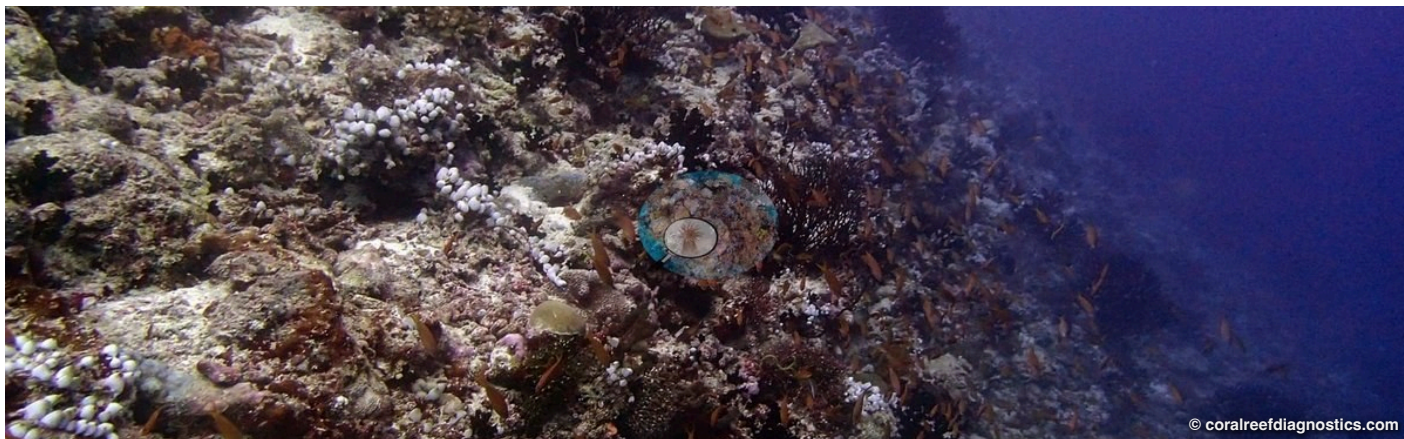


Maldives - Vaadhoo Caves

South Male · surveyed 2017-05-16



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 7.3%, CoralSCOP 15%. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

11%

computer vision: DINOv3 7.3%, CoralSCOP 15%
(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

32.0 m

dive-log maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

—

not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS

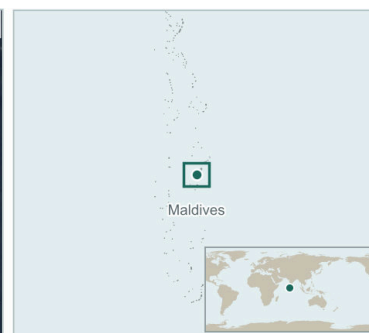
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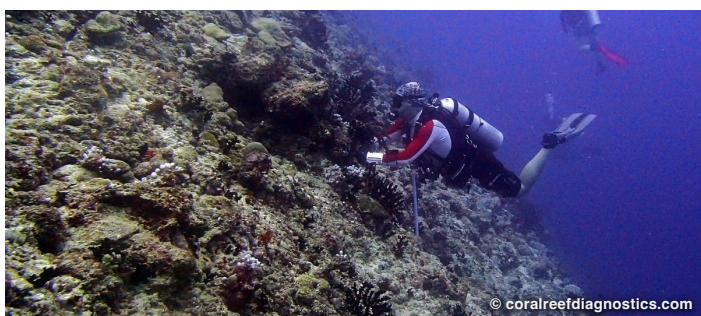
POSITION

4.1270, 73.4540

Published Vaadhoo Caves = NW outer reef of Vaadhoo Island (Adaaran Vadoo, OSM 4.1241/73.4572) on Vaadhoo Kandu directly facing North Malé; no North Malé island named Vaadhoo exists on charts, so this is the site the 2017 log means — name-collision resolved to the Vaadhoo Kandu caves



A wall dive built around shadowed overhangs fringed in pale lavender soft corals, more about topography and current-fed fish life than coral cover, which computer vision puts around 11%.



CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 7.3 · CoralSCOP 14.8 · **Mean ($\pm$ SD) 11.1 $\pm$ 5.3** · Range 7.3–14.8 Mean $\pm$ SD and range are across the computer-vision methods shown.

Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 of 22 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/maldives-vaadhoo-caves.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.