



Painting the Canvas of Conservation

Adaaran Select Meedhupparu Sustainability Report - 2023 - 24



REPORT AT A GLANCE

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Marhaba



Badhiya Gunatilake

Chief Operating Officer

The past 12 months have tested our island nation and the world in myriad ways. As part of our commitment to responsible resort operation in Maldives, we have diligently maintained our properties with sustainability at the forefront of our operations.

Reflecting on our sector policies, we've refreshed our documentation, setting a clear trajectory for the years ahead. Sustainability has become a cornerstone of our approach, guiding us as we strive for continual improvement.

Our strategic efforts are crucial in painting the canvas of conservation for our natural environment. I'm pleased to announce that we have achieved the prestigious Green Globe Certification. This milestone underscores our enduring dedication to our stakeholders.

We take great pride in our accomplishments thus far, but our focus remains forward-looking. Research and development initiatives are underway to embrace green energy and implement best practices for a sustainable future.

As members of this remarkable team, I urge each of us to take ownership of our sustainability endeavors. Together, let's continue to paint the canvas of conservation for the environment we inhabit.



Manoj Perera
General Manager

I am excited to share our sustainability efforts as the first resort in Raa Atoll, Maldives. At our resort, we are deeply committed to reducing our environmental impact and promoting sustainable practices. Each year, we introduce new initiatives to reinforce our values, and we are pleased to present this year's report, which highlights these efforts. We are also proud to announce that our work has now been certified with the prestigious Green Globe Certification.



Priyantha Amarasinghe
Sustainability, Champion /Chief Engineer

OUR SUSTAINABILITY ROADMAP

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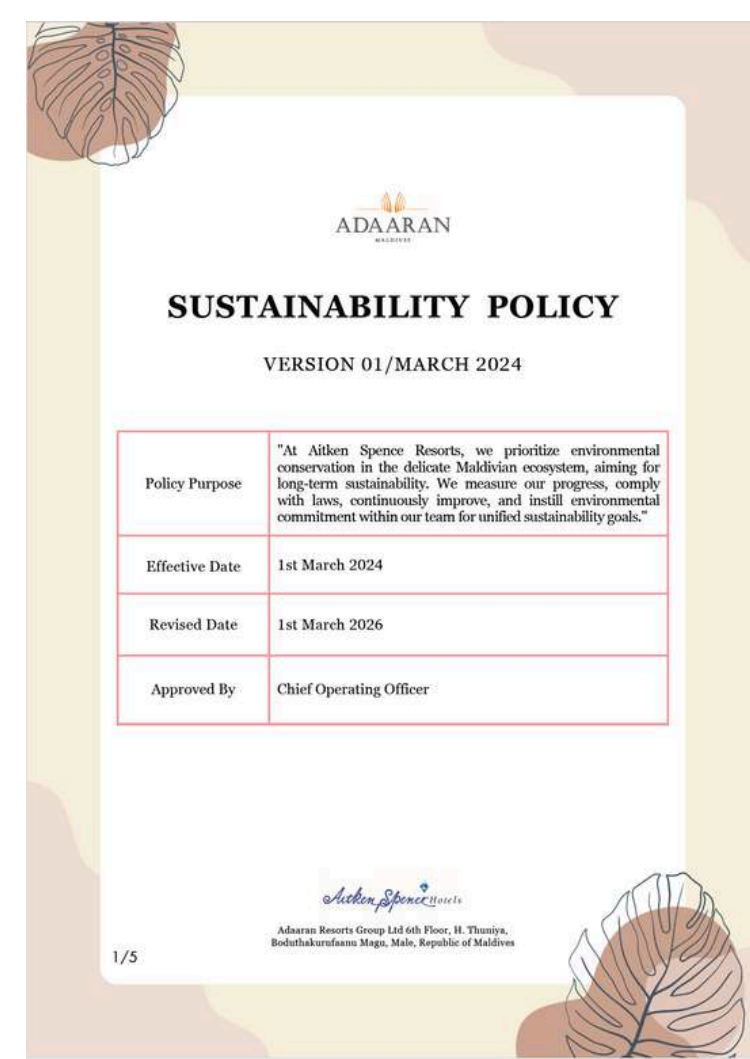
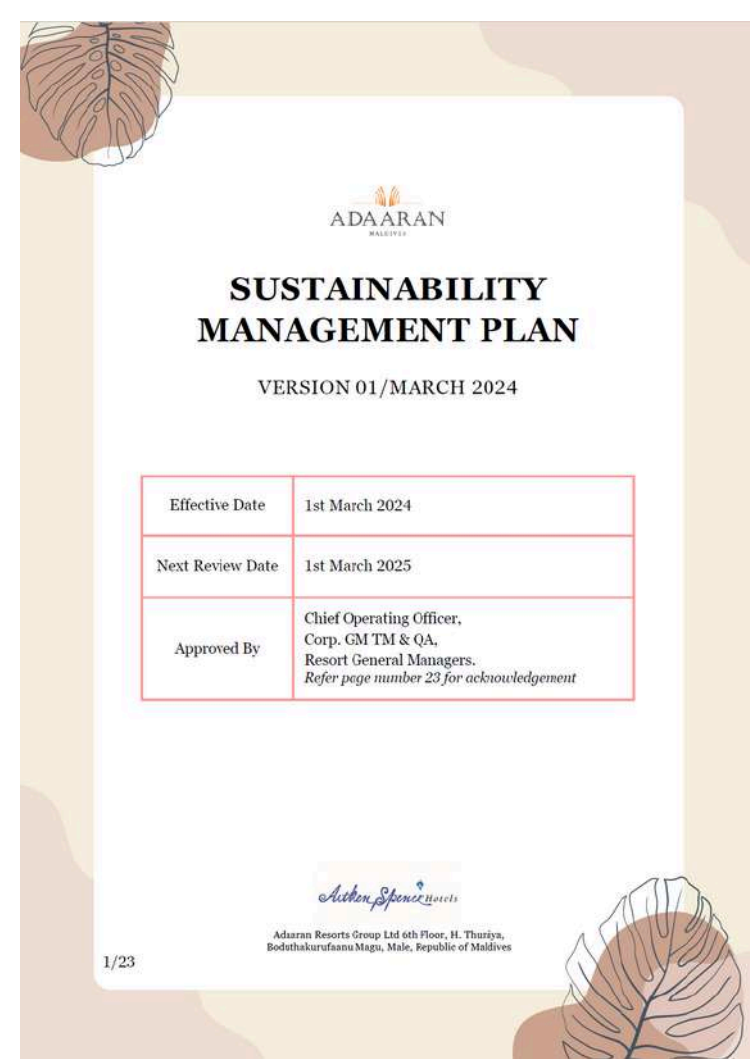


