

Indonesia - Halmahera: Batu Balong shallows-near anchorage



Halmahera (North Maluku) · surveyed 2026-08-14



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What was done. No diver transect was run at this site. The figure is a blind Claude computer-vision point classification of 213 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
57%
Claude computer vision (213 photos)

TODAY'S HEAT LOAD
28.7°C **0.0°C-weeks**
16 Sep 2026 · -0.9°C vs the annual mean (29.6 °C)
· NOAA No heat stress

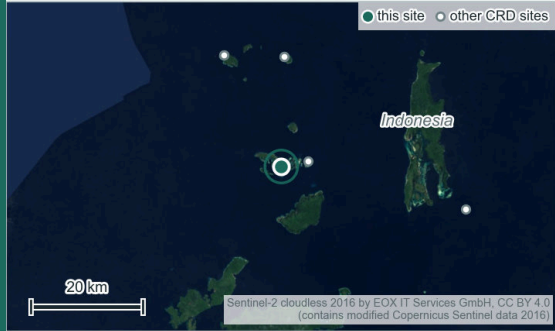
HEAT STRESS (5-YR MEAN ANNUAL MAX. DHW)
5.1°C-weeks
NOAA annual peaks averaging 4–8 °C-weeks

MAX. DEPTH
5.9 m
dive-log maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)
—
not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS
55
on file for this site

POSITION
-0.0323, 127.2052
Approximate position: no GPS fix was logged for this dive.



A short solo dive in the 1–6 m shallows beside the Batu Balong anchorage, where interlocking mauve, lavender, and olive staghorn *Acropora* thickets fill whole frames among massive *Porites* bommies, stacked foliose plates, and white sand lanes. No bleaching, disease, or COTS observed. A blind Claude computer-vision point count puts coral cover around 57%.

Bahasa Indonesia. Penyelaman singkat seorang diri di perairan dangkal 1–6 m di dekat tempat berlabuh Batu Balong, tempat semak *Acropora* bercabang berwarna ungu muda, lavender, dan hijau zaitun saling mengunci memenuhi seluruh bingkai foto, di antara bongkah *Porites* masif, lembaran karang foliosa yang bersusun, dan lorong pasir putih. Tidak teramati pemutihan, penyakit, maupun bintang laut mahkota duri. Penghitungan titik buta visi komputer Claude memperkirakan tutupan karang sekitar 57%. *Terjemahan ringkasan ini oleh AI; versi bahasa Inggris yang berlaku.*

CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 33.3 · CoralSCOP unedited 38.1 · Claude 56.5

Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 1 of 55 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/indonesia-halmahera-batu-balong-shallows-near-anchorage.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 (North Maluku) — a five-year heat history for the station's waters, not a measurement at this site on the dive date.