

Maldives Floating City — An Untested Answer to Sea-Level Rise, Clouded by Controversy

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Quality score: 14/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

A 5,000-unit floating city planned for a Malé lagoon to demonstrate flood-proof urbanism — but its 2027 completion target has slipped with no verified delivery data, and Maldives' own government has publicly alleged the developer resold free-granted lagoons.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	0/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	0/3
Scalability	0/3
Sustainability / continuity	0/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	0/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-17

[Dutch Docklands / Waterstudio, with the Government of Maldives](#) — accessed 2026-08-17

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[Wikipedia: Maldives Floating City](#) — accessed 2026-08-17

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