

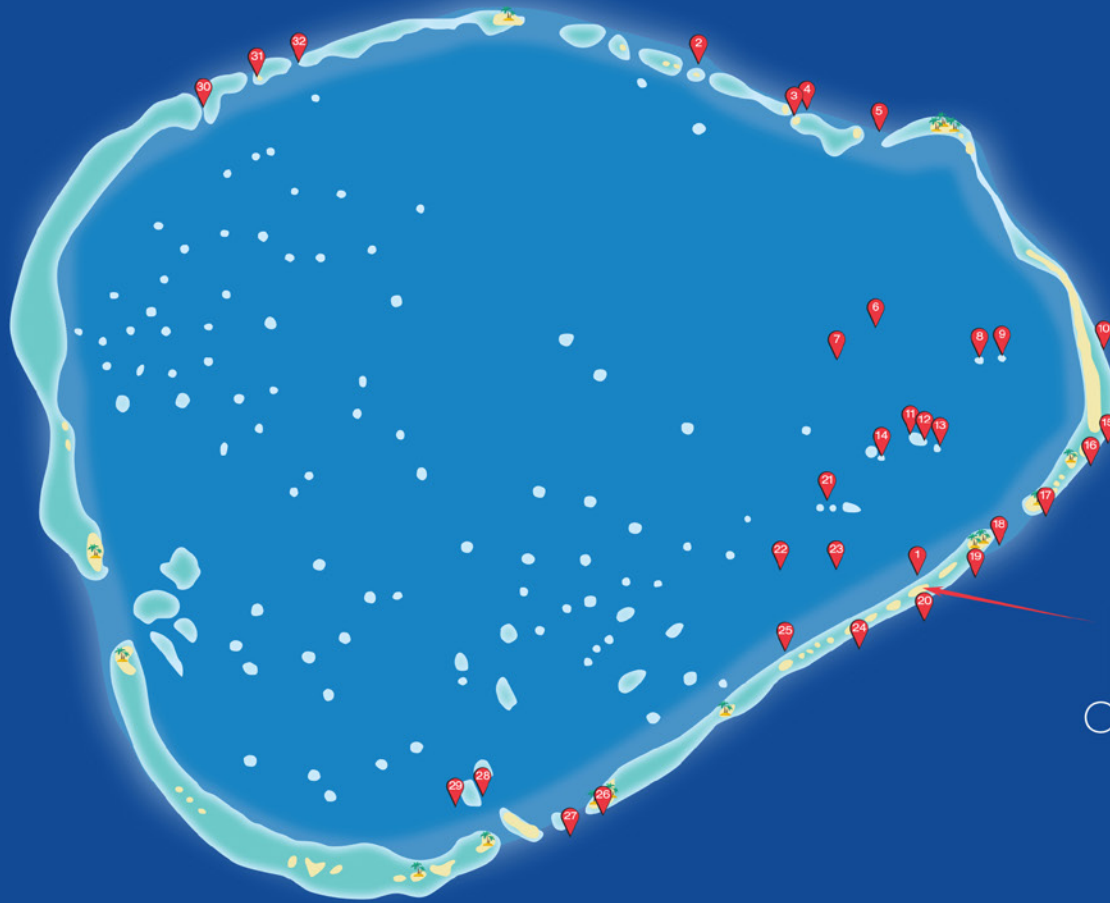


COMO
MAALIFUSHI

Dive Site

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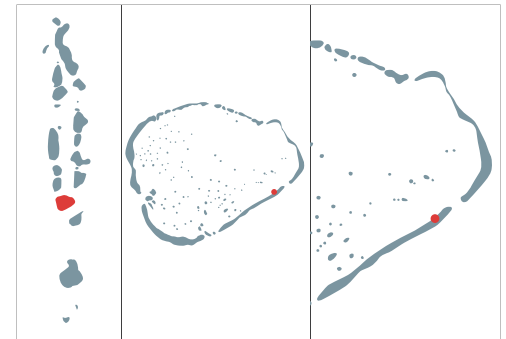


HOUSE REEF

We are blessed to have a beautiful house reef at COMO Maalifushi. Our house reef starts from three metres and plunges down to 25 metres. It features nice hard corals all along the wall with some shallow overhangs and crevices which shelters sea turtles, moray eels, bat fish and napoleon wrasse. It is also possible to spot some pelagic such as eagle rays and blue fin trevally along the reef. This is a perfect dive for orientation dives, training dives or for a night dive.

Max depth
Level
Fish life
Rating

20 metres
Open Water Diver
Average
3 Star

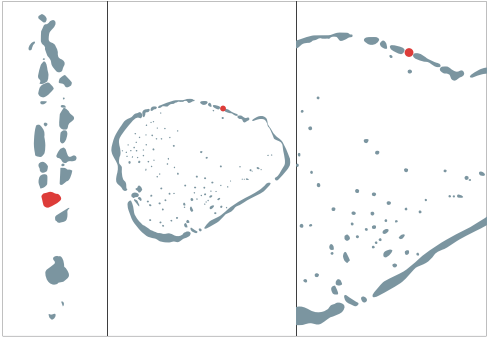




MAAGULHI KANDU

Maagulhi Kandu is a channel on the northern tip of the atoll. It is about an hour boat ride by dhoni and 25 minutes by speed boat. This beautiful channel is best experienced with incoming current. Divers will usually start the dive on the eastern corner of the channel, depending on the flow of the current. The top reef is at 10 metres and the slope goes down to 30 metres. There is generally good visibility because it is exposed to Kureli Kandu. There are average hard corals on the reef top and on the wall. The channel plateaus at 30 metres. Marine life here consists of mainly pelagics; eagle ray, white tip reef shark, grey reef sharks, dog tooth tuna, saddle back groupers and giant travelley.

