NOAA - Pulaski Shoal, Dry Tortugas

Florida reef tract · visited Late June 2021

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Coral Health Index: TBD

What was done. No benthic survey was carried out here; the value shown is the newest survey at the nearest independent survey station, not this site. The written account of the site is drawn from published sources and partner surveys, not from the author's own records.

HARD CORAL COVER

0.0%

nearest survey station, not this site: NOAA NCRMP Florida (NCEI 0253452), Tortugas PSU 1570-1 station, 2021-09-20, 0.58 km away

MOST RECENT HEAT LOAD RECORD

28.5°C · 13.7°C-weeks

26 Oct 2026 · +0.4°C vs the past-365-day mean (28.1°C) · NOAA alert that day: no stress (water now below the bleaching threshold; 13.7°C-weeks built up over the last 12 weeks)

HEAT STRESS (5-YR MEAN ANNUAL MAX. DHW)

12.5°C-weeks

NOAA annual peaks averaging 12–16°C-weeks

MAX. DEPTH

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not logged

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

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not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS

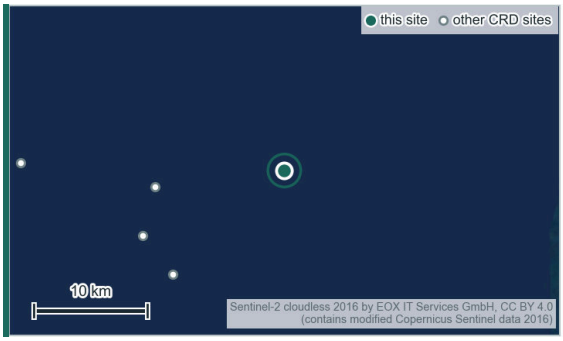
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POSITION

24.6933, -82.7730

Approximate position. Position is Pulaski Shoal Light (proxy for the reef station, no exact CREMP point found under this name).





A long-term USGS/NOAA monitoring location near the edge of Dry Tortugas National Park for reef mapping and threatened staghorn coral tracking, and one of the four NCRMP climate-monitoring stations serviced on the June 2021 AOML leg. A NOAA monitoring station 0.58 km away recorded no stony coral when it was surveyed three months later.

Full site record: https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/noaa-pulaski-shoal-dry-tortugas.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 (Florida Keys) — a five-year heat history for the station's waters, not a measurement at this site on the dive date.