

# WHAT MALDIVES MEANS TO THE CHINESE

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- Crucial for china's [String of Pearls](#) agenda

## Possible Infiltration ways and how it was tackled

1. Infiltration across LoC was cut down by a major way in 1990's
  - India created a formidable [LoC fence](#) and installed flood lights
  - This helped crucial infiltration and inflow of arms, ammunition by 70-80%
2. Indo Nepal Border
  - Nepalese govt co-operated, route was [largely plugged](#)
3. Bangladesh border
  - Border [fenced](#)
4. Hit us via sea
  - Post 2008 attacks Indian govt was forced to [ramp up coastal defense](#) too

Thus the only option back then was Maldives

In 2010, then Vice-Admiral Sanjeev Bhasin had [warned of possible infiltration](#) via Maldives - Andaman route

China has been showing interest in Maldives via its Belt And Road initiative by increasing investments in the region