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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 23%, CoralSCOP 38%. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

30%

computer vision: DINOv3 23%, CoralSCOP 38%
(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

18.0 m

dive-log maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

—

not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS

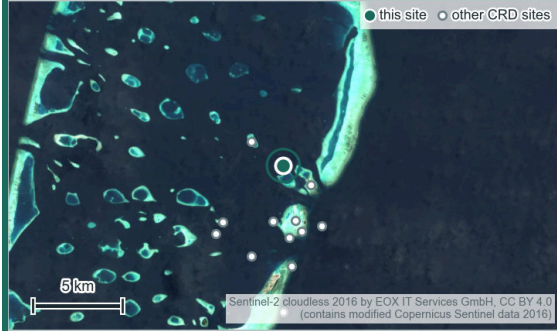
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POSITION

4.0001, 73.4959

● this site ○ other CRD sites





Stage is a shallow Maldivian coral flat of pale pavement and sand dotted every meter or so with sturdy cauliflower, staghorn, and honeycomb-type colonies, including one almost fluorescent-green branching coral. Photographed healthy along research transects in January 2016, the reef was hit hard when the El Nino heatwave peaked that April, with more than nine in ten colonies bleached.

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CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 23.0 · CoralSCOP 37.8 · **Mean (± SD) 30.4 ± 10** · Range 23.0–37.8 Mean ± SD and range are across the computer-vision methods shown.

Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 of 41 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/maldives-stage.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.