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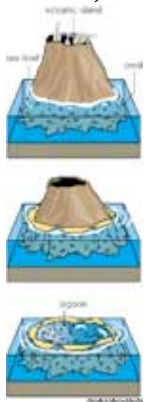
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n.
An island or chain of islets connected by a coral reef that nearly or entirely encloses a lagoon.

[Dhivehi *atholhu*; probably akin to Sinhalese *ātul*, interior (from the interior lagoon), probably from Sanskrit **antala-*, interior, variant of *antara-*; see **en** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]



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atoll

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