

Mauritius - Anemone Garden

Blue Bay, east coast · surveyed 2025-02-10



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What was done. The figure is the site cover estimate reported in the author's Mauritius manuscript: the unweighted mean of his manual point count and CoralNet's automated classifier, over 63 photographs. The manual point count alone reads 2.7%. 8 further methods are compared on the site page.

HARD CORAL COVER 2.9% site cover estimate: manual point count and <u>CoralNet</u> , weighted equally (63 photos) · other methods on the site page ↘ 84%, 2019–2025	TODAY'S HEAT LOAD 24.3°C 0.0°C-weeks 16 Sep 2026 · -2.3°C vs the annual mean (26.6 °C) · <u>NOAA</u> No heat stress	HEAT STRESS (5-YR MEAN ANNUAL MAX. DHW) 9.0°C-weeks <u>NOAA</u> annual peaks averaging 8–12 °C-weeks
MAX. DEPTH 17.6 m dive-log maximum	WATER TEMP. (SURVEY) 27.0°C +0.6°C vs the 2025 mean sea temperature (26.4°C)	PHOTOGRAPHS 50 on file for this site
POSITION -20.3997, 57.7220		

Not a coral reef but a true anemone garden: large bommies on a Mauritius lagoon flat carpeted almost entirely by magnificent-type sea anemones, attended by clouds of damselfish, with hard coral at just 2.9%. Trumpetfish, honeycomb grouper, a whitemouth moray, and bannerfish were also seen.

Français. Non pas un récif corallien mais un véritable jardin d'anémones : de grandes patates sur un platier lagunaire mauricien, tapissées presque entièrement d'anémones de mer de type magnifica, entourées de nuées de poissons-demoiselles, avec seulement 2,9 % de corail dur. Un poisson-trompette, un mérou nid d'abeille, une murène à bouche blanche et des poissons-cochers ont également été observés.
Traduction par IA de ce résumé ; la version anglaise fait foi.