Taiwan - Lanyu (Orchid Island): Lion's Head Rock

offshore · visited 2008-07-12 (2 dives)

0 — 5

Coral Health Index: TBD

What was done. No benthic survey was carried out here; the value shown is the newest survey at the nearest station surveyed in the last 10 years, not this site. The written account of the site is from the author's dive notes, not a second survey.

HARD CORAL COVER

44%

nearest station surveyed in the last 10 years, not this site: Reef Check, Nipple Mountain station, mean of 2 surveys (5 m and 10 m), 2017-06-10, 1.96 km away

MOST RECENT HEAT LOAD RECORD

28.5°C **0.8°C-weeks**

26 Oct 2026 · +0.7°C vs the past-365-day mean (27.8°C) · NOAA Bleaching Watch

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

12.6°C-weeks

NOAA annual peaks averaging 12–16°C-weeks

MAX. DEPTH

24.4 m

WATER TEMP. (SURVEY)

28.0°C

+0.6°C vs the 2008 mean sea temperature (27.4°C)

PHOTOGRAPHS

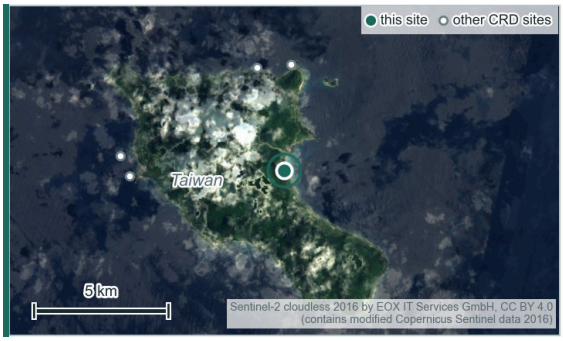
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POSITION

22.0500, 121.5633

Approximate position.





Two 2008 dives at Lion's Head Rock logged amazing coral cover and a sea snake that followed divers for 15 minutes in 50 m visibility. No cover was measured; Reef Check's closest station, 1.9 km from the approximate map position, recorded 45% hard coral in 2010.

繁體中文. 2008年在獅頭岩的兩次潛水，記錄到驚人的珊瑚覆蓋，以及一條在50 m 能見度中跟隨潛水員15分鐘的海蛇。此處沒有測量覆蓋率；距大致地圖位置 1.9 km 的最近 Reef Check 測站於2010年記錄到45%的石珊瑚。 *本摘要由 AI 翻譯；以英文版本為準。*

Full site record: https://api.coralreefdiagnostics.com/site-pages/taiwan-lanyu-orchid-island-lion-s-head-rock.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 (Southern Taiwan) — a five-year heat history for the station's waters, not a measurement at this site on the dive date.