

St. Eustatius - Double Wreck

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What was done. No diver transect was run at this site. The figure is a blind Claude computer-vision point classification of 46 photographs by the author, read without sight of any other method's result; other computer-vision methods are compared on the site page. The written account of the site is a review of its photographs, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

5.6%

Claude computer vision (46 photos)

TODAY'S HEAT LOAD

29.5°C **4.7°C-weeks**

16 Sep 2026 · +1.3°C vs the annual mean (28.2 °C)
· [NOAA Alert Level 1](#)

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

13.9°C-weeks 🔥

[NOAA](#) annual peaks averaging 12–16 °C-weeks

MAX. DEPTH

19.1 m

dive-log maximum

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

—

not logged

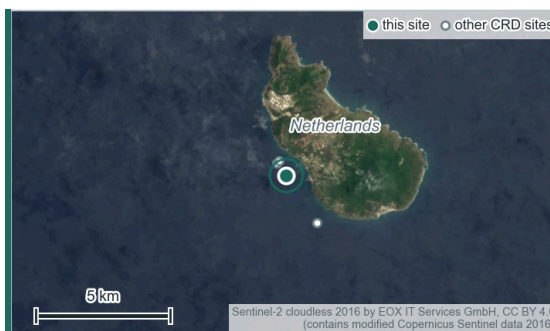
PHOTOGRAPHS

49

on file for this site

POSITION

17.4793, -62.9945



A turtle-grass meadow broken by low ballast-and-rubble mounds, all that is left of the wrecks, plus an upright anchor crusted in coral and sponge. The mounds hold large brain corals and barrel sponges, and giant anemones hosting arrow crabs and cleaner shrimp are the highlight, along with a green turtle, a nurse shark, and a barracuda. Wreck and artificial-structure site: this cover value counts coral growing on man-made structure (steel, concrete, wreck debris) and the bottom around it, so it isn't comparable with natural-reef cover or with regional averages.



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CV model comparison (hard-coral cover, %): In-house DINOv3 15.6 · CoralSCOP unedited 26.5 · **Claude 5.6**

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