



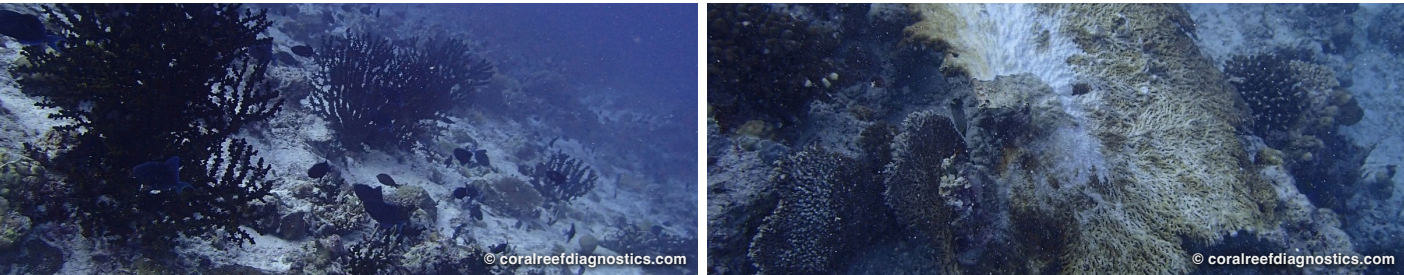
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What was done. No diver transect was run at this site. The figure is a computer-vision estimate over the site's own frames (59 frames) — DINOv3 15%, CoralSCOP 19%. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER 17% computer vision: DINOv3 15%, CoralSCOP 19% (59 photos)	TODAY'S HEAT LOAD 29.7°C 0.0°C-weeks 16 Sep 2026 · +0.1°C vs the annual mean (29.6 °C) · NOAA Bleaching Watch	HEAT STRESS (5-YR MEAN ANNUAL MAX. DHW) 2.2°C-weeks NOAA annual peaks below 4 °C-weeks, the bleaching threshold
MAX. DEPTH — not logged	WATER TEMP. (SURVEY) — not logged	PHOTOGRAPHS 25 on file for this site
POSITION 5.2965, 73.0568	 Sentinel-2 cloudless 2016 by EOX IT Services GmbH, CC BY 4.0 (contains modified Copernicus Sentinel data 2016)	

Kihavah's house reef centers on an underwater restaurant ringed by coral-nursery domes and anemone carpets, while a drift along its outer wall found a crown-of-thorns starfish and feeding scars amid brilliant yellow soft-coral faces. Weeks after these January 2016 photos, the 2016 El Nino left Baa Atoll's reefs 81-97% bleached. Computer vision cover estimate is 15-19%, averaging 17%.



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CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 14.7 · CoralSCOP 19.3 · **Mean (± SD) 17.0 ± 3.3** · Range 14.7–19.3 Mean ± SD and range are across the computer-vision methods shown.

Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 of 25 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/maldives-anantara-kihavah-house-reef-golden-wall.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 (Maldives) — a five-year heat history for the station's waters, not a measurement at this site on the dive date.