Physical Geography of South Asia

Subcontinent:

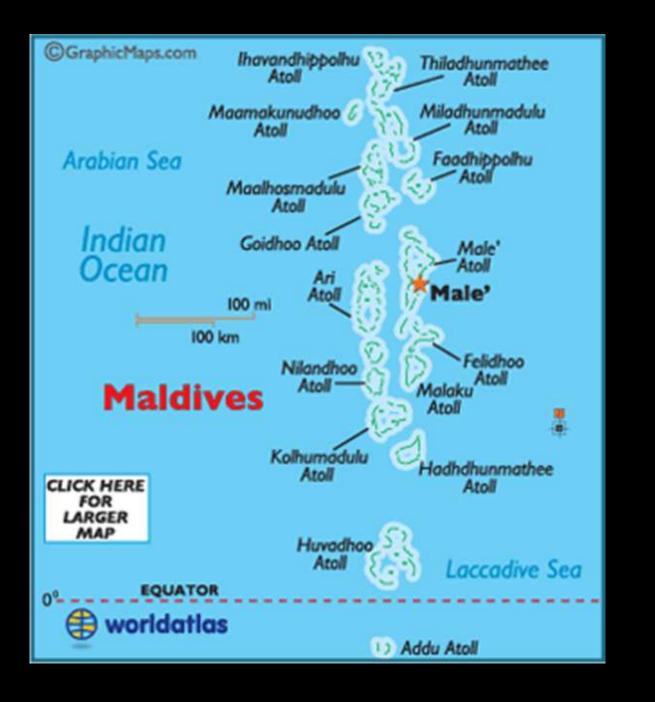
•A large landmass that is smaller than a

continent



Archipelago:

- •An island group
 - •Example: The Maldives, consists of more than 1,200 small islands



Atoll:

- •An island consisting of the low-lying top of a submerged volcano surrounded by coral reefs and/or shallow reefs
 - •Example: The islands of the Maldives





Monsoons:

- Seasonal winds
 - From June through September, monsoon winds bring heavy rainfall





Cyclone:

- •A violent storm with fierce winds and heavy rain
 - •Severe cyclones can cause major damage and death



Storm Surge:

•High water levels brought by a cyclone that swamps low-lying areas





Estuary:

•A broadened end of a river where the river's currents meet the ocean tide