OUR SUSTAINABILITY ROADMAP

"Our sustainability journey at Aitken Spence Resorts Maldives is guided by our Sustainability Management Plan and Policy, focusing on energy, water, waste, biodiversity, and more.

These ensure our decisions align with group objectives, minimizing our environmental impact, and promote well-being for employees, guests, and nature. We prioritize conservation in the Maldivian ecosystem, measure progress, comply with laws, and foster a team-wide commitment to sustainability. The detailed Sustainability Management Plan and Policy can be viewed through the given link and QR code for more insight into our commitment."

All policies and procedures can be accessed via the QR code.



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REFLECTING ON OUR JOURNEY

Water, Energy, Wet & Dry Waste Management

Wet Garbage Management



Water, Energy, Wet & Dry Waste Management

At Adaaran, we are committed to the responsible management of water, energy, and waste. Scan the QR code or follow the link to explore our tangible initiatives.

[- Managing Resources Sustainably at Adaaran Resorts Maldives](#)

Discover our initiatives through the thoughtfully curated Adaaran Resorts Sustainability video, designed to offer a comprehensive understanding of our efforts.

[- Adaaran Resorts Sustainability Video](#)



Scan the QR code to learn about our energy, water, and waste management initiatives.

There has been an increase in energy, water, and waste consumption due to a 6.34% rise in guest nights, from 134,897 in FY 2022-2023 to 143,452 in FY 2023-2024. This growth has contributed to higher electricity and water usage, as well as increased waste during the current fiscal year.

	FY 2019-2020	FY 2020-2021	FY 2021-2022	FY 2022-2023	FY 2023-2024
Water Consumption / Guest Night	0.76	1.38	0.58	0.64	0.74
Energy Consumption / Guest Night	50.45	97.16	43.69	42.71	44.39
Dry Waste Consumption / Guest Night	2.93	3.52	2.11	2.00	2.91

Wet Garbage Digester Machine



"We follow stringent waste management practices by segregating waste at its origin and transporting it to designated disposal areas for optimal solutions. Wet waste is processed through our Wet Garbage Digester Machine, which transforms it into valuable soil enhancements. During 2023-24, we converted 295, 838 kg of wet garbage into 40, 998 kg of eco-friendly soil additives.

