

# Atauro - Cabbage Patch

Atauro Island · surveyed 2024-01-31



Coral Health Index: TBD

**What was done.** No diver transect was run at this site. The figure is a blind Claude computer-vision point classification of 115 photographs by the author, read without sight of any other method's result; other computer-vision methods are compared on the site page. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

**37%**

Claude computer vision (115 edited photos)

TODAY'S HEAT LOAD

**27.3°C**

**0.0°C-weeks**

16 Sep 2026 · -1.6°C vs the annual mean (28.9 °C)

· NOAA No heat stress

HEAT STRESS (5-YR MEAN ANNUAL MAX. DHW)

**5.7°C-weeks**

NOAA annual peaks averaging 4–8 °C-weeks

MAX. DEPTH

**14.6 m**

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

**27.2°C**

-1.8°C vs the 2024 mean sea temperature (29.0°C)

PHOTOGRAPHS

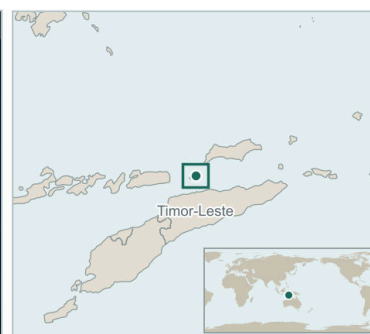
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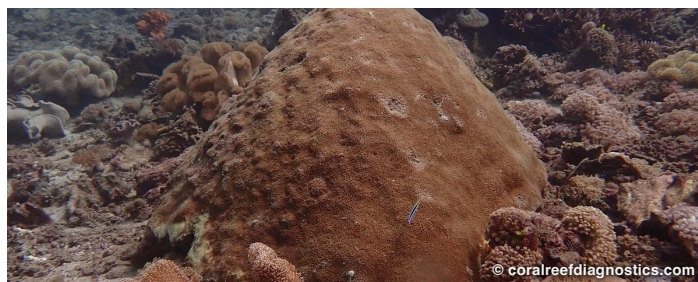
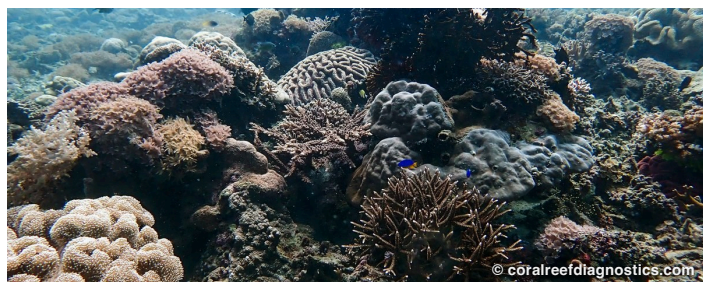
POSITION

**-8.2276, 125.6116**

Approximate position: no GPS fix was logged for this dive.



A shallow Atauro site named for its colossal foliose coral, a dome of tightly folded brown-and-tan plates, set on a sand slope with scattered *Porites* heads and a mixed garden of pink *Pocillopora*, brain corals, and leather soft corals. One large *Porites* dome shows recent tissue loss around its base.



CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 30.7 · CoralSCOP edited 37.6 · Claude (edited photos) 37.2

Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 of 4 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/atauro-cabbage-patch.html> · Heat stress is the mean of the latest five annual maxima of NOAA Coral Reef Watch degree-heating weeks for this reef's NOAA CRW virtual station (Timor-Leste) — a five-year heat history for the station's waters, not a measurement at this site on the dive date.