Max depth	30 metres
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	60 minutes
Rating	3.5 Star

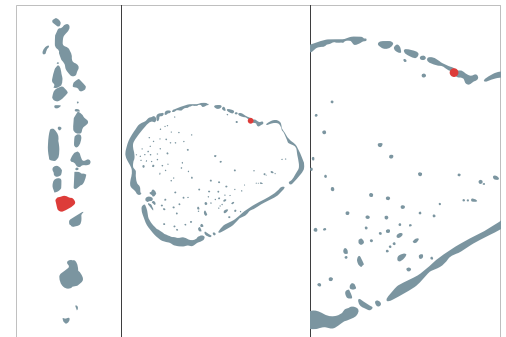




ARENA

Arena is the name for the same channel as Dhiffushi Kandu, when the prevailing current is from the opposite side. When the current is flowing from inside of the atoll into the ocean, it becomes a site for advanced and experienced divers who wish to experience strong currents. One can see sharks, Eagle ray, barracuda and many more.

Max depth	30 metres
Level	ADV Open Water Divers
Fish life	Good
Travel time	55 minutes
Rating	4 Star

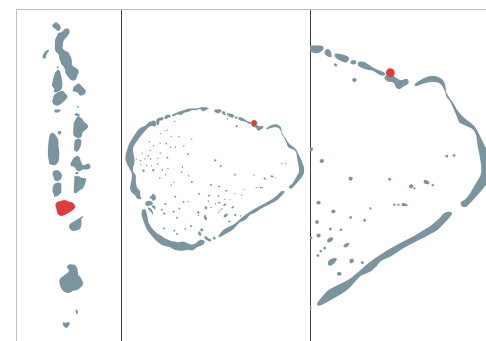




DHIFUSHI KANDU

This is another beautiful channel dive up north of the atoll. Travel time by boat is one hour and 25 minutes by speed boat. Ideal for full day diving, the best condition to experience this dive is when the current is incoming. Divers will descend on the outer reef and drift in to the channel. The top reef is about 10 metres deep with a sloping reef of 30 metres. Coral growth is average and fish life is abundant. As with every channel dive, divers can expect to see schooling pelagic and lots of reef fishes such as grey reef sharks, white tip reef sharks, dog tooth tuna, Napoleon wrasse, giant tavelley, groupers and eagle ray.

Max depth	30 metres
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Average
Travel time	60 minutes
Rating	4 Star

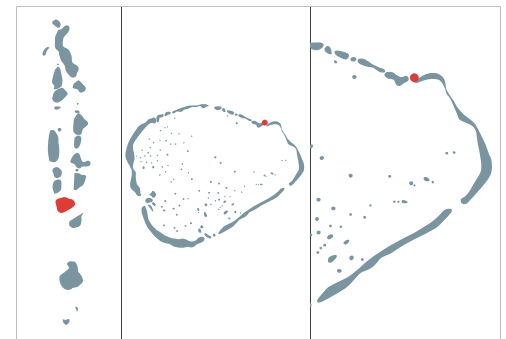




OLHUGIRI KANDU

Olhugiri Kandu is a very nice channel dive on top of the atoll. It is a one hour boat ride by dhoni and 30 minutes by speed boat. Therefore, it is only possible for full day outings and private diving; full day diving is organised weekly and private dives are organised only on request. Like any other channel dives, divers descend on the outer reef drifting to the channel with the current. If possible, divers will hook on to the reef to watch the action on the corner or can swim across to the other side of the channel. There are possibilities of seeing grey reef sharks, dog tooth tuna, Napoleon wrasse and eagle ray. The dive will end by drifting in to the channel, where there is a shallow outcrop which lies in the middle of the channel.

Max depth	30 metres
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Average
Travel time	60 minutes
Rating	4 Star

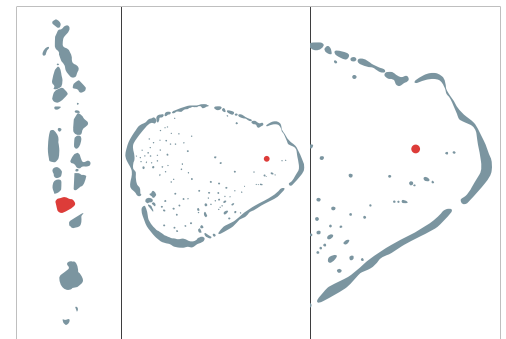




THE STEPS

The Steps is also a submerged reef inside of the atoll, taking only 35 minutes by boat from the resort. It features layers of reef beginning from eight metres to 15 metres, finally reaching to a depth of 20 metres. The reef is teeming with blue and yellow fusiliers along with surgeon fish, as well as Dogtooth tuna and bluefin travelly. There is an abundance of hard and table corals at the top, while the lack of current makes it an easy dive for all levels.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	45 minutes
Rating	3 Star





