Maldives - Baa Atoll site 8

northern atolls · surveyed 2016-01-23



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Coral Health Index: TBD

What was done. No diver transect was run at this site. The figure is a blind Claude computer-vision point classification of 49 photographs by the author, read without sight of any other method's result. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs and of the author's dive notes, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

45%

Claude computer vision (49 photos) · median 45%

MOST RECENT HEAT LOAD RECORD

30.1°C **0.0°C-weeks**

26 Oct 2026 · +0.5°C vs the past-365-day mean (29.6°C) · NOAA Bleaching Watch

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

2.2°C-weeks

NOAA annual peaks averaging under 4°C-weeks, the bleaching threshold

MAX. DEPTH

11.1 m

sample-sheet maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

29.0°C

-0.2°C vs the 2016 mean sea temperature (29.2°C)

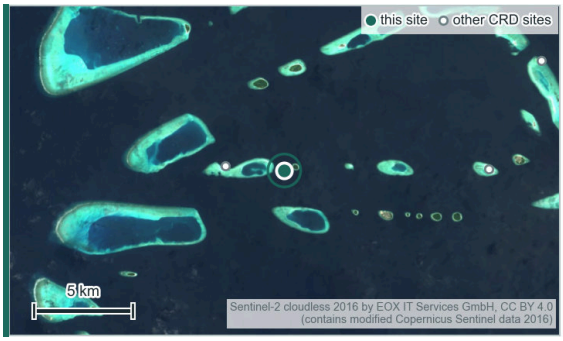
PHOTOGRAPHS

35 in the gallery · 49 on file

POSITION

5.2957, 72.9635

Position from the GPS fix on the author's sampling sheet for this dive.





A January 2016 Baa Atoll research dive (site 8) on a high-relief reef front that tumbles from a coral-crowded crest into deep blue, with terraced table *Acropora*, staghorn thickets, and cauliflower *Pocillopora*; Anderson tagged and sampled colonies here roughly three months before the 2016 El Niño bleaching event.

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