



Maldives Tuna Think Tank, February 12th & 13th, 2025

Facilitating sustainability and financing readiness of the Maldivian tuna sector through collaborative action

Agenda Day 1

TIME	ACTIVITY	TITLE	ELEMENTS	SPEAKER	TAKEAWAY
09:00	Arrival & welcome	Welcome	Welcome remarks & video	UNDP // ADB // Ministry of Fisheries and Ocean Resources	
09:30-10.00	Session 1	Introduction	What does sustainability mean for the tuna sector in the Maldives?	Thomas Egli, SustainaSea	Understanding of sustainability and the local landscape
10.00-11.00	Session 2	The local landscape	Presentation of experts & workshop participants	Thomas Egli, SustainaSea	Who is in the room and where do they operate
			Mapping of Maldives		
11.00-11.30	Coffee break	Interactive	Value chain mapping for Yellowfin tuna		Overview of Maldivian tuna harvest and processing sector and common challenges
11.30-13.00	Session 3	In the same boat	Deep dive: Looking at the Maldivian landscape through a Blue Economy lens	Thomas Egli, SustainaSea	Understanding of Blue Economy and its value as an opportunity for the tuna sector in the Maldives
			Video: What is the Blue Economy?		
			Group exercise: live poll		
13.00-14.00	Lunch				



14.00-14.45	Session 4	The Maldivian tuna sector and certifications	Breakout session: Challenges and potential future benefits for SMEs from certifications	All	Understanding of challenges and how SME can benefit from certifications in a changing landscape
14.45-15.30	Session 5	Storytelling as a market access tool	Reinforcing fishery supply chains through storytelling; a crash course	Tamsin Raine, OceanCultureLife	Value of storytelling for all sectors of the Blue Economy
15.30-16.00	Coffee break				
16.00-16.45	Session 6	Insuring the Blue Economy	Insurance as a safeguard for business activities-and a derisking tool for finance	Thomas Kessler, ADB // Ariane Kaploun, AXA Climate	Identification of different forms of insurance and the most cost appropriate form for tuna sector stakeholders
16.45-17.30	Session 7	Preparing for funding	What investors and funders need from SMEs	Joan Fulton, Finance4Blue	Understand how funders think when they look at your businesses
17.30	Day one closing	Wrap up	Conclusions	Thomas Egli, SustainaSea	
17.45	Reception and networking				

THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

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19:00h