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Lagoon Hike, Penemu

Raja Ampat has one of the world's largest tropical marine ecosystems and an outstanding biodiversity of fish and coral. It's located in the north-western tip of Indonesia's Papuan "Bird's Head Seascape," and lies in the heart of the coral triangle.

This group of majestic islands teems with exotic bird life, lush jungle foliage, and a spectacular array of fauna, while the water around them offers world class diving with manta rays, sharks, turtles, huge shoals of fish as well as reef systems that hold an unimaginative diversity of coral and macro subjects.

The Delos crew were fortunate to sail and dive this magical part of the world for two months and it was unlike anything we've ever seen.

Check out our [Raja Ampat Anchoring Guide](#) as well!



Fantastic Beach Island, Balbulol





Wayag

Waigeo

#13
#14
#12
Gam

#11

Dampier Strait

Fam

#19 #21
#18 #20
#17
#15 #16

Batanta

Sorong

Salawati

Kofiau

Misool

#9
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Daram

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#1 Hat Stone

Location: Ai Island, Banda Sea, Indonesia

Date: 14 Aug 2013

Coordinates: 04°30.966'S 129°45.892'E

Max Depth: 26.8 meters

AVG Depth: 16 meters

Time in: 1:10PM

Dive time: 32min

Visibility: 11 meters

Temperature: 26°C

Comments: Anchored Delos on the NW side of the island, just off the beach (coordinates 04°30.930'S 129°46.040'E). Took the dingy east towards the hat stone and anchored at a shallow area close to the wall drop off. Not much current, an easy and beautiful dive. The wall is covered in healthy colourful coral that is teeming with life. Big schools of fish swarm the vertical reef. Just under the dingy we spotted a massive crayfish.



Dive Location, Hat Stone



Moorish idol

#2 Tank Rock

Location: Eastern Most Rock, Fiabacet Group, Misool, Indonesia

Date: 22 Aug 2013

Coordinates: 02°13.136'S 130°4.063'E

Max Depth: 26.3 meters

AVG Depth: 10 meters

Time in: 2:30PM

Dive time: 30min

Visibility: 20 meters

Temperature: 28°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#2- Kalig SE Misool”

Comments: We anchored the dinghy just off the rock. Had pretty heavy current on the surface but not much current as we descended. Slow dive around Tank Rock, spotted amazing amount of fish and coral. Big schools of fish circling. Rock extensive habitat goes all the way from the surface stretching into dark. Spotted Morey Eels, Tuna, Giant Trevally, four Hawksbill turtles cruising along the reef, Long Fin Bat Fish, and Clown Triggerfish.



Dive Location, Tank Rock



Clark's Anemonefish

#3 Kalig Wall

Location: Kalig, Misool, Indonesia

Date: 22 Aug, 2013

Coordinates: 02°13.207'S 130°32.838'E

Max Depth: 19.7 meters

AVG Depth: 10 meters

Time in: 05:22 PM

Dive time: 42 minutes

Visibility: 10 meters

Temperature: 28°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#2- Kalig SE Misool”

Comments: Dove right off Delos along the wall toward the East. Most coral from 2-10M. Spotted some cool creatures along the whole dive. Sea worms were everywhere and also the colourful blue\yellow sea squirts.



Colourful sea squirts

#4 Nudi Rock

Location: Middle Island, Fiabacet Group, Misool, Indonesia

Date: 22 Aug, 2013

Coordinates: 02°13.103'S 130°33.936'E

Max Depth: 34.2 meters

AVG Depth: 15 meters

Time in: 02:00 PM

Dive time: 42 minutes

Visibility: 15 meters

Temperature: 28°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#2- Kalig SE Misool”

Comments: Anchored the dinghy off the north side of the island. Entered on the north side and swam with the current and the reef on our right side. This side was filled with different species of coral and sea fans that filled the steep slope. When we rounded the point to the south side of the island the current switched against us, but the fish and coral diversity exploded. Endless species of hard and soft coral stretches over this area. Spotted Leatherback turtles, fluorescent orange bulb-tip Anemones, Emperor Angelfish, Coral Trout, and Gold Spotted Trevally.



