




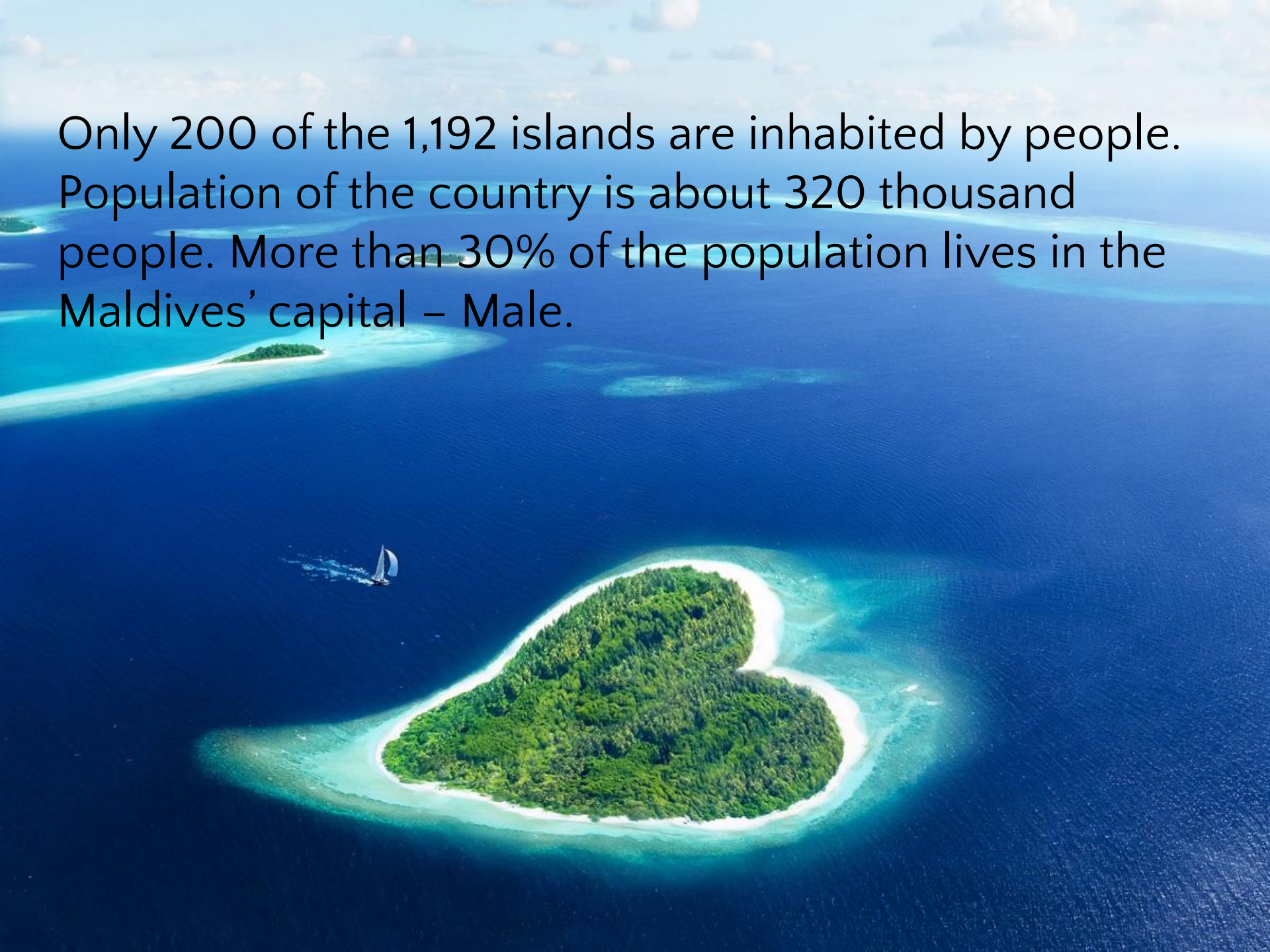
Paradise on the Earth. The Maldives.

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An aerial photograph of a tropical island in the Maldives. The island is lush green with many palm trees and is surrounded by a white sandy beach. A long wooden pier extends from the island into the turquoise water, leading to a large, curved complex of overwater bungalows. The bungalows have thatched roofs and are built on stilts. The water transitions from shallow turquoise near the island to deep blue further out. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

The average upland of the Maldives above the sea level is 1.5 m. The Maldives is the most low-lying country in the world. Interestingly, the highest point in the country is only 2.3 meters!

Only 200 of the 1,192 islands are inhabited by people. Population of the country is about 320 thousand people. More than 30% of the population lives in the Maldives' capital – Male.



