

Maldives - Gaagandufaruhuraa

Baa · surveyed 2016-01-21



Coral Health Index: TBD

What was done. Method: computer vision analysis of images, over 19 photographs. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

45%

Computer vision analysis of images

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

10.3 m

dive-log maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

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not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS

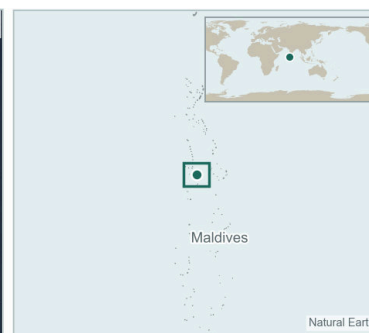
45

on file for this site

POSITION

5.3456, 73.0811

Approximate position: no GPS fix was logged for this dive.



A Baa Atoll monitoring site where tagged, ruler-measured cauliflower and staghorn corals were being tracked just before the 2016 El Nino bleached the vast majority of Baa's reefs, making these January 2016 photos the reef's last healthy portrait. Computer vision puts cover at 45%.



Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 of 45 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/maldives-gaagandufaruhuraa.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.