Philippines - Coron: Akitsushima (seaplane tender wreck), Busuanga

Coron / Busuanga · surveyed 2017-01-27



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Coral Health Index: TBD

What was done. No coral-cover figure is published for this site. Too few images to estimate coral cover. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs and of the author's dive notes, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

not reported

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MOST RECENT HEAT LOAD RECORD

30.8°C **2.8°C-weeks**

26 Oct 2026 · +1.2°C vs the past-365-day mean (29.6°C) · NOAA Bleaching Warning

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

3.2°C-weeks

NOAA annual peaks averaging under 4°C-weeks, the bleaching threshold

MAX. DEPTH

34.4 m

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

28.2°C

-1.2°C vs the 2017 mean sea temperature (29.4°C)

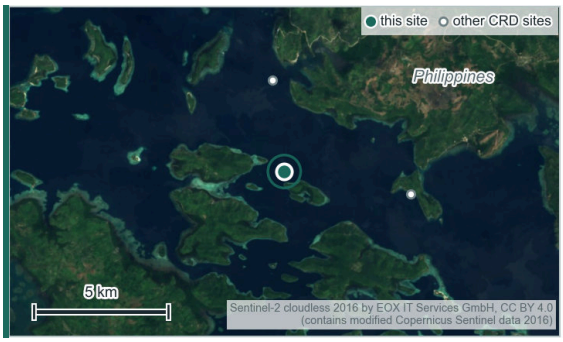
PHOTOGRAPHS

12 in the gallery · 12 on file

POSITION

11.9871, 119.9735

Position of the Akitsushima wreck dive site as mapped on OpenStreetMap; no GPS fix was logged on the dive.

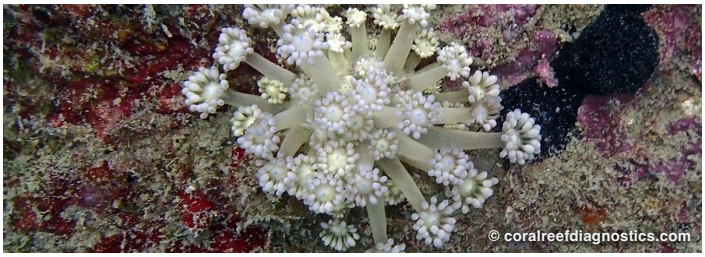




A deep penetration dive on the WWII seaplane tender Akitsushima, more about wreck structure than reef, though *Euphyllia*, foliose corals, and soft-coral rosettes have colonized the hull and seabed nearby. Visibility was poor throughout. Low coral cover is expected on a wreck, and too few of the photos were usable for a cover figure.

Tagalog. Isang malalim na penetration dive sa seaplane tender na Akitsushima mula sa WWII, na higit na tungkol sa estruktura ng lumubog na barko kaysa sa bahura, bagaman tinubuan na ng *Euphyllia*, mga foliose na koral, at mga rosette ng malambot na koral ang katawan ng barko at ang kalapit na sahig ng dagat. Malabo ang tubig sa buong sisid. Inaasahan ang mababang saklaw ng koral sa isang lumubog na barko, at masyadong kaunti ang magagamit na larawan para makapagbigay ng bilang ng saklaw. *Salin ng buod na ito gamit ang AI; ang Ingles ang opisyal na bersyon.*





Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 on this card; 12 in the gallery · 12 on file; watermarked · Full site record: https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/philippines-coron-akitsushima-seaplane-tender-wreck-busuanga.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 (Western Philippines) — a five-year heat history for the station's waters, not a measurement at this site on the dive date.