CAPTAIN HOOK

Captain Hook is a submerged reef that measures 50 metres by 80 metres. Divers can circumnavigate the reef in 25 minutes. It is an ideal stop for a two tank dive, as well as a second dive after a deep dive. Featuring 5 metres on top which gradually descends to 25 metres, where divers will find shallow overhangs and a swim through. Fish life such as Dogtooth tuna, Surgeon fish, fusiliers, bluefin travelly, turtles and anemone are in abundance, especially during the Northeast monsoon.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	45 minutes
Rating	3 Star

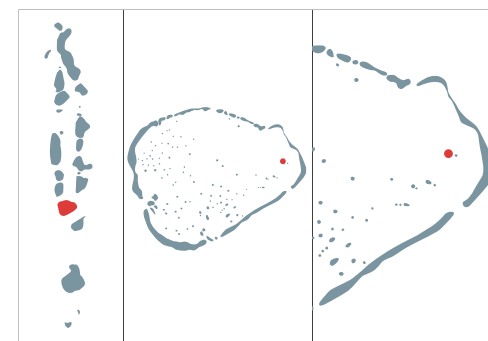




FAHALA BODU GAA

Fahala Bodu Gaa is a submerged reef inside the atoll. It takes about 40 minutes by dhoni from the resort. 'Bodu' means big and the the reef top measures one meter across the reef. It features beautiful hard coral growth on top, as well as table corals . Vibrant reef fishes like oriental sweet lips, squirrel fish, Moorish idol and many more are frequently spotted here. The reef formation has some interesting characteristics like a big swim through and under cuts, which often shelters large groupers and stingrays.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	25 minutes
Rating	3 Star

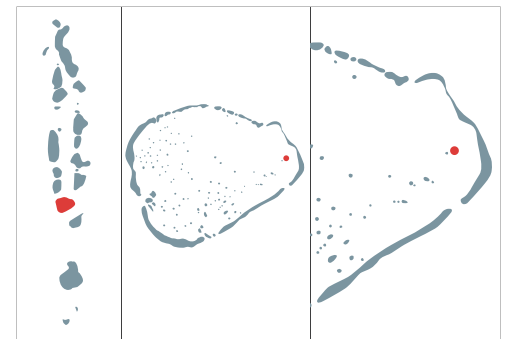




FAHALA GAA

Fahala Gaa is the sister rock to Fahala Bodu Gaa, identical in feature and only 500 metres apart, located 40 minutes from the resort. The reef top is about two to three metres and the reef edge measures 25 metres to 30 metres. It also features shallow overhangs and nice coral formation, with groupers and many types of snappers as its main inhabitants.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	40 minutes
Rating	3 Star

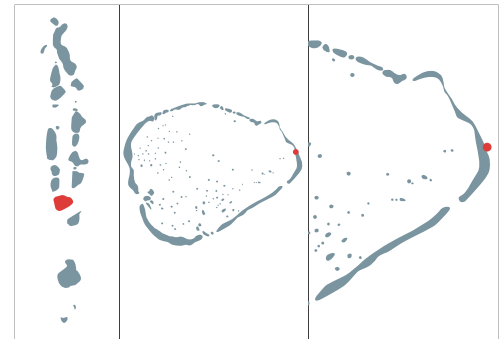




FAHALA BEYRU

Fahala is the most exposed reef of the atoll. It takes 35 minutes by dhoni from the resort. Divers can expect to experience some swells during the dry season (between December to April). The reef starts from 10 metres and descends to a depth of 30 metres, with the best depth to dive between 20 metres to 25 metres. The reef top is very healthy with nice hard corals. Divers can expect to see turtles, blue stripe snappers, eagle ray, and white tip reef sharks.

Max depth	35 metres
Travel time	40 minutes
Position	2 23' 08".44N 073 22' 24".85E
Rating	3 Star

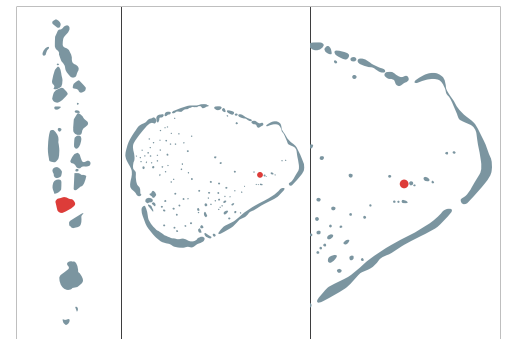




THAU REEF NORTHWEST

A very shallow reef to the west of Como Maalifushi, which takes 30 minutes by boat. The reef top is measures nearly one metre and is a dive site for novice divers only. Divers can expect to see hard corals and lots of small fishes like angel fish, butterfly fish and moorish idol.

