

Maldives - Camel Point

South Ari · surveyed 2017-05-23



Coral Health Index: TBD

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 23%, CoralSCOP 26%. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

24%

computer vision: DINOv3 23%, CoralSCOP 26%
(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

20.3 m

dive-log maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

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not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS

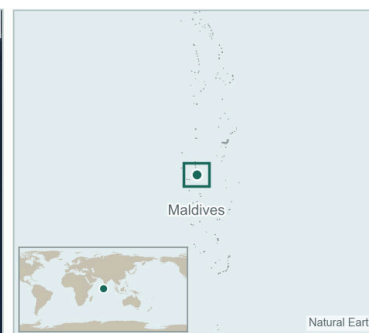
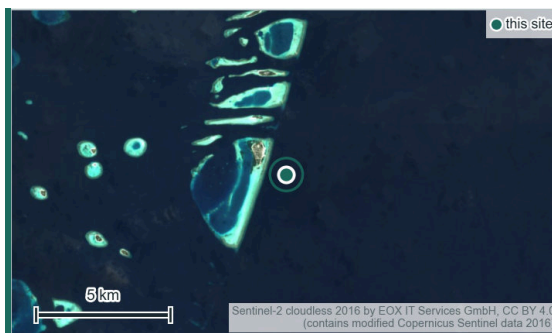
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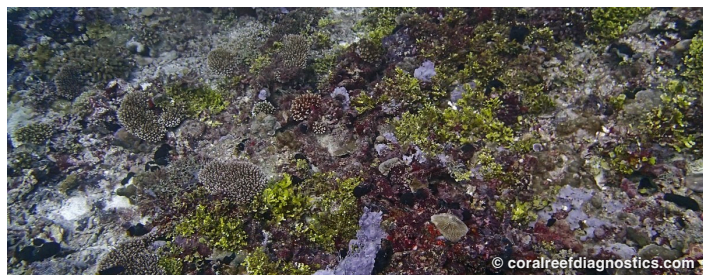
POSITION

3.6000, 72.9650

Camel Rock manta cleaning station near Dhangethi (OSM 3.6072/72.9558); first Ari dive after the May 23 crossing



A dive that opens on a quiet sand plain waiting for mantas before giving way to one of the trip's liveliest coral ridges - staghorn and table thickets, giant boulder corals, and anemone-draped rock faces, plus jewel-toned free-living mushroom corals. Computer vision cover estimate is 23-26%, averaging 24.2%.



CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 22.9 · CoralSCOP 25.5 · **Mean (± SD) 24.2 ± 1.8** · Range 22.9–25.5 Mean ± SD and range are across the computer-vision methods shown.

Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 of 50 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/maldives-camel-point.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.