

Maldives - Fish House (Fish Head)

North Ari · surveyed 2017-05-26



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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 13%, CoralSCOP 6.3%. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER 9.4% computer vision: DINOv3 13%, CoralSCOP 6.3% (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 29.3 m dive-log maximum	WATER TEMP. (SURVEY) — not logged	PHOTOGRAPHS 25 on file for this site
POSITION 3.9360, 72.9131 OSM dive node corroborated by divers-guide GPS 3°56N 72°55E; log's "Fish House" matched to the famous protected Fish Head thila near Fesdhoo/Safari Island		

The trip's closing dive over a bare, current-polished ridge thick with triggerfish, bannerfish, whitetip, and gray reef sharks, and a giant moray caught free-swimming in daylight - light on coral but a strong finish for fish life. Computer vision cover estimate is around 9.4%.



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CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 12.5 · CoralSCOP 6.3 · **Mean (± SD) 9.4 ± 4.4** · Range 6.3–12.5 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-fish-house-fish-head.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.