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Maldives
The Republic of Maldives consisting of an archipelago of atolls situated vertically across the equator in the Indian Ocean. There are an estimated 1,192 islands separated into a series of 26 natural coral atolls where 194 are inhabited islands, 55 islands are designated for industrial use (including agriculture) and approximately 800 islands are uninhabited. These islands stretch over a country area of 850,000 square kilometres, where 99% is sea and only 1% is land area. The islands are low lying with an average height of one metre above sea level.
Data availability for compilation of Food balance sheets

- Domestic food supply of the food commodities in terms of production, imports, and stock changes.
  - IMPORTS CLASSIFIED BY HARMONIZED SYSTEM, 2013 – 2015 – Maldives Customs Services
  - IMPORTS OF FRESH AGRICULTURAL CROPS MAINLY PRODUCED IN MALDIVES FROM, 2007 – 2015 – Maldives Customs Services

- Domestic food utilization which includes feed, seed, processing, waste, export, and other uses.
  - EXPORTS BY COMMODITY, 2015 - Maldives Customs Services
  - FISH PRODUCTION BY TYPE AND UTILIZATION, 2005 - 2015 - Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture
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- No agricultural or fishery census or large scale sample survey of agricultural and/or fishing households has been conducted.

  - There are no current data available in relation to crop statistics and crop production.

  - Limited data on basic agricultural information concerning land utilisation, area planted, crop production and yield statistics and livestock numbers and production etc.

- Food balance sheet is normally calculated using import data’s

  - We are very much depend on import

  - Currently the accurate information on the production side is missing and this is the main challenge
THANK YOU