Fluorescent orange bulb-tip Anemones

#5 Whale Rock

Location: Largest of the Fiabacet Islands, Misool, Indonesia

Date: 25 Aug, 2013

Coordinates: 02°13.163'S 130°33.552'E

Max Depth: 22.8 meters

AVG Depth: 10 meters

Time in: 10:45 AM

Dive time: 41 minutes

Visibility: 20 meters

Temperature: 28°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#2- Kalig SE Misool”

Comments: Anchored the dinghy on the south side of the island. Entered just under the dinghy and swam towards the east end with the reef on our right side. Strong current sweeping around the east making us drift towards the southern side where massive schools of bait fish float out of the blue. Also spotted a very curious turtle and had a Manta Ray flying past us before disappearing into the blue. At the western end the diversity of coral and fish exploded as the current rips around the corner making it very difficult for us to get back to the dinghy, which was now up current.



Batfish

#6 Barracuda Corner

Location: East Corner of Kalig Island, Misool, Indonesia

Date: 26, Aug 2013

Coordinates: 02°13.213'S 130°33.216'E

Max Depth: 28.1 meters

AVG Depth: 12 meters

Time in: 1:30 PM

Dive time: 34 minutes

Visibility: 15 meters

Temperature: 27°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat "#2- Kalig SE Misool"

Comments: Dove in teams to do a drift dive around the corner. Entered just on the south side of the east most corner of Kalig. The current ripped around the corner towards the south which attracts big schools of Barracuda, Bump Head Wrasse, and massive amounts of baitfish. If the current isn't too rough it's awesome to hang around this corner for a while before swimming with the current towards the south east with the reef on your right. Awesome drift dive along the wall with incredible diversity of fish and coral. Spotted a few turtles, Batfish, and juvenile Black Snapper.



School of Barracuda

#7 Leisure Stroll Reef

Location: Kalig Island, Misool, Indonesia

Date: 26 Aug, 2013

Coordinates: 02°13.097'S 130°32.980'E

Max Depth: 7 meters

AVG Depth: 5 meters

Time in: 2:45 PM

Dive time: 36 minutes

Visibility: 20 meters

Temperature: 28°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#2- Kalig SE Misool”

Comments: Shallow leisure dive around the reef. Anchored the dinghy at a shallow sandy spot, then swam over the reef to the eastern side where the reef drops off. Kept the reef on our left and swam towards the mushroom stone on the NE corner of the small island, before turning around and slowly swimming back with the reef on our right. The whole wall is filled with soft and hard coral, sea squirts, numerous amounts of reef fish fill the water all the way to the surface. Spotted a good sized White-Tip Shark and two kinds of Nudibranch.



Nudibranch



Starfish

#8 Yellit Kecil

Location: Almost due north of Boo island, Island furthest east, Misool, Indonesia

Date: 27 Aug, 2013

Coordinates: 02°11.757'S 130°36.620'E

Max Depth: 20 meters

AVG Depth: 11 meters

Time in: 2:40 PM

Dive time: 34 minutes

Visibility: 10 meters

Temperature: 28°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#3- Yellit SE Misool”

Comments: Tied Delos up to a nearby mooring and dingied over to the small island furthest east of Yellit. Dove in teams as it was hard to anchor the dingy in a safe spot. Entered at the northeast part of the island and swam with the reef on our right to the south east corner. From the island the reef slopes down gradually to about 20 meters before it drops off into the deep blue. As soon as we got into the water we were surrounded by thousands of baitfish and big schools of Barracudas, none of them seemed very disturbed by our presence. The swim along the wall was fantastic, endless amount of fish and coral teeming with life. Spotted 6 different kinds of Clownfish, massive Puffer fish, big schools of Red Trout Triggerfish, Lionfish hiding in a small cove, 3 kinds of Nudibranch.



