



AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

HIGH-VALUE CROP PRODUCTION FLORICULTURE & MUSHROOM FARMING



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A Unique Opportunity to Supply Maldives' Tourism and Food Markets through Sustainable Agribusiness

The Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Welfare is inviting private investors to develop commercial-scale floriculture (focusing on orchids and ornamental flowers) and mushroom farming operations in the Maldives.

These high-value crops are currently imported to meet demand from resorts, hotels, supermarkets, and food processors. This project aims to establish reliable local supply chains that reduce import dependency, support economic diversification, and create livelihood opportunities.

The Government offers flexible investment models and is open to allocating land on inhabited or uninhabited islands at concessional lease terms, alongside tax and commercial incentives.

Project Overview and Scope:

1. Sustainable Floriculture (Orchids & Exotic Flowers)

- Production of high-demand flowers for hospitality and tourism use
- Supply to hotels, resorts, spas, events, and florists
- Options for value-added experiences (farm visits, flower tourism)

2. Commercial Mushroom Farming

- Small- to medium-scale farming of fresh mushrooms (button, oyster, shiitake, etc.)
- Year-round supply to restaurants, resorts, supermarkets, and food processors
- Potential for value-added products (dried mushrooms, sauces, pre-packs)

Why Invest in the Maldives Agribusiness Sector?

Unlock a niche, high-demand market with the full backing of government and tourism sectors

1. Guaranteed Market Access

Maldives' luxury resorts, hotels, and retailers rely heavily on imported mushrooms and ornamental flowers. Local production offers immediate access to a captive, high-value market.

2. Supply Chain Advantage

Establishing local farms reduces reliance on costly imports, shortens delivery times, and offers greater freshness and control over quality.

3. Value-Added Potential

Opportunities to expand into processing, packaging, and tourism-linked experiences, including flower trails, eco-farming visits, and fresh-produce branding for hospitality.

4. Government Support & Land Access

The Government is ready to provide land at concessional lease terms, along with commercial incentives to enable early movers to thrive.

Incentives & Support

- **Land Access:** Government allocation of land on attractive lease terms
- **Custom Investment Models:** BOT, PPP, JV or long-term lease arrangements
- **Fiscal Incentives:** Import duty exemptions for capital items will be considered
- **Policy Alignment:** Strong fit with government priorities in agriculture and tourism supply chains

How to Engage

Interested investors are invited to contact the Ministry directly to initiate discussions, assess land availability, and structure project proposals.

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