

Chagos Archipelago - Peros Banhos (BIPB65)

Peros Banhos · surveyed 2015-04-15



Coral Health Index: TBD

What was done. Coral cover here was measured on in-situ benthic transects run by divers on the [Living Oceans Foundation Global Reef Expedition](#) — a diver measurement, not an estimate read off photographs. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

41%

Benthic surveys

TODAY'S HEAT LOAD

28.9°C

0.0°C-weeks

16 Sep 2026 · -0.1°C vs the annual mean (29.0 °C)
· [NOAA](#) No heat stress

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

4.4°C-weeks

[NOAA](#) annual peaks averaging 4–8 °C-weeks

MAX. DEPTH

25.2 m

dive-log maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

30.5°C

+1.5°C vs the 2015 mean sea temperature (29.0°C)

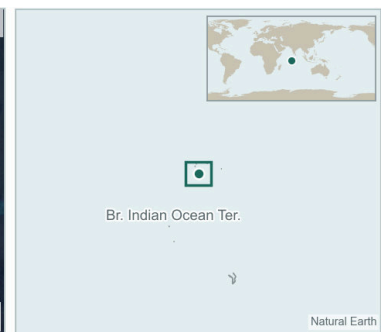
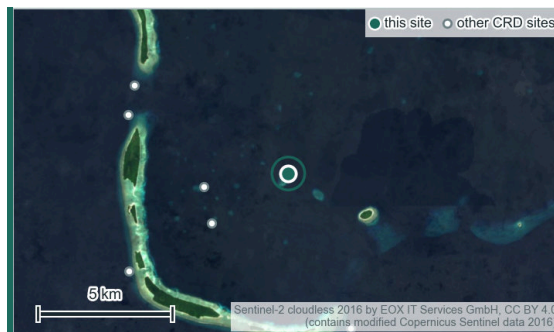
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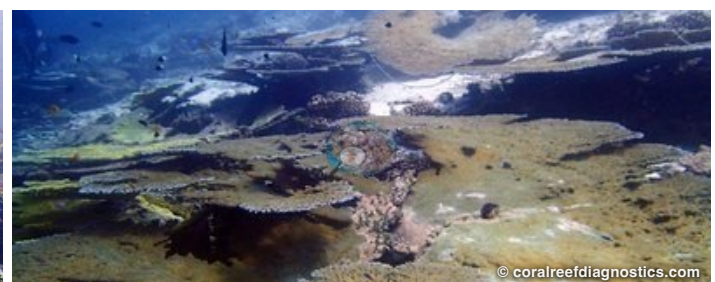
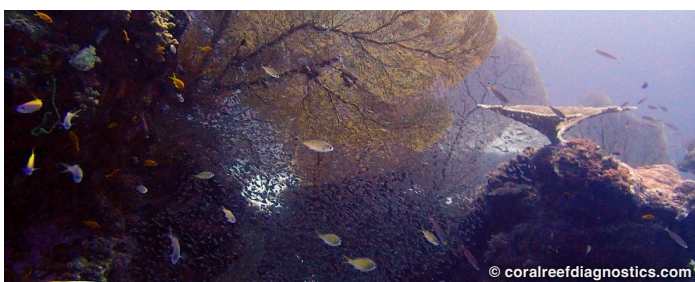
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POSITION

-5.4108, 71.8035



A sheltered lagoon patch reef at 26 m, dominated by *Acropora* (about two-thirds of the coral) at 41% cover, with prominent coralline crust and bare rock. Most colonies looked healthy, but several branching corals were white beside pigmented neighbors, and a whitetip reef shark rested on the reef near a moray eel. Surveyed on the [Living Oceans Foundation's Global Reef Expedition](#).



CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): Transect (published) 41.4 · In-house DINOv3 32.3 · CoralSCOP edited 27.5 · Claude 30.3

Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 of 35 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/gre-chagos-archipelago-peros-banhos-bipb65.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 (Chagos) — a five-year heat history for the station's waters, not a measurement at this site on the dive date.