

About Nalafehi Meedhoo

Nalafehi Meedhoo is a non-government and non-profit Organization, Registered on 30th July 2017. Being Nalafehi Meedhoo Made concerned Individual who are enthusiastic about nature and sustainability, and wish to ensure the wise use of the environment for the benefit of future generation. The young volunteers who initiate this understating were instrumental, even before the formal registration of the association, in creative environmental awareness through their many Campaign and activities in Meedhoo. The aims and objects for which the association is established are as under:

1. To present Meedhoo ward of the Addu City in environmental and social matters when communicating with the city council and other government institution.
2. To establish fund carry out different activities deemed useful for the protection of the environment of Meedhoo.
3. To carry out various activities relating to environment potential and maintenance of island cleanliness
4. For to involve and support local community and the council in their efforts to create environmental awareness and enforce existing environmental regulations.
5. To discuss with tourist facilities within the regions and established to platform assist for environmental protection for Meedhoo.
6. To discuss harmonies tourism related practices within Addu City such as excursions, Diving, Snorkeling and fishing etc.

Members of association Nalafehi Meedho has three categories membership, which are ordinary, honorary on associate members.

Ordinary membership is open for all Meedhuans all wish to become a member by applying for membership or on exceptions of Meedhoos invitations.

Honorably members are conferred by the executive council on persons who have distinguished past tense themselves in the service for the society.

The associate members are non-Governmental or governmental organizations oe individuals with similar objectives wishing to work in association with Nalafehi Meedhoo.

Executive Council of Nalafehi Meedhoo is the Governing and the executive body of the associations, and is comprised of char person, wise chairperson, treasurer, secretary, coordinator and four additional members.

The Chare person represents Nalafehi Meedhoo in its Dealings with outside persons or organizations and pressed, and shall be responsible for management of administration and implementation of projects.

About Meedhoo

Meedhoo, probably over 3000 years old, is the oldest inhabited island in the atoll and the city Addu.

According to some historians, indoor-aryans were the first settlers to these islands.

The name Meedhoo (Originally, “MahaDuva”) is delivered from transcript, meaning great island.

Centuries after the original settlers came and settled –yoosuf naib, and Arab Traveller, planted the seed of Islam in Meedhoo by preaching and converting its native to Islam. The first mosque in Maldives to worship Allah was built in Meedhoo in the 12th Century, ever since it is known as a center of learning and Islamic scholarship. The renaissance of Islamic studies heralded in Meedhoo at the return of renowned indigenous scholar, sheikh Mohamed Jamalddin, from long residence in Yemen. After training judges in Male he retreated to the ancient island of Vaadhoo in Huvadhu atoll and established a small enduring tradition of education in Islamic law which is spread across the equatorial channel into Meedhoo in Addu Atoll.

Location: Meedhoo with adjoining island of Huludhoo, is situated in the beautiful peninsular Addu City where tremendous importance now stands due to tourism within the region.

Places of interest: Koagannu in Meedhoo is the oldest cemetery in the country where important personages have been entombed. The decorative arts and calligraphy in the grave stones display the craftsman ship of the early inhabitants of the island.

Another location of interest is **Veyraandu** which is a historical site that has folklore connection of pre-Islamic era in Maa-Elheh part of British naval base (“port-T” used during world war-ii was established and the ruins of its facilities can still be seen.

Mathi Kilhi, Located in the middle of the island is a wet land area of rich biodiversity.

Meedhoo Beyre (or Meedhoo Beyra) is a Dive site Located North east Point of Meedhoo, and is interesting place where grey reef sharks and white tip reef sharks breed. Also on the outer part of the reef-the top is at 5-10m dropping down to a wide sandy plateau at 13 m where you can see sharks resting in the sand.