Additionally, waste cooking oil and lubricant oil are carefully collected and transferred to a renowned supplier for refining into various products and services. This initiative, launched in 2024, has not only enhanced our sustainability efforts but also generated revenue from waste oil at the property."





SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION

Sustainability is deeply embedded in our brand DNA. As a signatory to the UNWTO's Responsible Tourism - Global Code of Ethics for Tourism, sustainability is integral to how we operate and manage our resort.

We take pride in having GSTC (Global Sustainable Tourism Council) recognized certifications that have shaped our sustainability journey at Adaaran Resorts since 2017.

In 2024, we reached another sustainability milestone by achieving the prestigious Green Globe Standard 1.7 with an impressive score of 87%.

This accolade underscores our unwavering dedication to sustainable stewardship and leadership in responsible tourism within one of the world's most pristine marine environments.

Additionally, all Adaaran properties are certified with HACCP and ISO 22000:2018 food safety certifications, demonstrating our commitment to group quality standards.



435 CSR & Engagement Activities were conducted at Meedhupparu with the participation of 42 guests 562 local community and 895 associates in the year 2023-24.



41,400 Kg | \$ 84,815.53
Tuna Fish and other locally harvested fish were purchased from the local fishing community during the year 2023-24



8,100 | \$ 4,336.20
Paper straws were used in the last financial year, which could have easily been plastic straws.



349,272
Single-use plastic bottles were able to stop coming into the island with the installation of the bottled water plant.



1,500 | \$ 8,745.00
Cadjan bundles were purchased to uplift the local community.



295,838 Kg of wet garbage has been converted in to 40,998 Kg of ecofriendly fertilizer through our inhouse wet garbage composting machines during the year 2023-24.



680 Bundles | \$ 4,083.83
Forest Stewardship Council certified papers were used in the day-today operation.



4,120 | \$ 21,561.80
Worth **Sustainable purchases** were made in the year 2023-24.



Committed Island Management
832.55 Kg of organic vegetables & **28,294 Nos** of Coconut were harvested during this period with the worth of **\$ 13,366.50**.



207 | \$ 582.84
Paper Cups and Paper Plates were used in last financial year, which could have easily been plastic cups and plates.



303,168 -1L and 46,104- 0.5L glass water bottles were produced through the in-house drinking water and bottling plants.



2,825 | \$ 27,357.20
Biodegradable bags were used during this financial year, which could have easily been In-disposable bags.



370 | \$ 2,578.59
Wooden cocktail stirrers were used during this year, which could have easily been plastic stirrers.

IN-HOUSE VEGETABLE GARDEN

If you have gone through our previous sustainability report for the financial years, you will be well aware of our in-house vegetable garden.

Our dedicated groundskeeping team and associates came up with the idea to maintain a garden during the lockdown period. We have continued working on our vegetable garden even with the hotel operation at its peak.

During this year, we were able to harvest a total of 832.55 Kg of organic vegetables & 28,294 Nos of Coconut worth USD 13,366.50.



Long Beans
1 Kg
USD 4.55



Bananas
12.8 Kg
USD 3.02



Coconut
22,240 Nos
USD 5,507.25



Radish
25.6 Kg
USD 102.60



Lime
1 Kg
USD 2.43



Pumpkin
8 Kg
USD 6.16



Brinjal
15.75 Kg
USD 38.27



Green Chili & Hot Chili
50.5 Kg
USD 192.56



Ladies Fingers
56.3 Kg
USD 106.56



Kurumba
6,054 Nos
USD 5,336.74



Bitter Gourd
24 Kg
USD 52.80



Green Leaves
528.6 Kg
USD 1,825.92

Sustainability Efforts

We strive to foster eco-consciousness across all areas of our business and society, investing our knowledge, time, and resources in sustainable tourism as responsible corporate citizens. Here are a few of the projects we've hosted during the financial years:

Reef Cleaning on World Ocean Day

On World Ocean Day, ASM organized a reef cleaning event to preserve the underwater beauty for our guests. The cleaning focused on the South Jetty head area, a popular spot for divers during their lessons. The event saw the participation of 13 divers and hotel staff members.