About 2,000 kinds of fishes were found in coastal waters of the Maldives. There are 300 kinds of reef fish, including 7 kinds that were not found in other places of the world ocean.



Adult's level of literacy on the Maldives is about 99%,
which is one of the highest rates in the world.



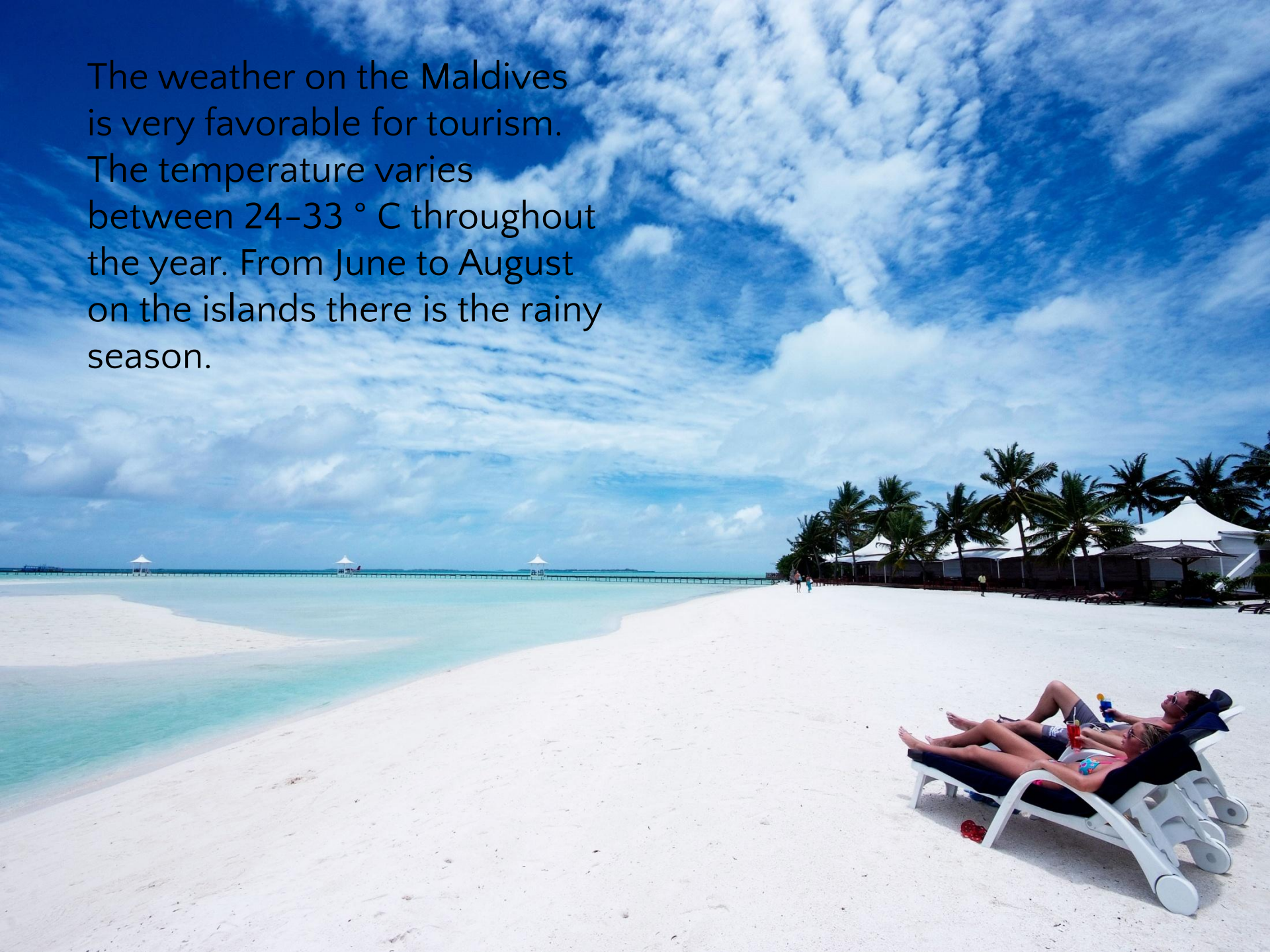
On the Maldives you can see this fantastic phenomenon. Unique luminous waves on the Maldives are explained by bioluminescence - chemical processes in animals' organisms when liberated energy is released in the form of light. It seems that stars are reflecting from the sky in the sea.