Max depth	18 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Average
Travel time	30 minutes
Rating	2 Star

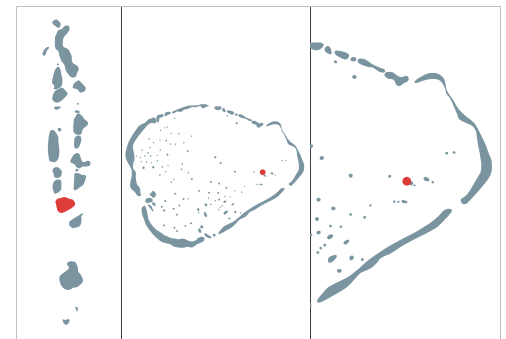




THAU REEF CAVE

Thau reef cave is a unique dive site with a cave at 5m, descending to 18 metres. The cave is located at the top of reef, and usually divers will enter the site at the top, explore the cave and exit at a depth of 18m. It is not so big, therefore only one diver is allowed to go at a time, led by the dive master. Corals and fish life found here include moray eels, turtles and some sting rays.

Max depth	18 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Average
Travel time	30 minutes
Rating	2 Star

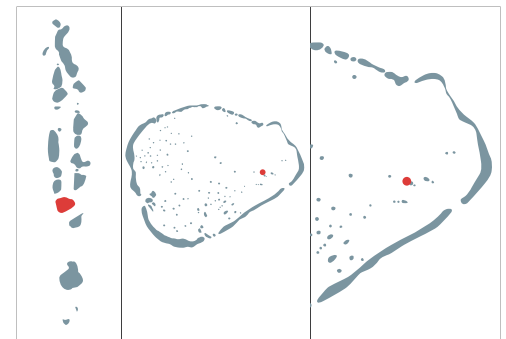




KANDU GAA

Kandu Gaa is a very beautiful submerged reef close to the resort. It takes about 20 minutes by dhoni and 10 minutes by speed boat. This reef lies in the middle of the Guraidoo channel, and is therefore exposed to the incoming current through the channel, which keeps the reef full of activity. Fish life and coral growth is above average. Divers can expect to see giant trawley, Dogtooth tuna, big groupers, as well as lionfish, angel fish, parrot fish and banner fishes.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Average
Travel time	20 minutes
Rating	3 Star

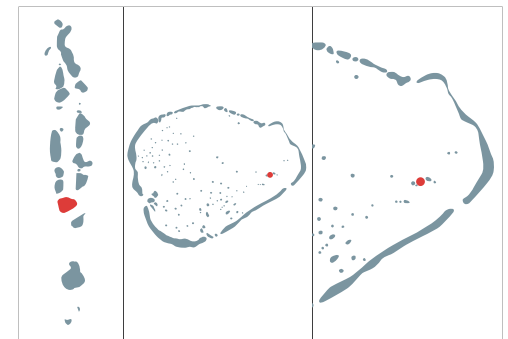




ANEMONE REEF

A circular reef about 20 metres in length. The reef top measures around one metres and is a 25-minute boat ride from the resort. This is generally a site for beginners and snorkelers. The reef attracts many blue surgeon fish, lionfish and an abundance of anemones. There is no need to go too deep as the top reef is the most interesting part of the reef.

Max depth	20 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Average
Travel time	30 minutes
Rating	2 Star

