

Maldives - Dhigurah Arches (night dive)

South Ari Atoll · surveyed 2017-05-23



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What was done. No coral-cover figure is published for this site. No coral cover estimate: night dive.

HARD CORAL COVER not reported

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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

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not logged

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

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not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS

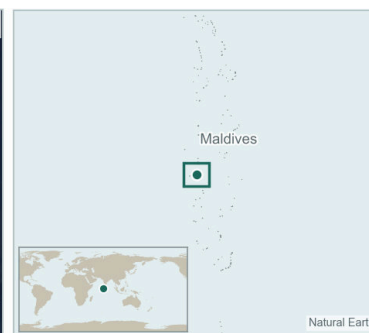
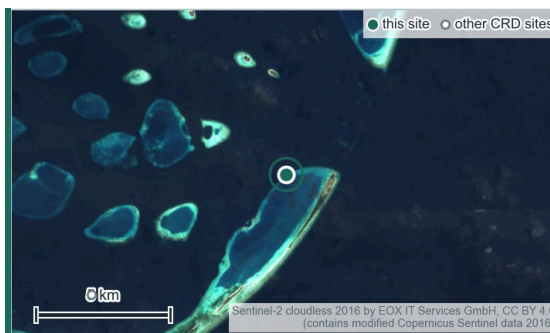
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POSITION

3.5401, 72.9153

divejourney.io "Dhigurah Arches" (community-sourced coords); Dhigurah island itself sits ~1.7km away, consistent with a reef named for the island; same-day dive Camel Point sits a plausible ~9km NNW.



A brief torch-lit dive where reef life goes nocturnal: cup corals bloom into luminous green polyp bouquets, a long-armed brittle star drapes a boulder coral, and, per the photographer, an octopus slips across the sand at the edge of the light. No coral-cover figure is published - these are close macro shots, not a wide reefscape.



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