

Maldives - Back Faru

North Male · 2 visits, 2017-05-14 – 2017-05-21



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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 (20 frames) — DINOv3 14%, CoralSCOP 15%. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER
14%
computer vision: DINOv3 14%, CoralSCOP 15%
(20 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](#)

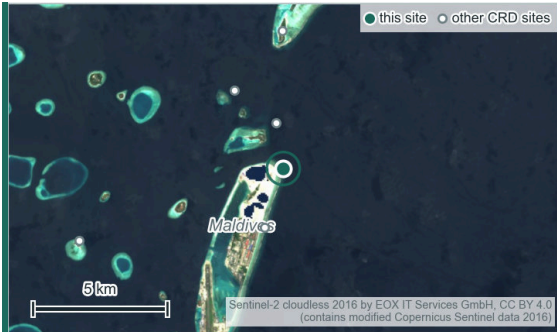
HEAT STRESS (5-YR MEAN ANNUAL MAX. DHW)
2.2°C-weeks
NOAA annual peaks below 4 °C-weeks, the bleaching threshold

MAX. DEPTH
31.0 m
dive-log maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)
—
not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS
25
on file for this site

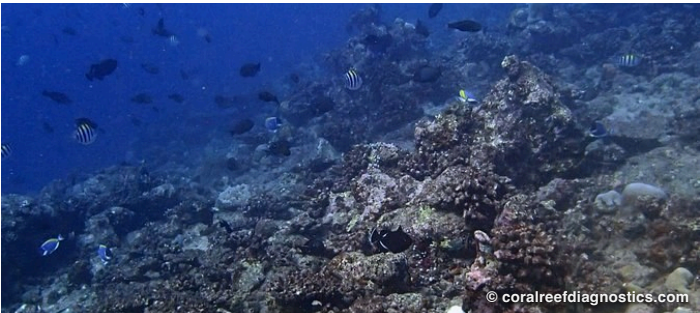
POSITION
4.2397, 73.5544
Outer reef behind Hulhumalé/Full Moon; 4°14.383N
73°33.262E



A reef caught mid-recovery a year after 2016 bleaching: coralline-algae-capped dead framework and lingering crown-of-thorns scars alongside actively recruiting cauliflower corals and surviving dome corals. Cover is modest at a computer-vision-estimated 14.2%.



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CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 13.9 · CoralSCOP 14.6 · **Mean (± SD) 14.2 ± 0.5** · Range 13.9–14.6 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-back-faru.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.