International Women's Day Celebration

For IW 2023 Day, female associates from the Maduvvari Council were invited to visit ASM. After a warm welcome and a hotel tour, both teams participated in fun games on the beach. Refreshments were served, and the event saw the participation of 20 council staff and 17 ASM staff members.

Training Session for BTEC Tourism Students

Seven BTEC tourism students from the Raa Atoll Education Centre visited ASM for practical training in food production and F&B service. The session included demonstrations on food presentation, food safety, and hygiene, as well as basic training in food and beverage service.

Mother Earth Day Celebration

On Mother Earth Day, we initiated a tree planting event where 8 King Coconut trees, a rare species in the Maldives, were planted. The event saw the participation of 11 guests, including repeat visitors, and 15 staff members, all contributing to this meaningful environmental effort.





BIODIVERSITY SURVEY

Adaaran Select Meedhupparu Biodiversity Survey



LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

The Resort is committed to creating an environment for associates to achieve their career aspirations while nurturing a team of competent, motivated professionals. Companywide learning and development and quality assurance are conducted at a corporate level. For more details, please refer to the following Talent Development Reports.

During the fiscal year 2023/24, we successfully increased per-person training hours within the sector, rising from 32.3 hours to 33.81 hours per person. This was achieved with an average staff strength of 1,266 associates employed at Aitken Spence Resorts Maldives sector.

Major highlights of the L&D team include securing the prestigious Green Globe sustainability certification, executing comprehensive training programs, audits, and documentation, and launching the HO3 and 96+ Heritage and Adaaran Resorts Service Culture Training initiative. Additionally, we introduced the sector Learning Menu, completed the 7S+ Industrial Housekeeping Certification training and audits, and hosted signature programs such as the Butler Development Program, Train The Trainer and the Tea Master's Competition.

Your ideas count:

We welcome your suggestions to help us enhance our sustainability objectives and social responsibilities. Please leave your comments through our guest review system or e-mail us at talentmle@aitkenspence.com

Tharaka Appuhamy - General Manager
Talent Management & Quality Assurance (Sustainability)
Aitken Spence Resorts - Maldives



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You can scan the above QR code to download the talent development reports, and the previous Years Sustainability Reports.

Aitken Spence Resorts entered Maldives, bringing significant investment, renowned Sri Lankan hospitality, and sustainability strategies. As part of the UNWTO's Responsible Tourism initiative, sustainability is ingrained in our ethos, guiding how we operate and manage our resort operations.

2016: Began our sustainability journey with the Travelife Gold certification, becoming the first international chain to pledge our sustainability policy underwater.

2016: Initiated structured sustainability policies with effective management, auditing, and documentation, published annually in sustainability reports.

2017: Launched a Sustainability and UN Celebration Days Activity Calendar to engage associates in sustainability and social activities.

2017: Introduced Talent Development reports to highlight our initiatives in developing talent.

2017: Started Adaaran Kurimagu, a Management Training program for young Maldivians as part of our CSR efforts.

2019: Launched our plastic-free islands initiative by installing a water bottle plant at Meedhupparu, now producing 900,000 glass bottles annually across all properties.

2019: Built and opened the Maldives' first LEED-certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) resort at Heritance Aarah, setting a new standard for sustainable resort development in the region.

2019: Introduced paper straws, cups, plates, and biodegradable bags to further support the plastic-free initiative.

2000: Launched the Coral Replantation project to help save the ocean's ecosystems.

2021: Began measuring sustainable practices under the Sustainability Retrospect column, focusing on social, economic, and environmental aspects.

2021: Launched the Maldivian Village live museum experience at Heritance Aarah to preserve and showcase Maldivian heritage.

2022: Conducted the "We Love Trees" Campaign to document flora and fauna across all resorts, emphasizing environmental conservation.

2023: Invested in a Wet Garbage Digester Machine to enhance waste management and repurpose waste as soil enhancements.

2024: Achieved Green Globe Certification for the entire sector, marking a significant milestone in our sustainability journey.

As we continue our path towards greater sustainability, we recognize that our actions today shape the future of our planet. We are proud of our collective efforts and invite you to join us by watching the following video. Simply scan the QR code or click the video link to view the Video



Key Milestones In Maldives



"The Earth does not belong to us;
we belong to the Earth."

Marlee Matlin

