

Maldives Space Research Organisation (MSRO) Launches \$50 Million Space Fund to Empower Island Nations

MALé, MALDIVES, October 28, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [The Maldives Space Research Organisation \(MSRO\)](#) has launched the [Maldives Space Capital for High-Impact Fund \(MSCHIF\)](#) - a \$50 million initiative to accelerate the Maldives' space sector and ensure its benefits extend to other Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

As the first space fund created specifically for island nations, MSCHIF marks a historic milestone in advancing sovereign space capabilities, maritime security, climate resilience, and technological equity for the Maldives and beyond.



MSRO unveils a \$50M Space Fund at IAC 2025 in Sydney, advancing sovereign space, maritime security, and climate resilience for island nations.

MSRO is a leading voice for island nations in the global space community, advocating for equitable access to space and the benefits of space technology for all.

In 2024, MSRO was officially mandated by the Ministry of Defence to lead the Maldives' space affairs. Over the past three years, MSRO has emerged as a global voice for island nations, having organised the Space for Island Nations Conference (SINC) in 2023 and 2024, co-founded the Space4Ocean Alliance during UNOC 2025, and co-organised the 32nd UN/IAF Workshop at IAC 2025.

MSRO's mission is to empower island nations through space technology, fostering innovation and sustainable development.

Since its inception, MSRO has achieved extraordinary progress without relying on government funding, driven by deep partnerships and creative experimentation. It has shown that innovation and impact don't require scale.

MSRO has led multiple technology demonstrations advancing maritime monitoring and climate resilience. It is committed to enhancing satellite-derived intelligence through innovative algorithms, ground-truthing, and platform design. Recent initiatives—including the Digital Earth



We've shown that with heart, clarity of purpose, and collaboration, even small nations can reach to the stars. This fund is the natural next step—not a beginning, but a scaling of what's already working."

Madin Maseeh, President of MSRO

Maldives Initiative (DEMI), the Coastal Observation Advances leveraging Space Technology Services (COASTS) project, and space-enabled IoT pilots with the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF) and Sony Group—underscore this commitment.

In August 2025, MSRO conducted its first microgravity experiment aboard the International Space Station (ISS), sending the first Maldivian mangrove seeds to space as part of a global seed resilience mission led by Jaguar Space.

MSCHIF builds on that foundation, transforming proven momentum into a sustainable engine for growth and global impact.

MSRO is a sovereign wealth fund established by the Maldivian government to support the development of the space sector and advance the nation's strategic interests in outer space.

Launched at the International Astronautical Congress (IAC) in Sydney, the fund is headquartered in the United Arab Emirates, ensuring strong regulatory governance and broad access for global investors.

"With nearly \$5 million in early commitments from Middle Eastern family offices, the fund has already demonstrated significant investor confidence in MSRO's mission," said Rajeeshwaran Moorthy, Strategic Advisor to MSRO.

The fund's mission is to develop sovereign space capabilities for the Maldives and other island nations. Capital deployment will be overseen by an independent advisory committee comprising representatives from MSRO, the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), and an independent fiduciary, ensuring transparency and technical integrity.

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The Maldives' equatorial location and proximity to key trade routes offer strategic advantages for hosting ground stations, SSA infrastructure, and future launch capabilities. MSRO's current projects already support island nations with data-sharing frameworks for illegal fishing detection, coral reef monitoring, and coastal erosion tracking.

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MSCHIF will deploy capital across three strategic pillars:

1. **Foundational Architecture** - Building the foundational architecture of space sovereignty, including

ground stations, deep-space communication, and astronomy infrastructure leveraging the Maldives' equatorial advantage.

2. **Scale** - Scaling Earth observation and maritime-monitoring platforms that deliver actionable insights for environmental management, early warning, and national resilience.

3. 國際空間站 - Supporting frontier R&D, spaceport feasibility studies, and interplanetary research partnerships, ensuring that island nations are participants - not passengers - in the next era of space exploration.

"We've proven what's possible with almost nothing. Imagine what we can achieve together with access to capital, technology, and each other," added Maseeh.

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