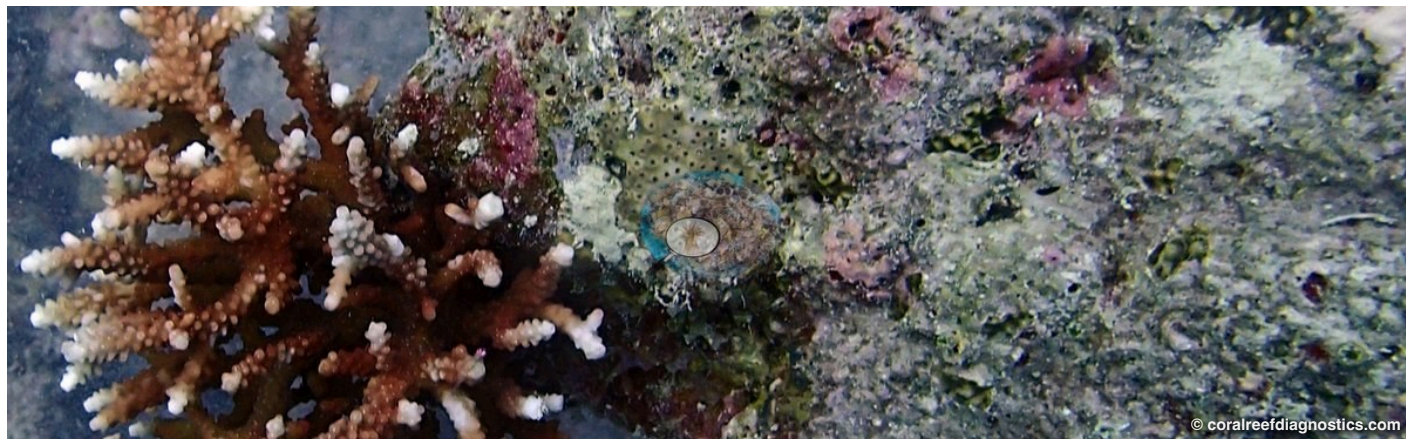


Maldives - Veligandu

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 (17 frames) — DINOv3 13%, CoralSCOP 22%. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

18%

computer vision: DINOv3 13%, CoralSCOP 22%
(17 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

27.1 m

dive-log maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

—

not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS

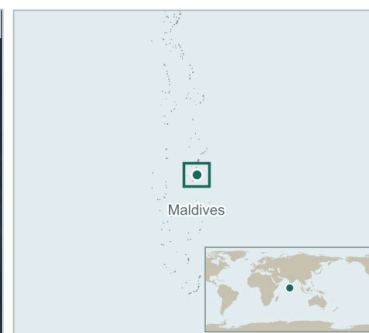
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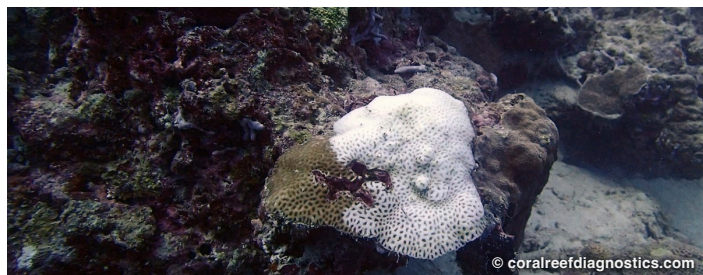
POSITION

3.9674, 73.5051

Veliganduhuraa (Anantara Veli/Naladhu) islet reef
— the only "Veligandu" in Kaafu; Rasdhoo
Veligandu excluded by route; identity uncertain



Veligandu's staghorn and table corals are under active attack from crown-of-thorns starfish, with feeding scars spreading across a brain coral and staghorn stripped to skeleton in places, even as dense branching stands and a big *Diploastrea* hold on elsewhere. Computer vision cover estimate is 13-22%, averaging 17.7%.



CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 13.0 · CoralSCOP 22.4 · **Mean (± SD) 17.7 ± 6.6** · Range 13.0–22.4 Mean ± SD and range are across the computer-vision methods shown.

Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 of 17 on file; watermarked · Full site record: <https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/maldives-veligandu.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.