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NEPTUNE blue paths

Coral Cave site



**Attention
FRAGILE**



Snorkeling



Diving



Natural



**Highly
frequented**

Geographical location

France, Alpes-Maritimes, Villefranche-sur-Mer

Diving and snorkeling site name

Coral cave site

Geographical coordinates (reference system)

LAT **43°41'22"N**

LONG **.7°18'30"E**

Reference system **WGS 84**

LOCATION



Type of access to the diving site

By land (on the coastal path) for snorkelling or by boat for diving

Site characteristics

The site can be visited by snorkelling or diving. The coral cave can only be visited by diving.

Maximum depth

35 m (until 55 m for the presence of an anchor)

Difficulty

All levels of divers and snorkelers



Natural

Information from the managing organisation

Crowded in summer, sheltered by south-west wind,



INFORMATION



Permit not required



Snorkeling



Diving

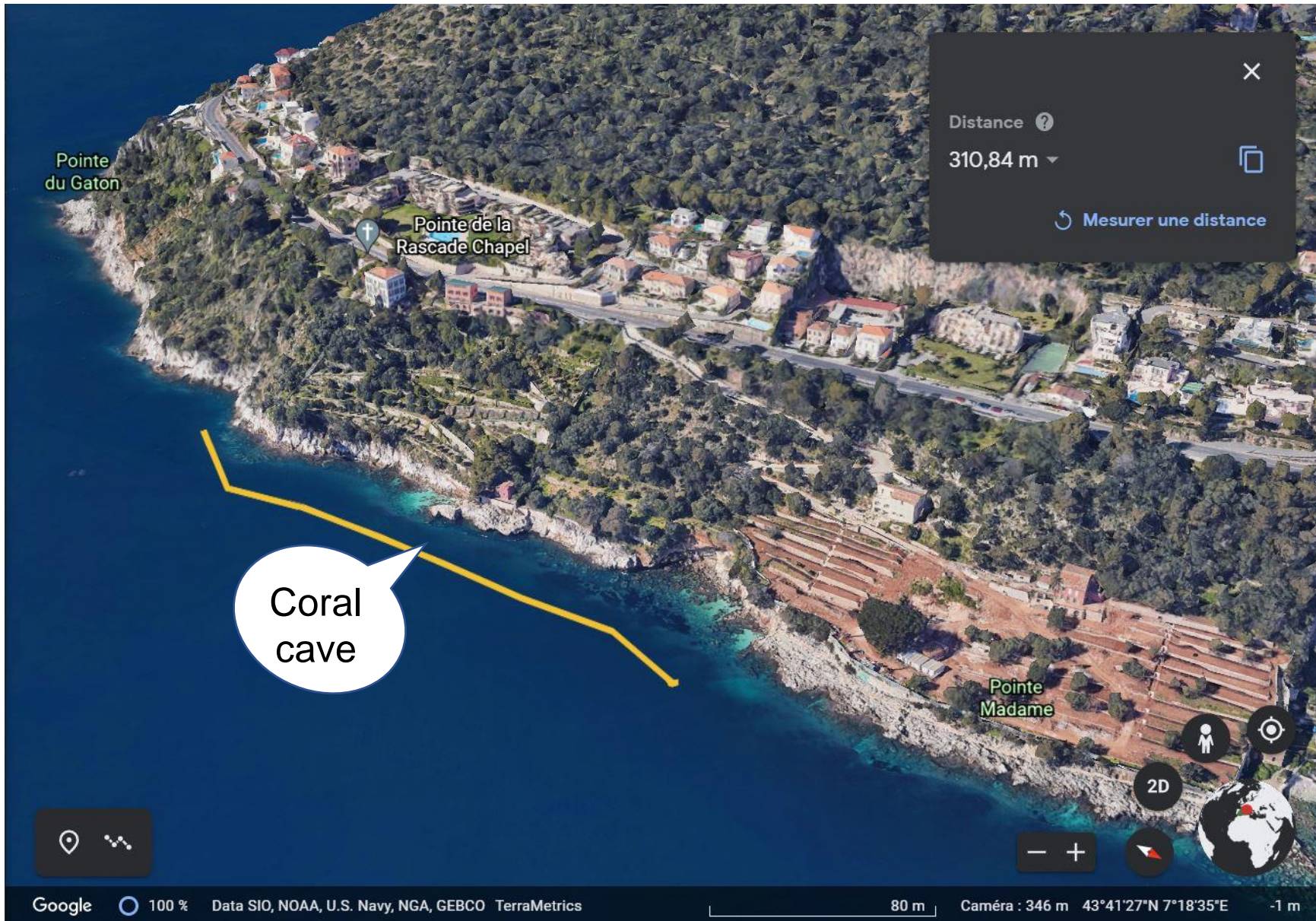


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PATH MAP

Description of the site of natural interest




This site can be explored by snorkelling, but you must dive to see the cave. Many species are attached to the ceiling of the cave such as red coral, Neptune's lace and the orange encrusting sponge. The floor is scattered with cerianthus. Be careful not to hit the ceiling so as not to damage the coral.



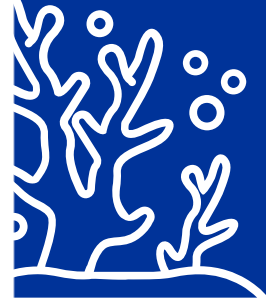
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Area of main habitats (within a 100m radius of the site)



- posidonia meadows (*Posidonia oceanica*) 
- sandy areas 
- rochy areas 
- Coralligenous (only visible in diving)

Habitat map (GIS)



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Damselfishes on posidonia



Orange-red encrusting sponge



Funnel weed



Painted comber on mermaid's cup

Environmental heritage photos and main species list

- white seabream (*Diplodus sargus*)
- mediterranean rainbow wrasse (*Coris julis*)
- damselfish (*Chromis chromis*)
- funnel weed (*Padina pavonica*)
- orange-red encrusting sponge (*Crambe crambe*)
- cardinal-fish (*Apogon imberbis*)



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- red coral (*Corallium rubrum*) only visible in diving