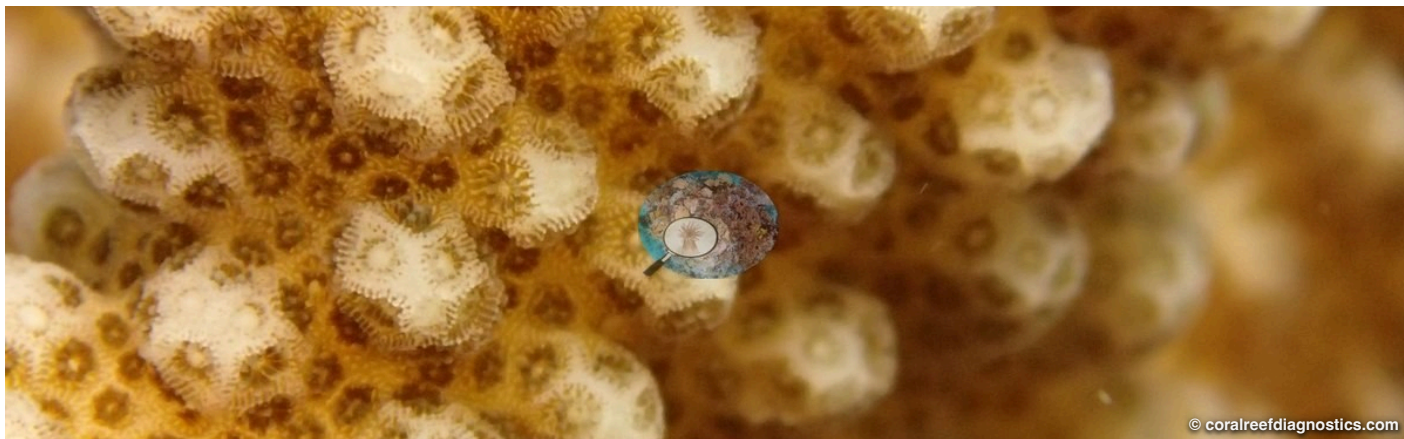


Maldives - Veli

South Male · surveyed 2016-01-16



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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 31%, CoralSCOP 39%. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

35%

computer vision: DINOv3 31%, CoralSCOP 39%
(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

18.5 m

dive-log maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

—

not logged

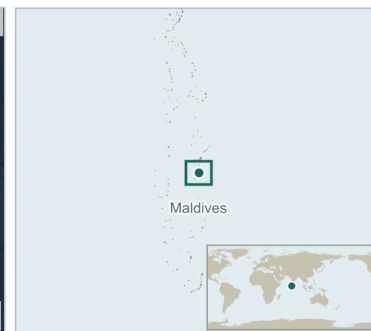
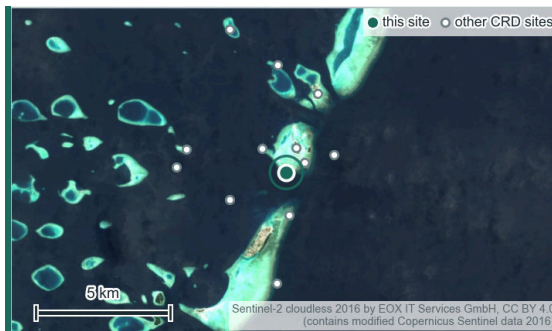
PHOTOGRAPHS

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on file for this site

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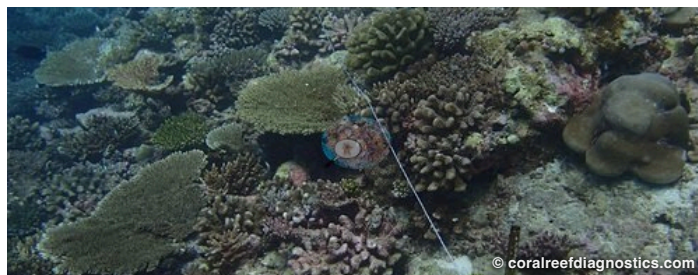
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Veli is table-coral country: a gently shelving terrace where plate-shaped *Acropora* stack in tiers from saucer-sized juveniles to meter-wide slabs, with clouds of anthias and a river of bluesstripe snapper pouring over the reef. By April 2016 the neighboring Veli Channel reef had nearly half its corals bleached, while sheltered Veli Lagoon escaped almost untouched.



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CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 30.8 · CoralSCOP 38.6 · **Mean (± SD) 34.7 ± 5.5** · Range 30.8–38.6 Mean ± SD and range are across the computer-vision methods shown.

Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 of 39 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/maldives-veli.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.