

Indonesia - Halmahera: Batu Balong

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



What was done. No diver transect was run at this site. The figure is a blind Claude computer-vision point classification of 126 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
39%
Claude computer vision (126 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

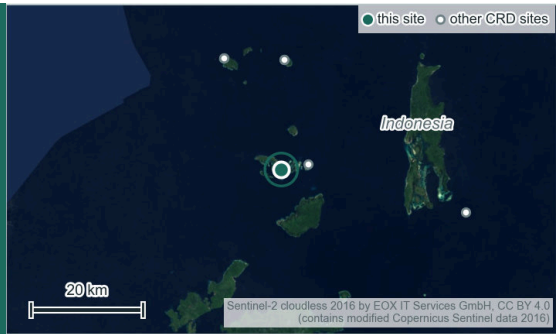
HEAT STRESS (5-YR MEAN ANNUAL MAX. DHW)
5.1°C-weeks
[NOAA](#) annual peaks averaging 4–8 °C-weeks

MAX. DEPTH
31.4 m
dive-log maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)
—
not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS
53
on file for this site

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



Batu Balong, the deepest dive of the crossing, is exactly the underwater hike Anderson's log describes - a foliose-plate-covered pinnacle wall giving way to a broad plateau blanketed edge to edge in mauve and pink corymbose *Acropora*, then a series of discrete coral knolls on open sand linking back to shore. A blind Claude computer-vision point count puts coral cover around 39%.

Bahasa Indonesia. Batu Balong, penyelaman terdalam sepanjang penyeberangan, persis seperti pendakian bawah laut yang diuraikan catatan Anderson — dinding puncak batu yang tertutup karang lembaran, memberi jalan kepada dataran luas yang berselimut dari tepi ke tepi oleh *Acropora* korimbosa berwarna ungu muda dan merah muda, lalu serangkaian gundukan karang terpisah di atas pasir terbuka yang menghubungkan kembali ke pantai. Penghitungan titik buta visi komputer Claude memperkirakan tutupan karang sekitar 39%.
Terjemahan ringkasan ini oleh AI; versi bahasa Inggris yang berlaku.

CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 28.0 · CoralSCOP unedited 34.1 · **Claude 39.4**

Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 1 of 53 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/indonesia-halmahera-batu-balong.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.