Colourful reef

#9 Nudi Bomie

Location: Bomie in the island group of P. Balbulol. SE misool, Indonesia

Date: 03 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 02°01.397'S 130°40.751'E

Max Depth: 18.3 meters

AVG Depth: 10 meters

Time in: 1:30 PM

Dive time: 30 minutes

Visibility: 10 meters

Temperature: 28°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#5- Balbulol E Misool”

Comments: Entered the water on the south side of the bommie, as the current was flooding, running south to north. Big schools of Gold Spotted Trevally and yellow back Fusiliers swarm this south side. Kept the bommie on our right and slowly drifted north. The north corner of the big main bommie is connected to a slightly smaller one, this one teaming with more coral and fish. By far the cool thing to about these twin bommies are the numerous Nudibranch spotted.



Nudibranch Couple



Nudibranch

#10 Delos Cove

Location: Lagoon in the island group of P. Balbulol. SE Misool, Indonesia

Date: 04 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 02°01.506'S 130°40.425'E

Max Depth: 16.8 meters

AVG Depth: 6 meters

Time in: 12 PM

Dive time: 44 minutes

Visibility: 10 meters

Temperature: 28°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#5- Balbulol E Misool”

Comments: Entered the water in the SW corner of the lagoon and swam along the south wall towards the most eastern tip. Most fish and colourful coral between 3-11 meters, spotted hundreds of sea squirts, a sea snake and a pretty good sized turtle.



Colourful Coral

1 1 Kabui Pass Drift Dive

Location: Kabui Pass East Entrance, between Gam and Waigo, Indonesia

Date: 12 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 00°25.867'S 130°33.418'E

Max Depth: 15 meters

AVG Depth: 6 meters

Time in: 4 PM

Dive time: 40 minutes

Visibility: 7 meters

Temperature: 28°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#7- Kabui Bay”

Comments: Entered the water at the NE end of the pass drifting with the current to the east opening. Not much coral in the pass but there are a lot of fish feeding in the currents, the biggest schools were hanging out around the first lime stone island just outside the east end of the pass, where the current wraps around (east). Spotted big schools of Trevally and Barracuda.



School of Barracuda

#12 Citrus Ridge West

Location: West side of channel between Gam and Yanggefo, Indonesia

Date: 17 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 00°30.665'S 130°27.358'E

Max Depth: 14.5 meters

AVG Depth: 8 meters

Time in: 11 AM

Dive time: 43 minutes

Visibility: 20 meters

Temperature: 28°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#8- Yanggefo”

Comments: Anchored the dingy at the shallow sandy spot close to the mangroves. Entered the water and swam against the gentle current, with the reef on our left. The reef gently slopes down towards the middle of the channel from 3-30 meters. This slope is teeming with life. Vast species of coral that are swarmed by impressive amounts of fish closer to the surface big schools of Barracuda and giant Wrasse hover in the currents. Spotted Stingrays, Lionfish, Yellowtail Wrasse, Beaufort's crocodile fish and six species of Nudibranch. This spot also makes a great night dive.



Beaufort's crocodile fish

#13 Mayhem Ridge

Location: Ridge west Yanggefo, Indonesia

Date: 17 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 00°30.777'S 130°26.847'E

Max Depth: 18.3 meters

AVG Depth: 12 meters

Time in: 3:30 PM

Dive time: 23 minutes

Visibility: 12 meters

Temperature: 29°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#8- Yanggefo”

Comments: Anchored the dingy on the north side of the ridge (straight out from the beach). Entered and swam east, with the reef on our right. Magnificent drop off! The top is covered with healthy colourful coral that stretches down into the deep. In the shallower area five species of Nudibranchs were spotted.



