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## Endangered Hawksbill Sea Turtle lay eggs on Grand Park Kodhipparu, Maldives beach



Female Hawksbill Sea Turtle at

**MALDIVES** – We are thrilled to announce the very first sea turtle nesting event at [Grand Park Kodhipparu, Maldives](#).

In the early morning of April 23, our resort has been visited by a very special guest – a female Hawksbill Sea Turtle looking for a suitable nesting site to lay her eggs. We are delighted to have been able to witness such an important event. Hawksbill Sea Turtles are a critically endangered species and our team members have kept a proper safe distance without disturbing the long nesting procedure with pictures taken without flash. After the sea turtle left our beach, the nest was promptly secured and protected with a fence and a sign was placed close by to remind all to not disturb or touch the nesting ground.

Based on reports from our marine biologists and professional divers stationed around the Maldives, the Hawksbill is the most commonly encountered sea turtle species in the water. However, the number of Hawksbill turtles nesting in the Maldives appears to be much lower than the number of nesting Green Sea Turtles.

Hawksbill Sea Turtles reach sexual maturity at around 30 years of age and lay an average of 160 eggs in each nest that take about 60 days to hatch. Follow us on Instagram [@grandparkkpdhipparu](#) and stay updated in the days to come.

Interestingly, every two to three years, female Hawksbill Sea Turtles return to the same location on the very same beaches where they themselves hatched, referred to as natal beaches to lay their own eggs. A female doesn't reproduce every year, but will make 2-5 nests every 2-4 years, making it extra special for Grand Park Kodhipparu, Maldives to be a sanctuary for a new generation of Hawksbill Sea Turtles in North Malé Atoll, Maldives.

Raffaele Solferino, the General Manager of Grand Park Kodhipparu, Maldives says, " we look forward to welcoming our first sea turtle hatchlings by the end of June at Grand Park Kodhipparu, Maldives. This event rewards the extraordinary efforts of our green team members who are processing environmental activities daily, keeping our reefs and shores safe and clean, as well as promoting sustainable educational modules to both guests and team members."

## About Grand Park Kodhipparu, Maldives

Located on North Malé Atoll and a mere 20 minutes by speedboat from Velana International Airport, Grand Park Kodhipparu, Maldives is a luxurious one-island-one resort destination in the Maldives featuring a collection of 120 idyllic beach-front pool villas, breathtaking overwater villas and spacious two-bedroom villas. Designed by world-renowned hospitality firm, Hirsch Bedner Associates, the resort is an oasis of luxury and tranquillity featuring open and breezy public spaces alongside modern interiors inspired by the Maldivian the island, local traditions and crafts. An unrivalled range of leisure facilities includes an overwater spa with seven treatment rooms, a fully-equipped PADI dive facility, a recreation beach club, Little Explorers kids' club, three outstanding destination-dining offerings and an infinity pool. Connect with Grand Park Kodhipparu, Maldives on social – [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

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