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Living Ocean

A vibrant underwater photograph of a coral reef. The reef is densely populated with various types of coral, including branching, table, and brain corals, in shades of blue, green, yellow, and red. A small, round, metallic object is visible on the reef surface.



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.

Benthic surveys

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

NOAA annual peaks averaging 4–8 °C-weeks

dive-log maximum

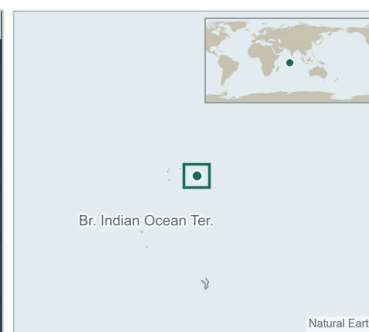
+0.7°C vs the 2015 mean sea temperature (29.1°C)

on file for this site

Legend: ● this site ○ other CRD sites

5 km

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(contains modified Copernicus Sentinel data 2016)



Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 of 19 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/gre-chagos-archipelago-salomons-island-bisa103.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.