#14 Citrus Ridge East

Location: East side of channel inlet between Yanggefo and Gam, Indonesia

Date: 17 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 00°30.569'S 130°27.391'E

Max Depth: 13.3 meters

AVG Depth: 7 meters

Time in: 4:30 PM

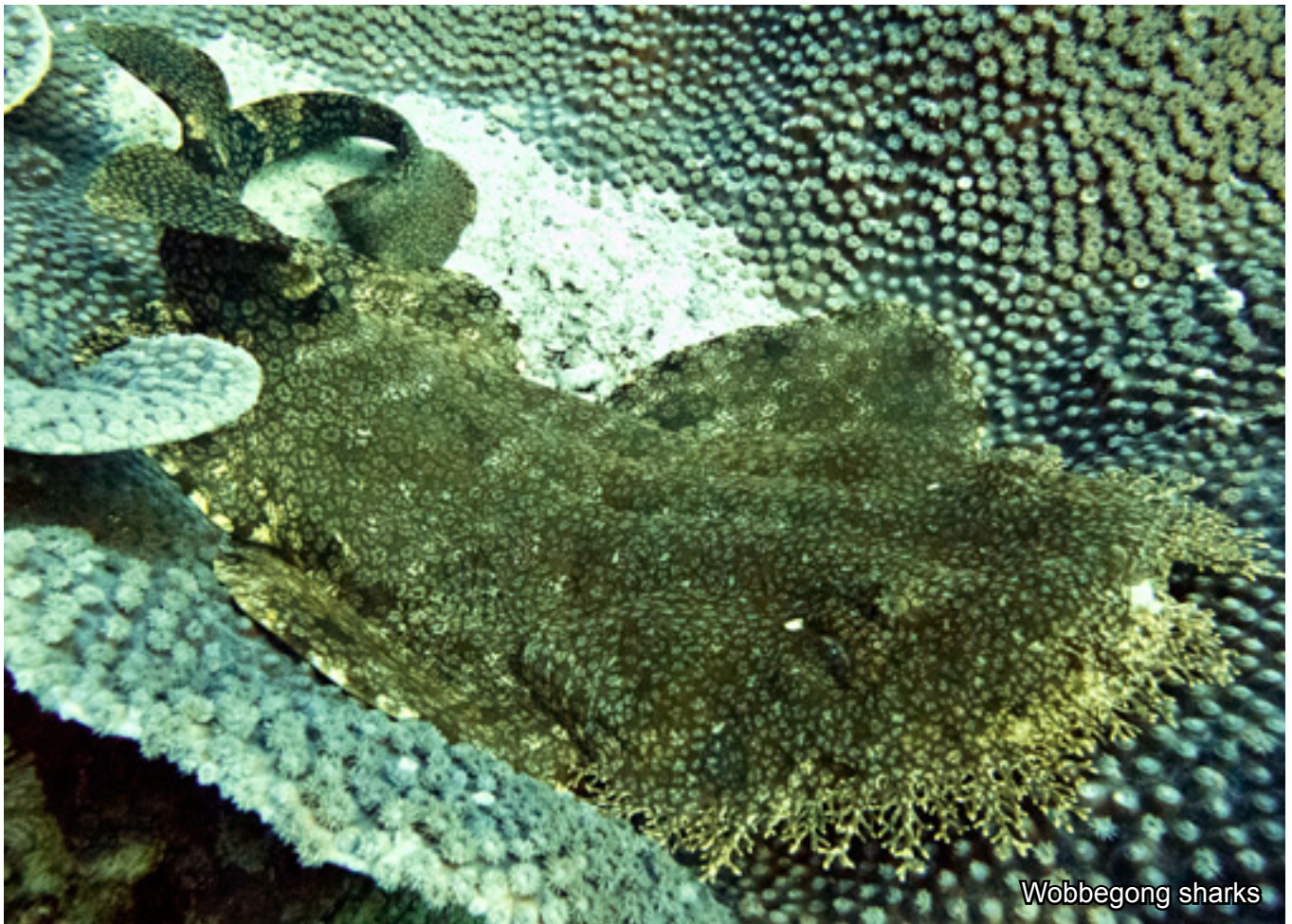
Dive time: 30 minutes

Visibility: 18 meters

Temperature: 29°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#8- Yanggefo”

