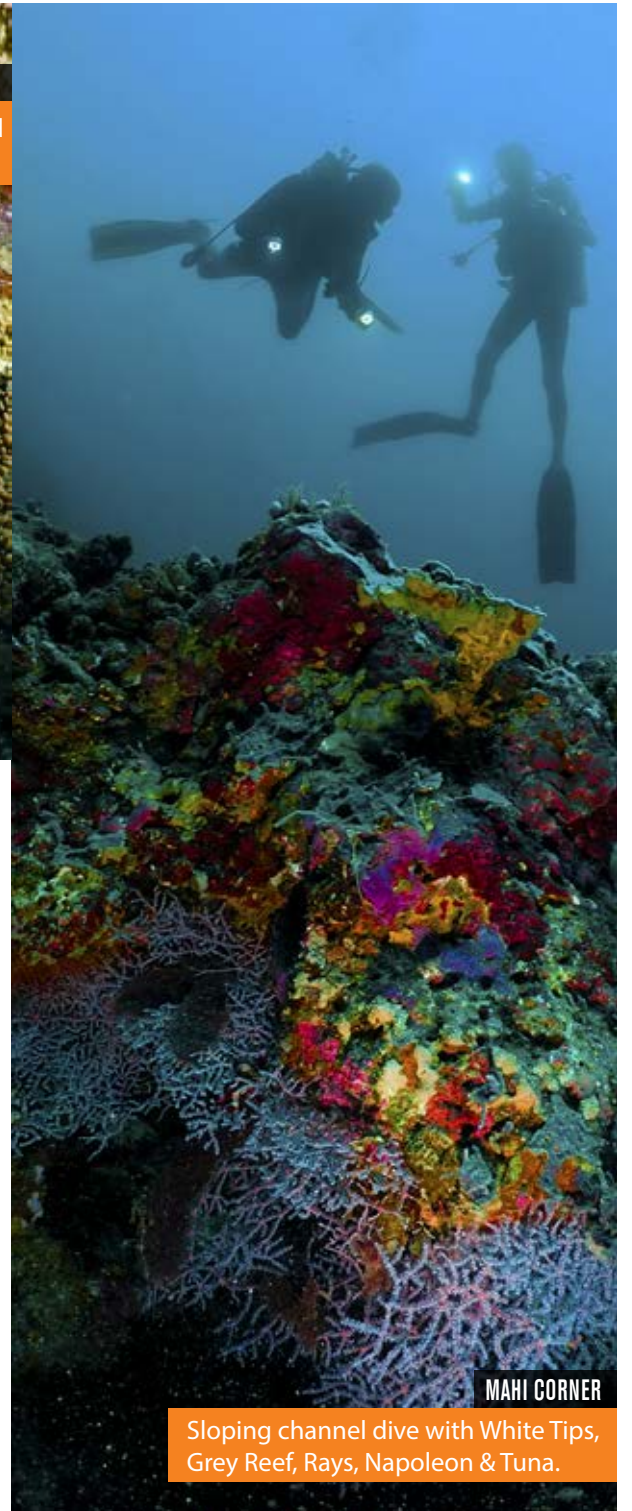


# DIVE IN, EXPLORE and EXPERIENCE



HAWKSBILL TURTLE

Velavaru means Turtle Island  
in local language Dhivehi



MAHI CORNER

Sloping channel dive with White Tips,  
Grey Reef, Rays, Napoleon & Tuna.

## "BEST DIVING EVER!"

- L. Samuel, United Kingdom  
20 May 2019



CLARKES ANEMONE FISH

Living in a symbiotic  
relationship with an Anemone

## WILDLIFE

The outer reef of Velavaru is home to thousands of colourful Parrotfish, Butterflyfish, Anemones and more.

Schooling Eagle rays and sleeping White Tip reef sharks can be spotted from our famous Mahi Corner dive site on the east side of the island.

Grey Reef sharks, Black Tips and Napoleon Wrasses can be spotted on dive sites Kanney Faru and Kuda Thilla which are a 10-minute boat ride from the dive centre.





# PROTECTING our CORAL REEFS



“CORAL PLANTING  
WAS A GREAT LEARNING  
EXPERIENCE FOR KIDS!”

- Tan W.M., Singapore  
9 December 2019



MARINE LAB

Water Sports Centre



NORTH MALDIVES

90% Reef Mortality



VELAVARU REEF - SOUTH DHAALU

60% Survival After El Nino

## THE MARINE LAB

Angsana Velavaru’s Marine Lab’s main focus is on coral restoration. We managed to retain 60% live coral coverage, making our reefs some of the best in this Atoll and possibly in the Maldives. Last year alone we planted over 4000 corals which aid fish communities.

We also survey 8 sites in Dhaalu atoll every year looking at the benthic and fish community composition to see which areas need more conservation work. Last but not least, we are also starting shark conservation and turtle identification projects in April this year.

In 2018 we made a pledge to eliminate single use plastics from our resort. Angsana Velavaru is part of Earth Check and each year we aim to reduce our energy consumption and become the best practice in the Maldives.

Each year we mark 4 main events: Earth Hour, Earth Day, World Coastal Cleanup Day and World Tourism Day. All events engage guests, associates and press with the local communities and raise awareness of 21<sup>st</sup> century issues.



# CITIZEN SCIENCE SNORKELING

Explore nearby reefs with a marine biologist and record sightings of key iconic species such as sharks, turtles and rays!



Coral Rope Nursery After 9 Months



Before Transplantation



After Transplantation



“...we walked away feeling more educated than ever on a vacation!”

- L. Samuel, United Kingdom  
20 May 2019

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## CORAL ROPE NURSERIES

At Angsana Velavaru Marine Lab, one of the main parts of coral preservation is restoration. Here the coral rope is the main focal point for direct transplantation onto the reef. We currently have 1000 coral fragments growing on two rope nurseries. Each week the Marine Lab team carry out maintenance on the nurseries by removing algae. In 9 months time the corals will reach a healthy size where they can be directly transplanted onto the house reef to aid in natural recruitment.





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I love the Maldives! The high biodiversity provides many opportunities to further my knowledge through research and education.

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Nicholas Hardman,  
Marine Lab Manager



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