Tourism Statistics in Maldives

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Maldives Association for Tourism Industry (MATI)
Role of tourism in Maldivian economy

- First resort in Maldives was opened in 1972 with only 60 beds (Kurumba Village)
- Today over 1.5 million tourists visit to Maldives every year
- Major source of foreign exchange earning
- Accounts for more than a third of government tax revenue
Highest percentage share from tourism industry
In November 2019 Maldives celebrated its 1.5 millionth tourist arrival.
Tourist arrivals growth rate (%)
• Rapid increase in registered bed capacity due to diversification of tourism
Despite the increase in the tourism bed-nights, the revenue decline due to fall in the tourism prices.
Bed capacity utilization was at its peak in 2004. The huge increase in bed capacity with a steady arrival growth rates declined in the bed capacity utilization.
Way forward in improving tourism statistics

- Currently Ministry of Tourism only publishes monthly non-monetary tourism related statistics

- Maldives Inland Revenue Authority and Ministry of Finance publishes monthly tax revenues including tourism GST, Green Tax

- Currently Maldives is working on a pilot TSA based on the existing data with the technical assistance under RPES

- Carry out input and output survey of tourism industry in 2020

- Conduct economic census in 2021
Thank you