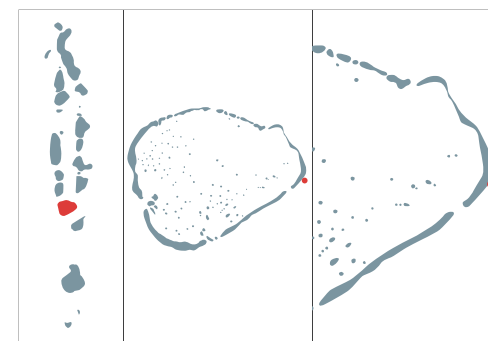


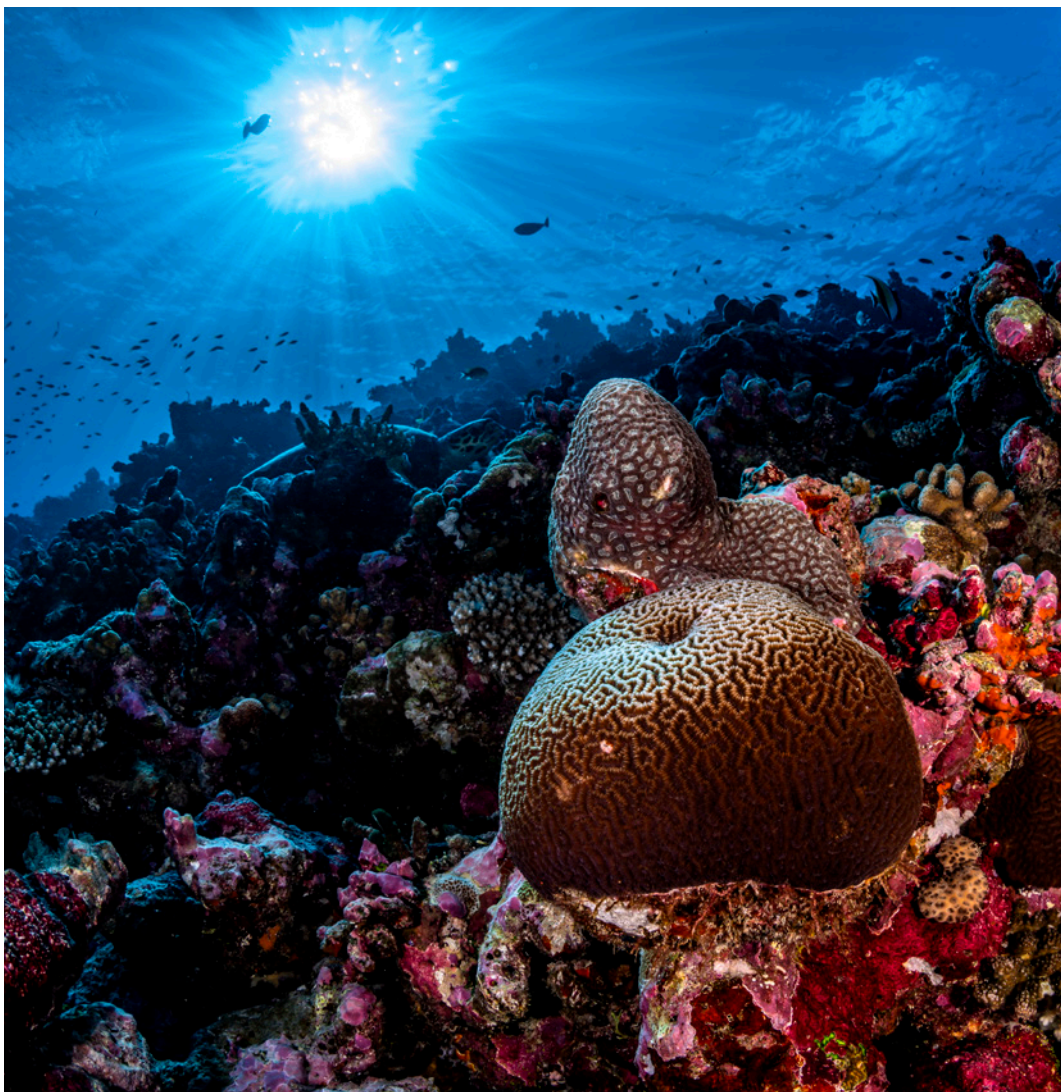


KHOLUFUSHI

Kolhufushi reef is just 20 minutes away from the resort by dhoni. It is an outer reef which starts from 10 metres on the top reef dropping to a depth of 30 metres. The corals here are good and the fish life consists of turtles, white tip reef sharks, leopard shark, and lots of anemone on the reef top. Occasionally, divers will be able to spot manta rays.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	All
Fish life	Good
Travel time	20 minutes
Rating	4 Star

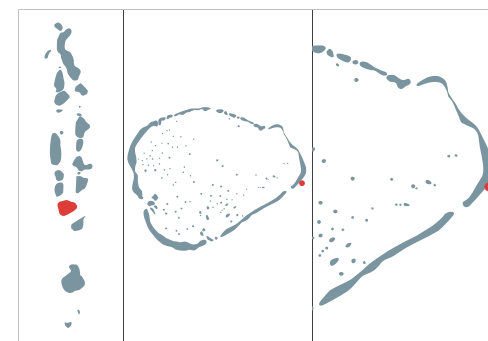




MADIFUSHI OUTSIDE

Madifushi Faru is 20 minutes by dhoni from the resort. It is an outer reef slope with mild to medium current. The best depth to dive is between 20 metres to 25 metres, where one can see many sea fans. Coral life is also quite healthy on the slope, however there are some battered corals due to the impact of waves. Fish life is good; divers can expect to see Napoleon wrasse, Dogtooth tuna, Giant trevally and white tip reef shark.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	20 minutes
Rating	3 Star

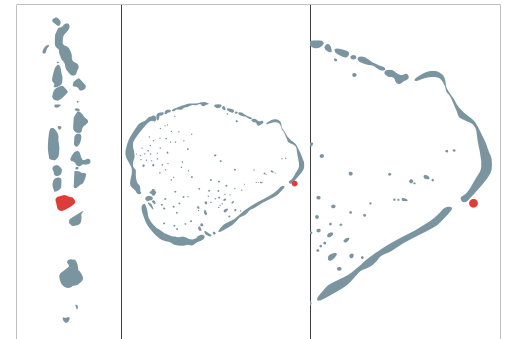




DHIYAMIGILI CORNER

This is the most exhilarating dive in the atoll. This dive can be made both on incoming and outgoing currents. It is a popular dive at dawn because of hammer head sharks sightings. Divers will descend to the wall and swim away from the main reef to see the schooling hammer heads. It is also a beautiful dive during the day. If the dive is conducted during the day, divers will descend on the outer wall and drift in to the channel along the ridge of the reef. It is common to see schooling grey reef sharks, eagle rays, barracuda and tuna.

Max depth	30 metres
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	10 minutes
Rating	4 Star

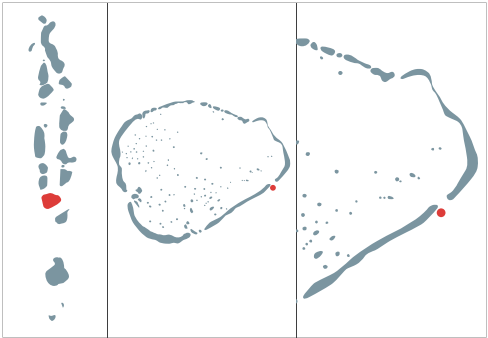




GURAIIDOO CORNER

A very beautiful drift dive, taking only 10 minutes by dhoni. Divers will start the dive from outside the island of Guraidoo and keeping the reef on the left shoulder, swimming to the corner before drifting in. The current can be extremely strong between the tides and therefore one must be extremely careful in planning this dive. This dive can be also conducted when the current is outgoing. Expected fish life include eagle ray, sting ray, mantamobula, tuna, barracuda and white tip reef sharks.

