BORDER MANAGEMENT IN MALDIVES :

A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

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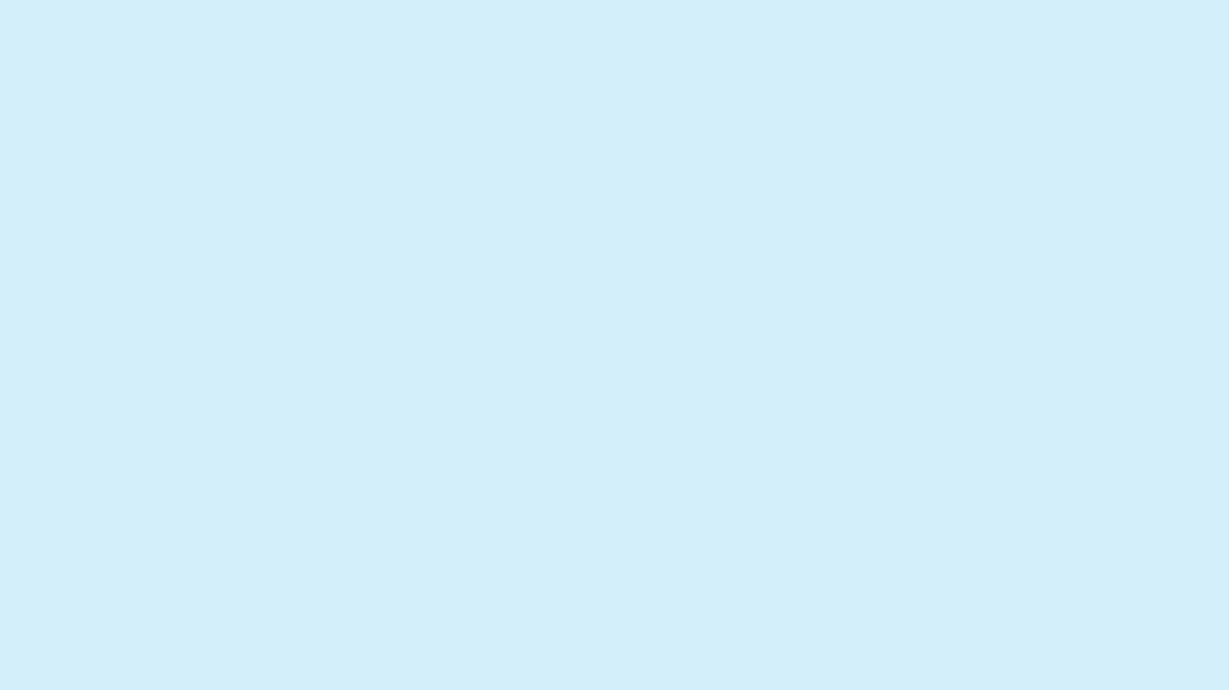DEPUTY CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT

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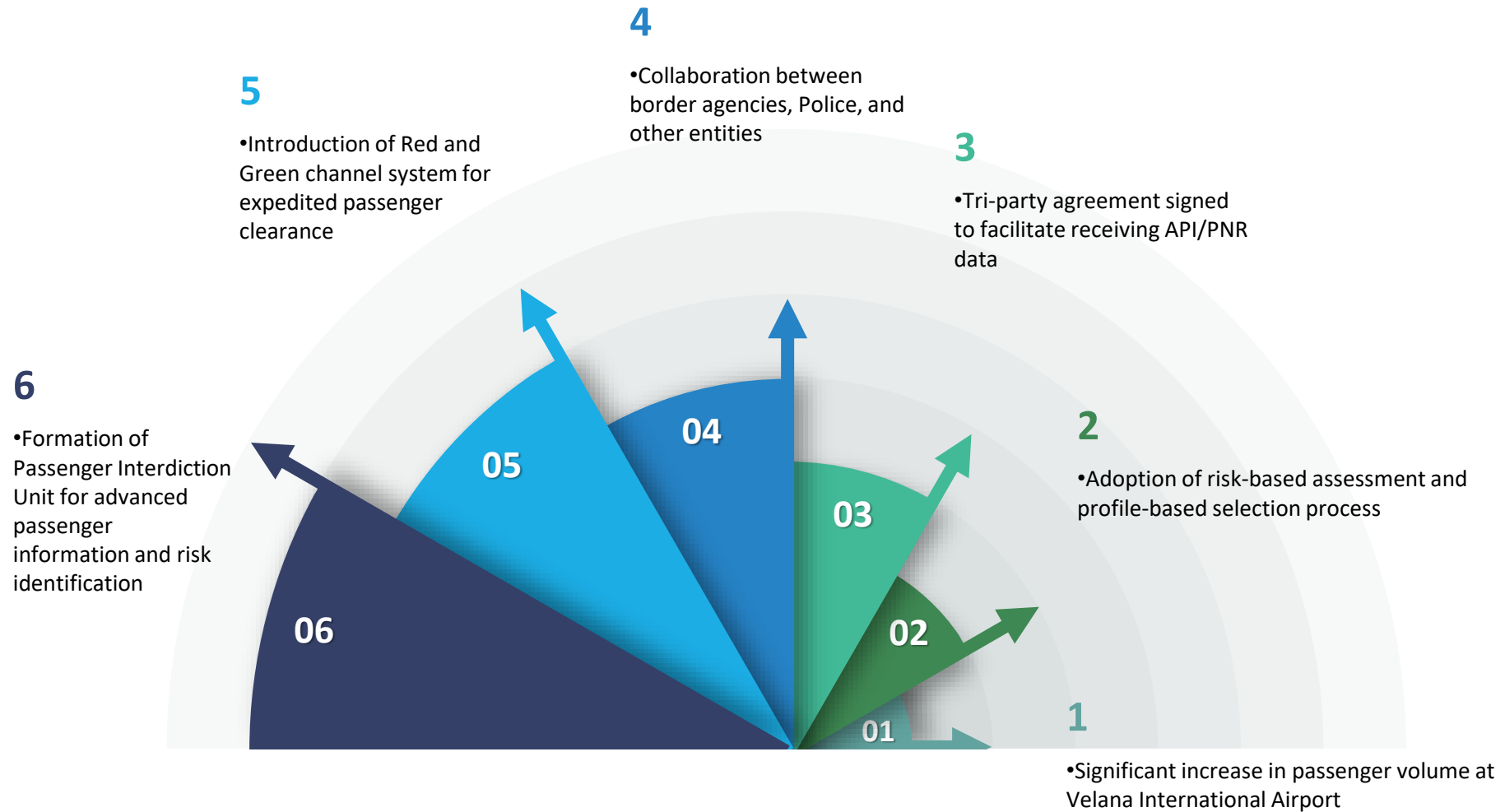
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INTRODUCTION

- Unique geographical formation poses challenges for border management in Maldives

- Establishment of dedicated unit for interdiction and surveillance of passengers

- Recognition of importance of API/PNR data

- Maldives Customs Service plays pivotal role in coordinating interagency efforts

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SCENARIO OF BORDER MANAGEMENT IN MALDIVES

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•Collaboration between border agencies, Police, and other entities

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•Introduction of Red and Green channel system for expedited passenger clearance

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•Tri-party agreement signed to facilitate receiving API/PNR data

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•Formation of Passenger Interdiction Unit for advanced passenger information and risk identification

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•Adoption of risk-based assessment and profile-based selection process

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•Significant increase in passenger volume at Velana International Airport

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INTER AGENCY CORDINATION AND ROLE OF MCS

