# Philippines - Coron: *Taiei Maru* (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. Wreck habitat; coral cover not estimated. 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

**25.3 m**

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

**28.1°C**

-1.3°C vs the 2017 mean sea temperature (29.4°C)

PHOTOGRAPHS

**17 in the gallery · 17 on file**

POSITION

**12.0176, 119.9695**

Position of the *Taiei Maru* wreck dive site where two online dive-site listings agree, within 0.1 km of each other; no GPS fix was logged on the dive.







The *Taiei Maru* wreck (a WWII Japanese auxiliary, listed earlier on this map as Okikawa Maru, Anderson's dive-log label; the trip itinerary and photo folder name it *Taiei Maru*) has coral colonizing its hull — orange-pink and olive-green massives, a *Plerogyra* cluster, an intact table coral on a beam — amid poor visibility. One frame shows a sea turtle from behind. This is wreck habitat, so no coral-cover figure is given: low coral cover on a hull is expected and does not indicate reef decline.

**Tagalog.** Tinutubuan ng koral ang katawan ng lumubog na barkong *Taiei Maru* (isang Japanese auxiliary noong WWII, na dating nakalista sa mapang ito bilang Okikawa Maru, ang label sa dive log ni Anderson; *Taiei Maru* ang tawag dito ng itinerary ng biyahe at ng folder ng mga larawan) — mga kulay kahel-rosas at olive-green na malalaking (massive) koral, isang kumpol ng *Plerogyra*, at isang buo pang table coral sa isang biga — sa gitna ng malabong tubig. Isang larawan ang nagpapakita ng pawikan mula sa likuran. Tirahang lumubog na barko ito, kaya walang ibinibigay na bilang ng saklaw ng koral: inaasahan ang mababang saklaw ng koral sa katawan ng barko at hindi ito senyales ng paghina ng bahura. *Salin ng buod na ito gamit ang AI; ang Ingles ang opisyal na bersyon.*







**CV model comparison (hard coral cover, %):** In-house DINOv3 12.0* · CoralSCOP edited 19.5* · Claude (edited photos) 3.4* · Coralscapes v2 (low confidence, never averaged) 11.7* The three computer-vision methods disagree by 16.1 pp (3.4–19.5%). *Based on only 14 reef-habitat photos; this estimate is less certain.

Photographs: Anderson Mayfield/Coral Reef Diagnostics — 3 on this card; 17 in the gallery · 17 on file; watermarked · Full site record: https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/philippines-coron-taiei-maru-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.