Max depth	30 metres
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	10 minutes
Rating	4 Star

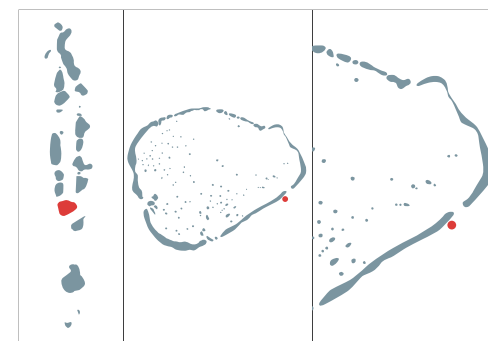




TURTLE POINT

Turtle Point is 15 minutes away from the resort. This site is located outside the island of Guraidhoo, on the eastern barrier reef of the atoll. The reef starts from 10 metres and plunges down to a depth of 30 metres. The reef on top is quite nice as it has many table corals. Along the wall and top reef, it is very common to see Hawks bill turtles. Divers can also expect to spot giant Trevally and Dogtooth tuna chasing the fusiliers.

Max depth	30 metres
Level	Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	20 minutes
Rating	3 Star

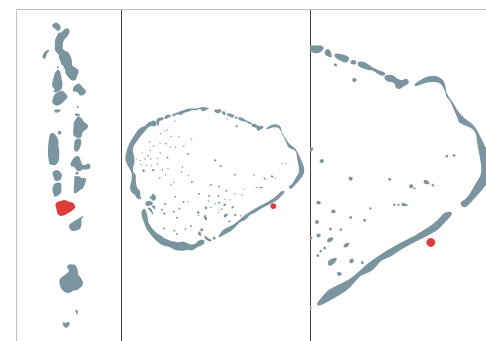




MAALIFUSHI OUTSIDE

Maalifushi Beyru is located on the outer reef just outside of the resort, taking 20 minutes by dhoni. This reef is best dived at 20 metres. The sloping wall and the reef top is full of nice hard corals, with fish turtles, blue strip snapper, sweetlips, humpback snappers and Dogtooth tuna. A nice and easy dive for all levels.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	20 minutes
Rating	3 Star

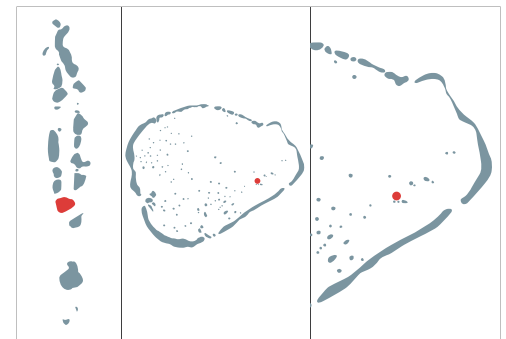




THINAVANA GIRI

Thinvana Giri is a submerged reef inside the atoll. 'Thinvana' means third in line, and features beautiful outcrops all along the wall. With good fish life and average corals, this site good for a training dive where there are no currents and swells. A very sheltered dive for beginners.

Max depth	20 metres
Level	Beginner
Fish life	Average
Travel time	25 minutes
Rating	2 Star



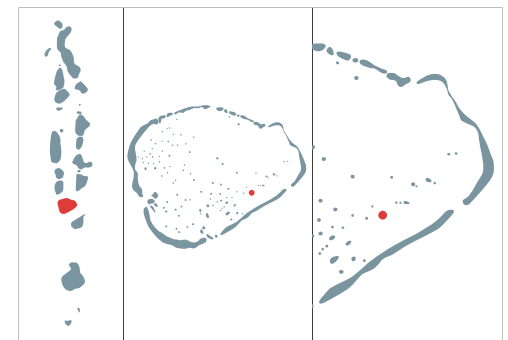


KUDA HAA

A very beautiful pinnacle which lies 12 metres below the surface and a seamount which rises 40 metres from the sea floor. This lone pinnacle attracts many fusiliers, jacks and many other pelagic fish. Usually the reef is filled with small glass fishes and bait fishes which attracts the bluefin travelly and Dogtooth tuna. Apart from those pelagic, one can even find some macro animals like anemone, lionfish, mantis shrimps and octopus.

Max depth
Level
Fish life
Travel time
Rating

30 metres
Advanced Open Water
Good
20 minutes
5 Star

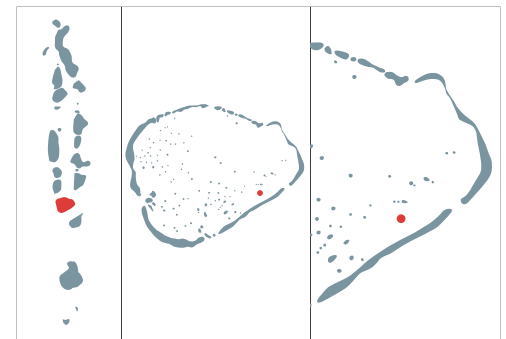




DHEBADHI

Dhebadhi is a nice submerged reef with table corals and hard corals. A 35-minute boat ride from the resort, this dive site is suitable for all levels, thanks to its lack of current. The top reef measures nine metres and spreads to about 100 metres in diameter. A quiet dive of about 45 to 50 minutes will be enough to circumnavigate the whole reef. It is common to see groupers, snappers, sweet lips and many more.