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International Airports

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International Sea Ports

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Agencies

Uligan Port

Hanimaadhoo International Airport

Kulhudufushi Sea Port

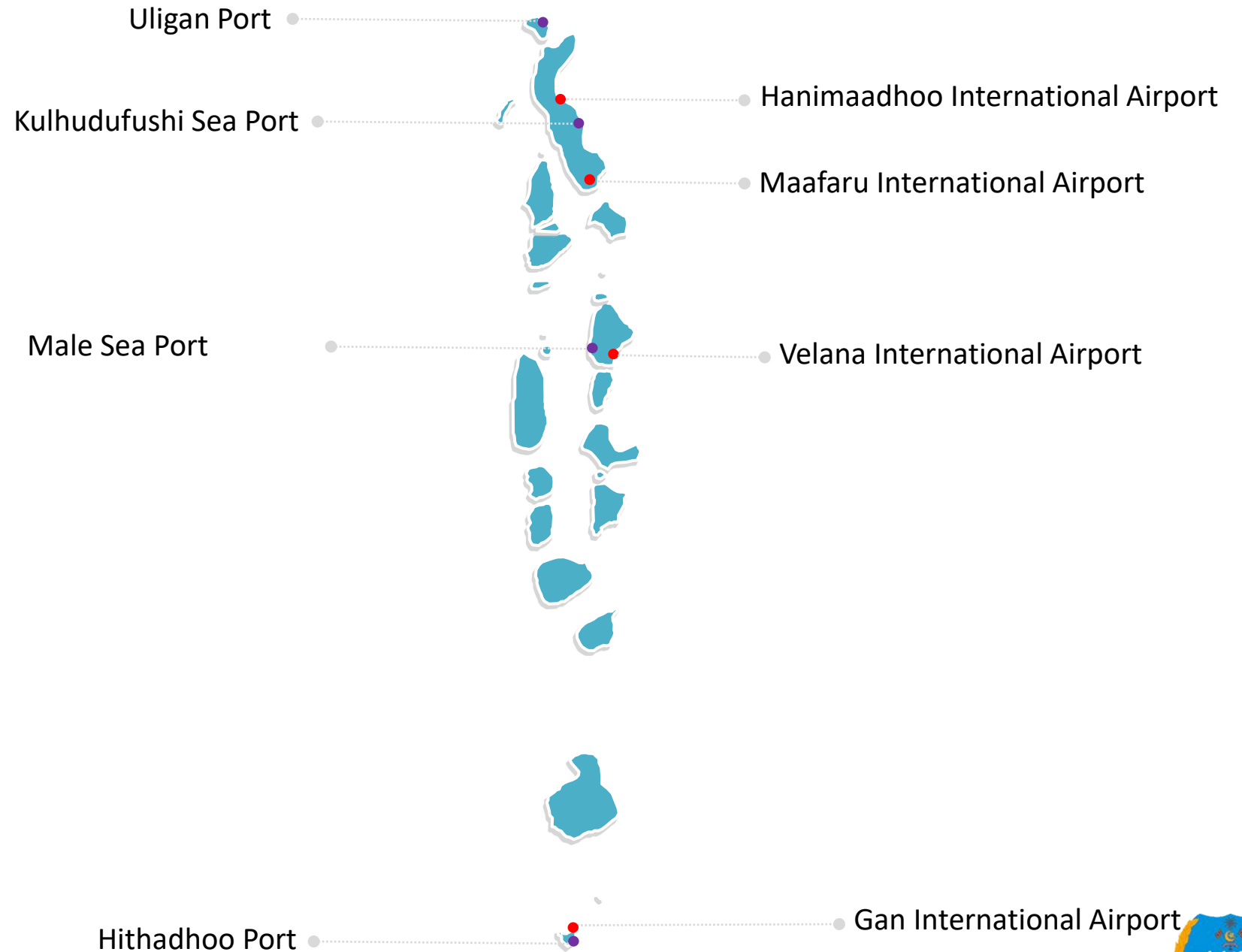Maafaru International Airport

Male Sea Port

Velana International Airport

Gan International Airport

Hithadhoo Port

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- Maldives Customs Service as nodal agency for API/PNR data

