

Philippines - Coron: *Taiei Maru* (oil tanker wreck), Busuanga



Coron / Busuanga · surveyed 2017-01-27



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 — DINOv3 12%, CoralSCOP 18%. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

15%

computer vision: DINOv3 12%, CoralSCOP 18%

TODAY'S HEAT LOAD

30.6°C

1.1°C-weeks

16 Sep 2026 · +1.1°C vs the annual mean (29.5 °C)

· [NOAA](#) Bleaching Warning

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

3.2°C-weeks

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

MAX. DEPTH

25.3 m

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

27.8°C

-1.6°C vs the 2017 mean sea temperature (29.4°C)

PHOTOGRAPHS

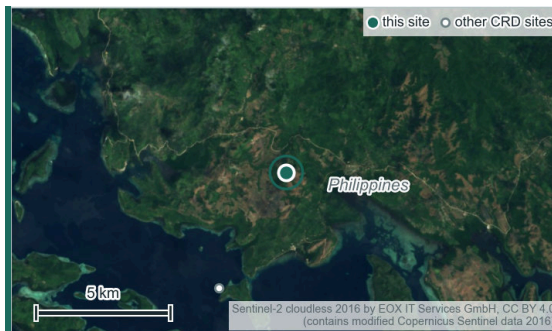
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on file for this site

POSITION

12.0230, 120.0330

Approximate position: no GPS fix was logged for this dive.



The *Taiei Maru* wreck (a WWII auxiliary, misidentified for years as the Okikawa Maru) has coral colonizing its hull - orange-pink and olive-green massives, a *Plerogyra* cluster, an intact *Acropora* table on a beam - amid poor visibility. One frame logged as a turtle looks more like a resting ray or flatfish. Cover on a wreck isn't the same as reef cover; the photo-derived estimate is roughly 12-18%.



CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 11.6 · CoralSCOP 17.8 · **Mean (± SD) 14.7 ± 4.4** · Range 11.6–17.8 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/philippines-coron-taiei-maru-oil-tanker-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.