Comments: Anchored the dingy on a rock just off the east point of the channel. Entered the water and swam south with the reef on our left. The gentle slope is covered in coral teaming with fish and smaller critters. In the shallower area numerous species of Nudibranchs were spotted, out towards the channel the water is filled with schools of fish feeding in the current. Spotted two resting in the big round coral, perfectly camouflaged.



Wobbegong sharks

#15 Dive Lodge Jetty

Location: Large jetty at Raja Ampat Dive Lodge, Mansuar, Indonesia

Date: 20 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 00°34.596'S 130°36.844'E

Max Depth: 10.7 meters

AVG Depth: 6 meters

Time in: 6 PM

Dive time: 37 minutes

Visibility: 20 meters

Temperature: 29°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#9- Mansuar”

Comments: Entered the water from the end of the pier, swam strait out north and then a bit east. The richest coral and fish were found at around 2-10 meters. At sunset this area explodes with fish activity, baitfish swarm all around you fleeing from the big needle fish. Big Trevally patrol the area looking for pray and all the small coral fish are eager to find a safe place for the night. Spotted dozens of Lionfish, Scorpionfish, Ringed Pipefish and if you look closely at sunset you can also spot Limefish.



Scorpionfish

#16 Cape Kri

Location: East point of Kri Island, Raja Ampat, Indonesia

Date: 22 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 00°33.440'S 130°41.376'E

Max Depth: 23.9 meters

AVG Depth: 12 meters

Time in: 10 AM

Dive time: 36 minutes

Visibility: 25 meters

Temperature: 29°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#9- Mansuar”

Comments: This is a truly amazing dive! These are the words of marine Biologist Dr. Gerald R. Allen “On my last trip to Raja Ampat, I recorded 283 fish species during a single dive near the Kri Island resorts. This is the most fishes ever seen on a single dive over a career spanning almost 30 years.”

The east point of Cape Kri has a strong current that splits in 2 we chose to do the dive on a falling current, flowing east to west. Entered the water at the most south eastern point, but it is very important not to get caught in the current flowing to the north west of the island so kept the reef to our right at all times. This eastern point is unlike anything we have ever seen the fish literally engulf you, huge swirling schools of Jacks, Giant Trevally, Barracuda and Tuna. On top of that large Wrasse and reef sharks cruise around you on this magnificent dive. As you drift west with the current the scenery changes as the coral becomes even more diverse healthy soft and hard coral swarmed by thousands and thousands of smaller schools of fish. The currents at Cape Kri are strong and it was crucial for us to research tides and directions beforehand as well as dive in teams as there is no place to anchor the dingy.



Huge school of Trevally

#17 Looking for Manta Sandy

Location: Dampier strait, Raja Ampat, Indonesia

Date: 23 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 00°34.798'S 130°32.534'E

