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CONRAD MALDIVES RANGALI ISLAND AWARDED PADI ECO CENTER CERTIFICATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN OCEAN CONSERVATION

The iconic twin-island resort becomes one of only two luxury properties in the Maldives to earn the PADI Eco Center title, solidifying its commitment to protecting marine ecosystems.



MALE, Maldives – August 2025 – Conrad Maldives Rangali Island is proud to announce its official certification as a PADI Eco Center, a recognition awarded to dive resorts that go beyond standard operations to protect the ocean and educate future generations of ocean advocates. Conrad Maldives is one of only two resorts in the Maldives to achieve this certification in 2025, making it a rare distinction that reflects the team's unwavering commitment to marine conservation and sustainability.

As part of this journey, the team adopted the Conrad House Reef under PADI's Adopt the Blue program, conducting a *Dive Against Debris* cleanup dive around the reef near Ithaa Underwater Gem. The dive team collected 10 kilograms of marine litter, primarily plastics and metal fragments.

The team also joined Green Fins in June 2025 and has since implemented a number of sustainable practices. These include paperless dive check-ins, eco-briefings before every excursion, reduced plastic use with glass bottle alternatives, and visible signage to promote responsible snorkeling and diving across the dive center.

In addition to operational improvements, the marine team actively involves guests in coral restoration efforts. So far this year, they have facilitated 17 coral line adoptions, where guests

are invited to attend a short educational session before attaching coral fragments to nursery lines and helping place them underwater.

"This certification represents a milestone for us," says Jessica Miller, Marine Biologist at Conrad Maldives. "It's the result of dedicated teamwork and genuine care for the ocean. Watching our guests become part of the solution, whether through coral planting or learning about local marine life, is what makes this so special."

"We're incredibly proud of the team's achievement in making Conrad Maldives a certified PADI Eco Center," adds Nick Flynn, General Manager. "This milestone is part of our long-term commitment to sustainability and a testament to how luxury and environmental responsibility can go hand in hand."

Ranjit Batra, CEO of Ventive Hospitality, the owning company of Conrad Maldives Rangali Island, emphasized the significance of the achievement, stating, "The PADI Eco Center recognition for Conrad Maldives Rangali Island underscores our commitment to protecting marine ecosystems while shaping the future of responsible travel. We are proud of Conrad for leading the way in sustainability across the Maldives." His remarks affirm Ventive Hospitality's dedication to fostering responsible tourism while reinforcing the resort's leadership as a model of sustainable luxury in the region.

The PADI Eco Center certification builds on Conrad Maldives' broader sustainability vision and Hilton's *Travel With Purpose* program. The resort plans to continue offering educational dives, coral adoption experiences, and conservation briefings that encourage guests to dive deeper into purpose-driven travel. Guests can visit the resort's Dive Center to learn more, sign up for upcoming marine activities, or take part in hands-on conservation work during their stay.

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Notes to Editor:

Conrad Maldives Rangali Island is an idyllic island paradise nestled in the South Ari Atoll, renowned for its abundant flora, fauna and marine life. The resort features 151 beautifully designed beach and over water villas and is home to The Muraka, the world's first undersea residence. The Muraka is a unique three-bedroom, two-level residence with a master bedroom submerged over 16 feet below sea level.

A leader in world-class dining, Conrad Maldives Rangali Island is a pioneer in the country's gastronomy scene – the resort opens Ufaa, the country's first authentic Chinese restaurant helmed by celebrity chef Jereme Leung, as well as the world's first undersea restaurant – Ithaa. Sitting five meters below the surface of the Indian Ocean, Ithaa offers 180-degree panoramic views of the vibrant coral gardens.

Conrad Maldives Rangali Island seamlessly blends adventure and relaxation, offering a range of ocean-inspired activities. Guests can embark on unforgettable Whale Shark and Manta Ray excursions or partake in sustainable initiatives like coral restoration. The resort caters to all ages: adults can enjoy guided snorkeling tours and a variety of exhilarating water sports, while children and teens have access to the Majaa Explorers Hub, complete with a splash park, and the Furaavaru Teens Club. For wellness seekers, the resort boasts two award-winning spas: The Spa Retreat, located 100 meters off the main island, and The Over Water Spa at Rangali Island, featuring treatment rooms with glass floors for viewing the vibrant coral reef below.

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