A woman in a black swimsuit and yellow fins is snorkeling in clear, shallow blue water. In the background, a small tropical island with palm trees and a white sandy beach is visible under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The water is so clear that the sandy bottom and the woman's movements are visible.

Maldives is the first country in the world, which held an official meeting of the President and the Government under water. This meeting was held to attract the attention to global changes of climate, which can raise the water level in the oceans.

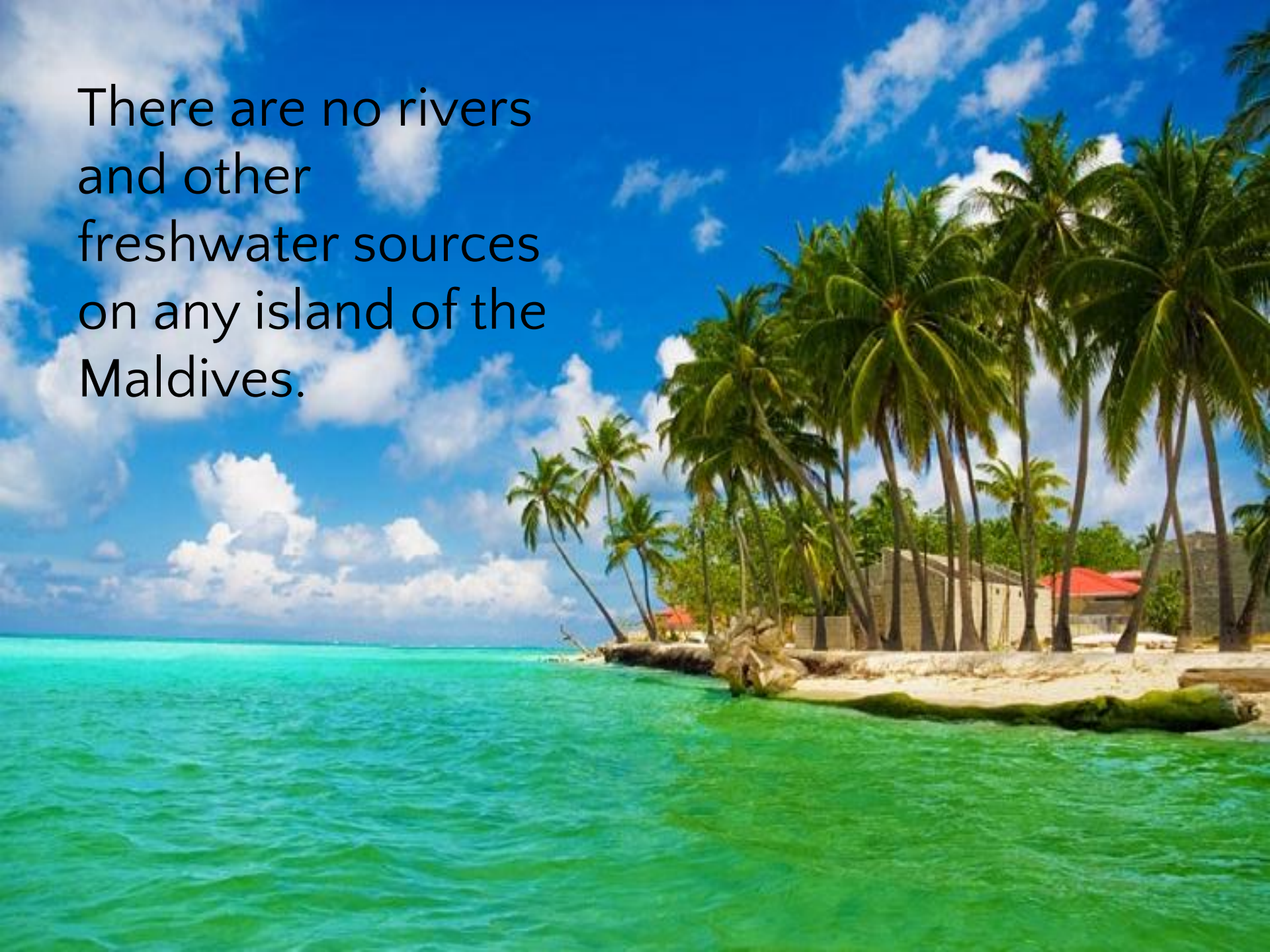
The weather on the Maldives is very favorable for tourism. The temperature varies between 24-33 ° C throughout the year. From June to August on the islands there is the rainy season.



The capital of the Maldives Male is one of the most densely populated capitals in the world. On the island size of 2 to 1 km live more than 110 thousand of people.



There are no rivers
and other
freshwater sources
on any island of the
Maldives.





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