- Memorandums of Understanding signed with Immigration and Police

- Joint operations conducted with National Defense Force, Police, and Immigration

- National Counter Terrorism Center (NCTC) collaboration for data analysis

- Participation in Container Control Program (CCP) for sea border security

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Coordinated Border
Management Policy

- Commitment to implement coordinated border management policy

- Support from International Organization for Migration (IOM) in developing strategy

- Expansion of Customs focus from revenue collection to border management

- Adoption of World Customs Organization (WCO) guidelines for coordinated border management

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FUTURE PLANS OF MCS
TOWARDS INTEGRATED
BORDERS

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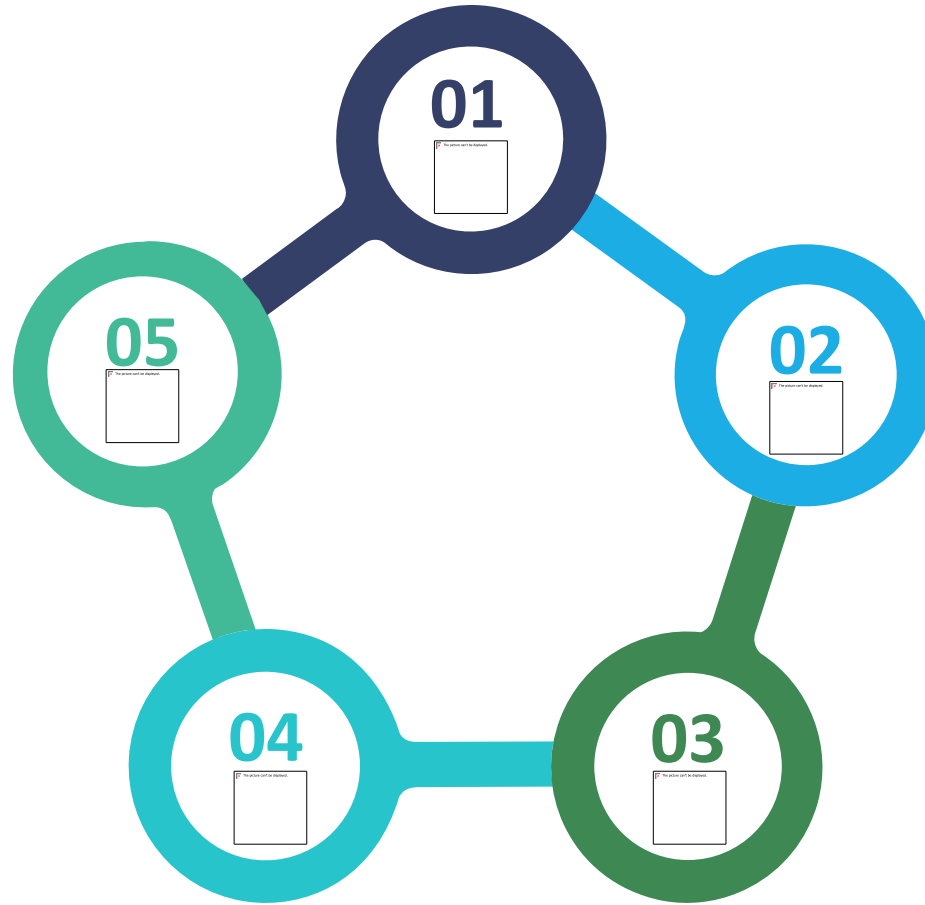Establishment of Passenger Interdiction Units (PIUs) at key entry points.

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•Enhancing information sharing and communication between agencies

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•Amendments to laws and regulations for effective coordination

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•Infrastructure upgrades for advanced screening, biometrics, and surveillance

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•Expansion of airport facilities and establishment of new airport

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Conclusion

- Advanced risk assessment, data processing, and collaboration are vital

- Progress in leveraging API/PNR data and increasing case seizures

- Commitment to enhance border security and facilitate safe travel

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