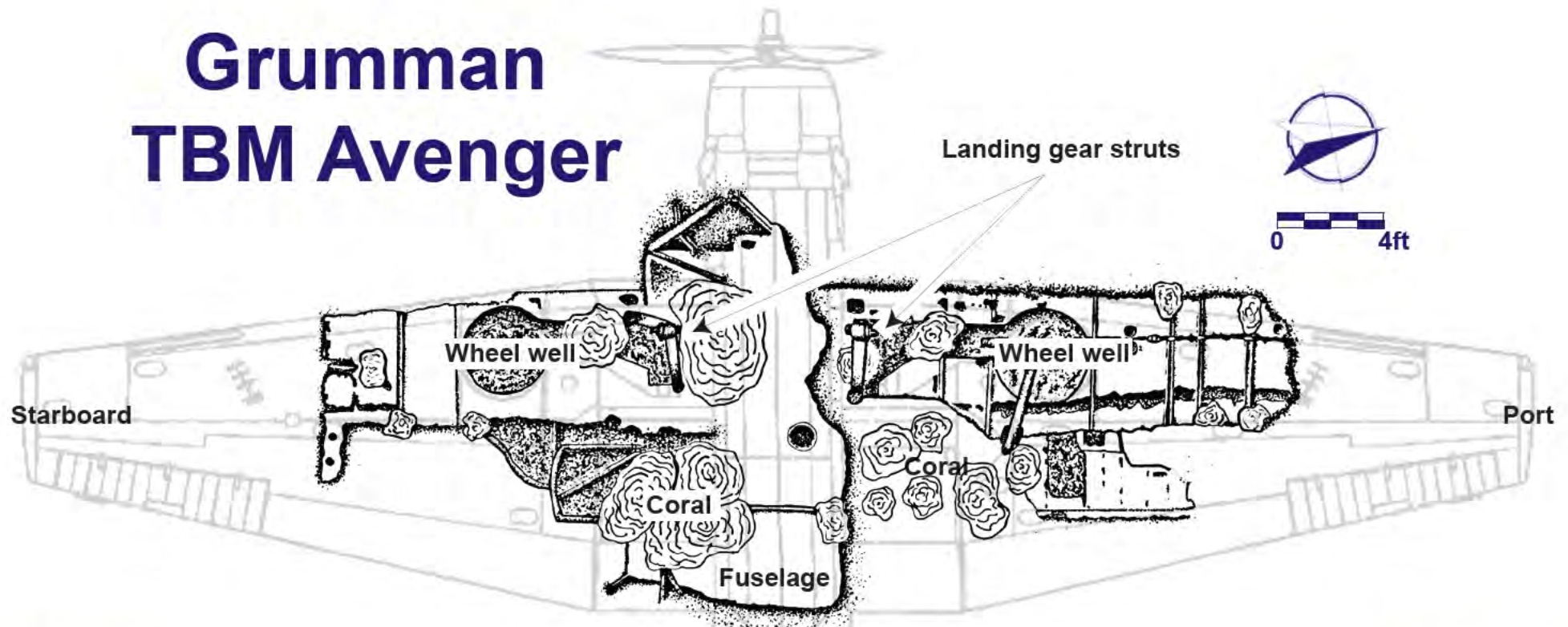


Grumman TBM Avenger



The Aircraft

The TBM Avenger was a U.S. Navy torpedo bomber and the most widely-produced naval strike aircraft in history. Avengers had three to five crew and could carry 726kg (1,600lbs) of torpedoes or other munitions. They played a significant role in the Battle of Saipan and participated in a variety of offensive support roles, including pre-invasion bombing and strafing attacks, air support for ground troops, anti-submarine patrols, and reconnaissance missions. Avengers assigned to Vice-Admiral Marc Mitscher's Task Force 58 flew numerous sorties in the Battle of the Philippine Sea, an engagement known by U.S. forces as the "Marianas Turkey Shoot." The last TBMs retired from military service in 1962.