Max depth	30 metres
Level	All
Fish life	Good
Travel time	35 minutes
Rating	2 Star

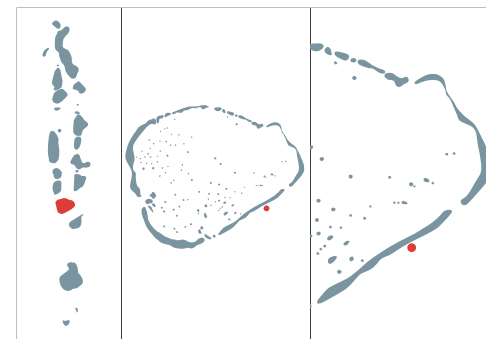




DEVILS CAVE

Devil's Cave is a huge cut on the reef, measuring a width of 6 metres and 10 metres in length along the outer reef. It takes 35 minutes to reach there. The reef top is 8 metres while the sloping reef goes down to 30 metres. The cave or overhang shelters many bat fish, school of Jacks or blue fin travelly and many more reef fishes. At times you can also spot white tip reef sharks and grey reef sharks visiting the cave, with turtles, sting rays and nurse sharks common sightings.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	Open Water Diver/Advanced Open Water Diver
Fish life	Excellent
Travel time	35 minutes
Rating	4 Star

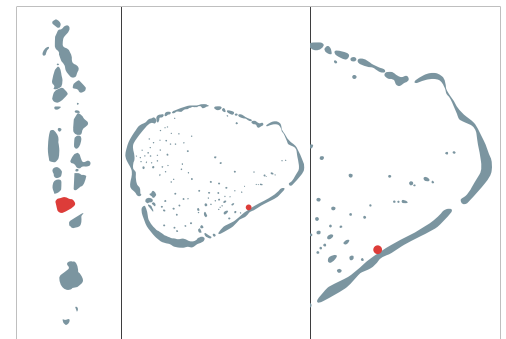




AQUARIUM

Aquarium is a shallow reef near an inlet of islands. It has very nice coral formation; scattered with table corals. The reef starts from two metres to three metres and slopes in to a sandy floor at six metres to seven metres. The reef attracts moray eels, lionfish, and sometimes napoleon wrasses. Divers will also be able to observe sitting sting rays on the sandy floors.

Max depth	12 metres
Level	Open Water Divers and Snorkellers
Fish life	Good
Travel time	15 minutes
Rating	2 Star

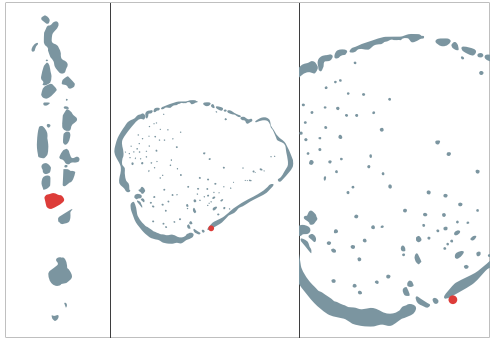




THIMARAFUSHI BEYRU

Thimarafushi is the biggest island in the atoll by population which also has the airport. The dive site is 70 minutes away from the resort, which makes the dive more suitable for two tank dive. This is an outside sloping reef from 10 metres to 25 metres. Usually can have a strong current depending on the season and prevailing tide. This site is suitable for advance divers and it has a good fish life to see. White tip reef sharks, sting rays, eagle rays and many other reef fishes are common to see here.

Max depth	30 metres
Level	Advanced Divers
Fish life	Good
Travel time	70 minutes
Rating	4 Star

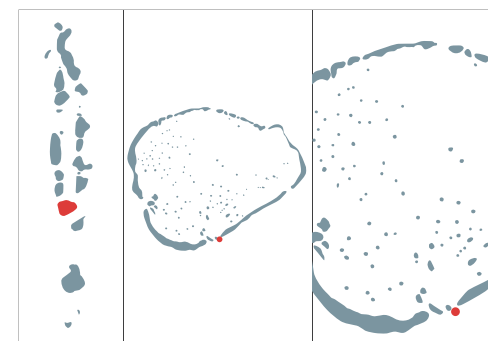




FONADHOO FARU

This reef is just outside of Fonandhoo Fish Factory. The reef is an extension of the reef towards the channel running from east to west. This dive can be made in any current. The reef starts around five metres and slopes down to 25 metres. Corals are average along the slope with huge table corals and brain corals in the bottom. Glass fish and fusiliers are all along the reef. One could see eagle ray, napoleon wrasse, sweet lips and many groupers.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	65 minutes
Rating	3 Star

