

Raja Ampat - Dampier Strait night muck dive

Dampier Strait · surveyed 2018-10-22



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What was done. No coral-cover figure is published for this site. No coral cover estimate: night dive.

HARD CORAL COVER
not reported
No coral cover estimate: night dive.

TODAY'S HEAT LOAD
29.9°C **1.4°C-weeks**
16 Sep 2026 · -0.2°C vs the annual mean (30.1 °C)
· NOAA Bleaching Watch

HEAT STRESS (5-YR MEAN ANNUAL MAX. DHW)
10.1°C-weeks
NOAA annual peaks averaging 8–12 °C-weeks

MAX. DEPTH
19.6 m

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)
—
not logged

PHOTOGRAPHS
30
on file for this site

POSITION
-0.5400, 130.6900
Approximate position: no GPS fix was logged for this dive.



A night muck dive over sand near a town pier with almost no coral (a single *Pocillopora acuta* colony), but an outstanding critter showing - cuttlefish, squid, frogfish, and abundant crabs - amid pockets of trash on the seabed. No coral-cover figure applies to this muck habitat.

Bahasa Indonesia. Penyelaman muck malam hari di atas pasir dekat dermaga kota yang nyaris tanpa karang (hanya satu koloni *Pocillopora acuta*), tetapi dengan kehadiran biota yang menonjol — sotong, cumi-cumi, ikan kodok, dan kepiting yang melimpah — di tengah kantong-kantong sampah di dasar laut. Tidak ada angka tutupan karang yang berlaku untuk habitat muck ini. *Terjemahan ringkasan ini oleh AI; versi bahasa Inggris yang berlaku.*



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