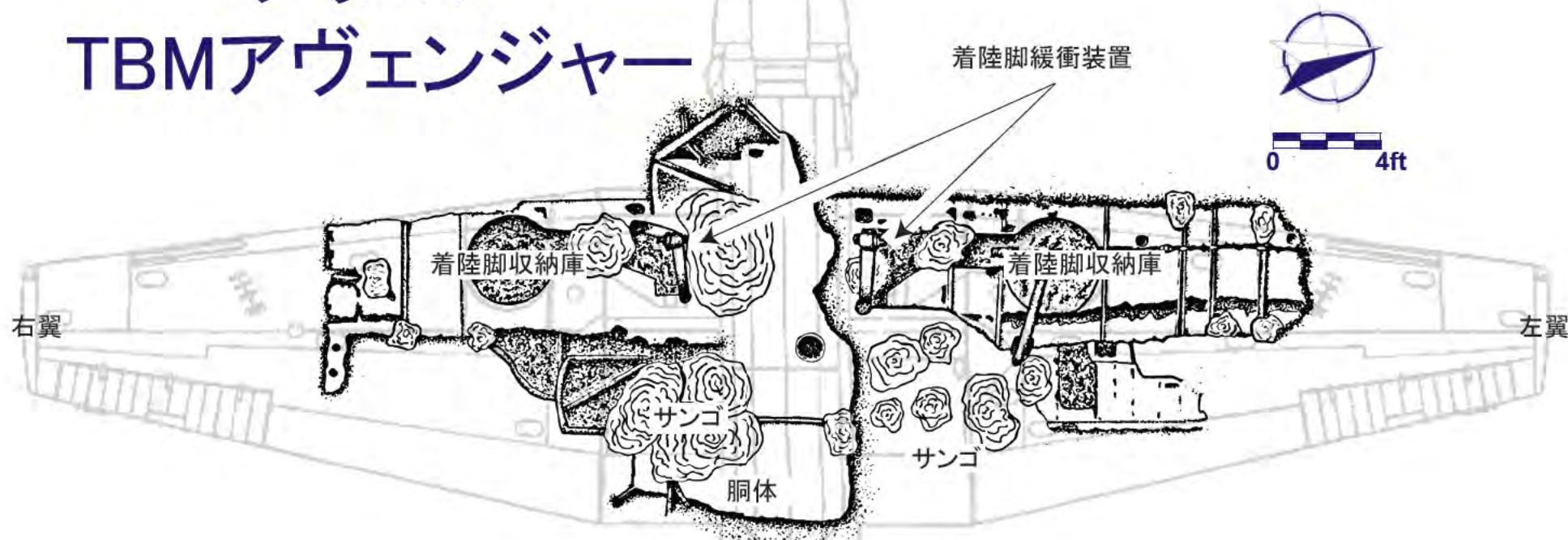
The Wreck

This aircraft is included in the WWII Maritime Heritage Trail - Battle of Saipan. It is located on the edge of the fringing reef at the opening of Tanapag Lagoon in approximately 4.5m (13.5ft) of water. The surviving airframe is upside down and consists of the central portion of the aircraft wings. The main landing gear struts are fully extended and are partially exposed above the water's surface at low tide. Make sure to check out the surrounding coral reef, where you can see several scattered pieces of wreckage associated with the Avenger. To access the site, follow your GPS to: 15 14' 7.82"N, 145 41' 57.82"E. This wreck lies within a Marine Conservation Area, so please follow local regulations for accessing the site. Remember, take only pictures and leave only bubbles.



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グラマン TBMアヴェンジャー



航空機

TBMアヴェンジャーはアメリカ海軍の雷撃機であり、史上もっとも広く生産された海軍戦闘機であった。アヴェンジャーは3-5名の搭乗員で運用され、726kg (1,600lbs) の爆雷あるいは他の弾薬を携行することができた。サイパン戦の際には重要な役割を果たし、様々な攻撃側面支援に参加し、これらは事前爆撃、低空での猛爆撃、陸上兵士の空からのサポート、対潜水艦哨戒、偵察任務を含んだ。アヴェンジャーは海軍中将マークミッチャーの第58任務部隊に配備され、フィリピン戦では多くの出撃を行い、アメリカ海軍では「マリアナ沖の七面鳥」と呼ばれた。最後のTBMは1962年に任務を終えた。

残存機体

この航空機は第二次大戦サイパン戦の海事遺産トレイルに含まれています。この遺跡はタナバグ環礁の4.5mの海底、裾礁(きよしょう)の端に位置しています。残存している機体は上下逆さであり主に翼である。主着陸脚の緩衝装置は完全に飛び出しており引き潮時には水面にその一部が現れる。周囲のサンゴ礁を確認すると、このアヴェンジャーの残骸の一部が目に入ります。遺跡へのアクセスは、GPSで、15 14' 7.82"N, 145 41' 57.82"Eの位置情報にしたがってください。この残存機体は海洋保全地域内にあるため、遺跡のアクセスには地域の規則に従うようにしてください。トルのは写真のみ、ノコスのは泡だけを忘れずに。



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