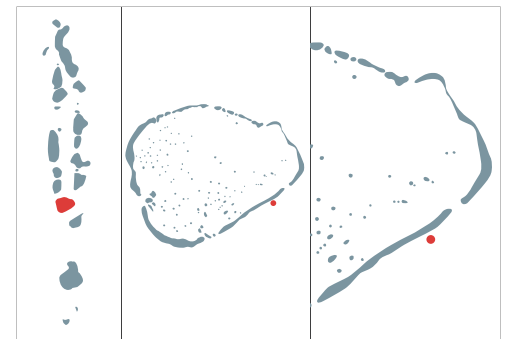




SEAFAN ALLEY

Seafan Alley is an ideal dive for an easy afternoon. Travel time is 25 minutes, revealing a submerged reef with a top of five metres and drops in to about 25 metres. There are nice hard corals on top with some beautiful outcrops sheltering lots of small fishes along the wall. This dive is good for all levels. Eagle rays, barracuda and bluefin travelly are a common sight.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	All
Fish life	Average
Travel time	25 minutes
Rating	2 Star

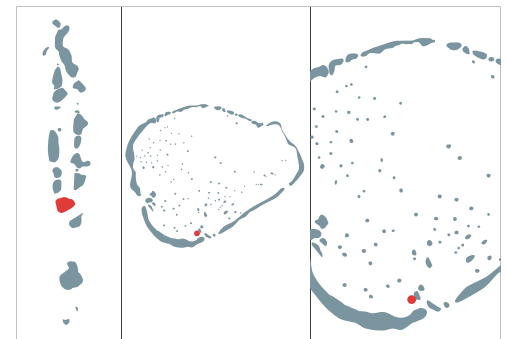




MAS GIRI

Mas Giri is a shallow reef that lies in the Veymandoo channel, which is located 70 minutes from the resort by dhoni and 45 minutes by speed boat. It has a shallow top reef of two metres and slopes in to a depth of 25 metres to 30 metres. There are many sea fans on the sloping reef, while a vibrant fish life consists of jack fish, snappers and colourful fusiliers.

Max depth	25 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	70 minutes
Rating	3 Star

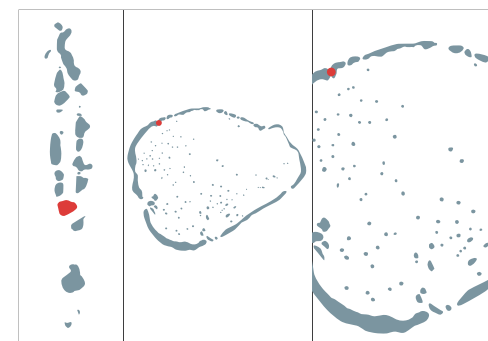




MAA KANDU

Maa Kandu is a wider channel to the south of Fushi Kandu. It is also a good channel dive during the southwest monsoon when the weather is calmer. It takes an hour to cross from COMO Maalifushi to Maa Kandu by boat. Divers can expect an abundance of marine life with the incoming current. It is a good site for pelagic and reef fishes alike.

Max depth	30 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Good
Travel time	60 minutes
Rating	4 Star

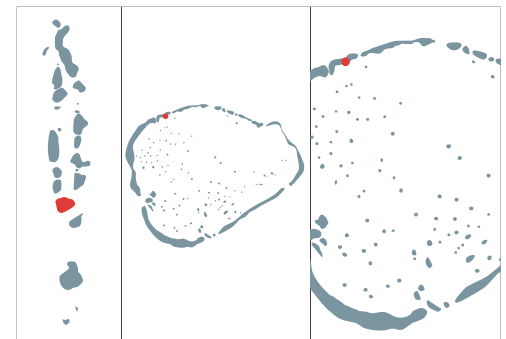




FUSHI KANDU

Fushi Kandu is a narrow channel next to Kandu Fushi island on the west side of Thaa Atoll. It takes about 60 minutes by speed boat from the resort. It is a beautiful narrow channel to cross during the Southwest monsoon with the incoming current. The strong currents ensures the opportunity to spot sharks, eagle ray, Dogtooth tuna and many types of reef fishes as well.

Max depth	30 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Above average
Travel time	50 minutes
Rating	3 Star

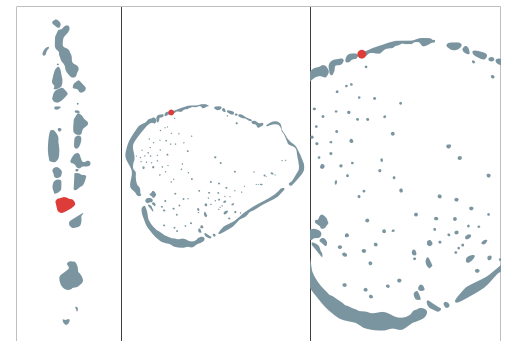




GALLANDOO KANDU

Gallandoo Kandu is another channel dive on the far west corner of the atoll. A very small and shallow channel to cross, it makes for a fairly easy dive for all levels. The best time to dive is during the Southwest monsoon. There are nice outcrops in the middle of the channel with lots of reef fishes; napoleon wrasse, sting rays, snappers, even turtles are a regular sight.

Max depth	20 metres
Level	Open Water Diver
Fish life	Average
Travel time	55 minutes
Rating	3 Star



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