

Atauro - Watuwai

Atauro Island · surveyed 2024-01-29



Reef Check



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Coral Health Index: TBD

What was done. No coral-cover figure is published for this site. Insufficient photos to estimate coral cover. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

not reported

Insufficient photos to estimate coral cover.

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

32.6 m

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

26.7°C

-2.3°C vs the 2024 mean sea temperature (29.0°C)

PHOTOGRAPHS

none on file

POSITION

-8.2318, 125.6123

Position matched to a named location on the map.



An Atauro dive to 32.6 m where the camera failed early, leaving a single photograph: a near-continuous carpet of tan branching *Acropora* with small *Porites* heads, damselfish and anthias overhead. One frame cannot characterize the whole site.

Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/atauro-watuwai.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.