



2022 IPESF (MALDIVES) INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: 2022 Indo-Pacific Environmental Security Forum (IPESF), Malé, Maldives

1. Purpose: To provide stakeholders with the concept, background, description, and objectives of the 2022 IPESF that will be held in the Maldives 1-4 August 2022.
2. Environmental Security and U.S. Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM):
Environmental security can be broadly defined as countering vulnerabilities caused by the abundance or scarcity of environmental resources and/or degradation. Security related to water, waste, energy, food, biosecurity, climate change and other non-traditional threats fit within this definition and can harbor greater security challenges if left unattended.

The annual IPESF is the cornerstone of USINDOPACOM's Environmental Security Program that engages regional militaries and civilian agencies on these topics and our mutual environmental stewardship obligations.

3. 2022 IPESF – Malé, Maldives:

The Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) and United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM) are hosting the 2022 IPESF in Malé, Maldives 1-4 August 2022.

The 2022 PESF will emphasize the following themes:

- 1) Climate Security and Challenges for Defence Forces.
- 2) Oceans and Water Security.
- 3) Small Island Nation Concerns
- 4) Women, Peace, and Security
- 5) COP 26 in Context and Climate Change

The IPESF will include presentations, panel sessions, and group activities to share lessons learned and best practices among environmental security stakeholders, as well as develop actionable plans to address environmental security challenges through project development and workgroup development workshops.

4. Points of Contact: To learn more about the IPESF or if you have any questions leading up to the event please reach out to the following individuals:
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