Max Depth: 22 meters

AVG Depth: 17 meters

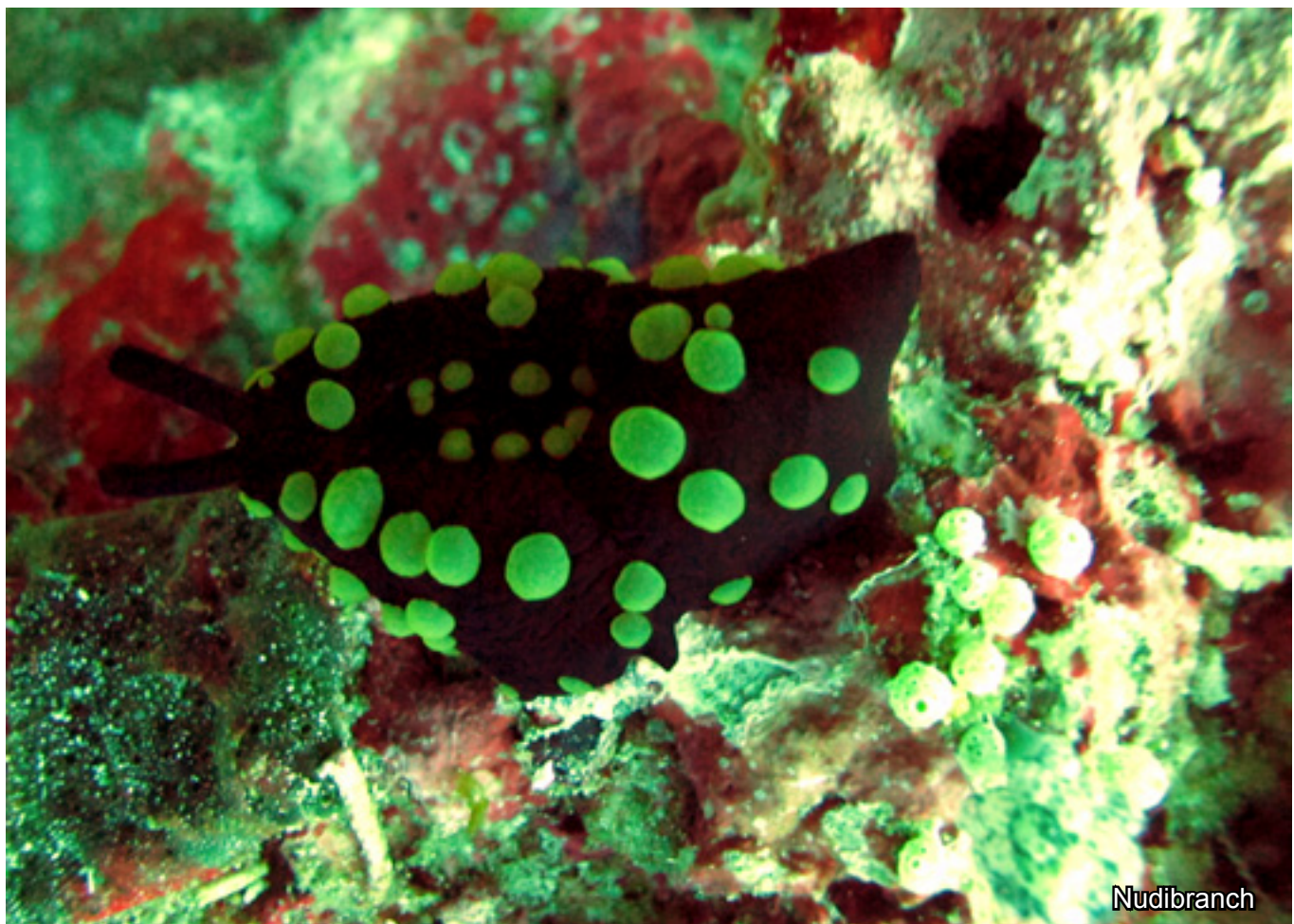
Time in: 11:30 AM

Dive time: 36 minutes

Visibility: 15 meters

Temperature: 32°C

Comments: The GPS coordinates we found for this dive were right on top of a shallow spot, unsure of the right position we entered a bit further west of the point on the sloping ridge. Swam with the reef on our left, as we cornered the reef the current picked up and we decided to drift back to our entering point. The coral and fish life was average but spotted some Nudibranches. Unfortunately didn't see any mantas.



Nudibranch

#18 Keruo Channel

Location: Eastern most island of Keruo islands, Raja Ampat, Indonesia

Date: 25 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 00°35.331'S 130°17.759'E

Max Depth: 27 meters

AVG Depth: 12 meters

Time in: 3:30 PM

Dive time: 42 minutes

Visibility: 7 meters

Temperature: 28°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#11- The Bullseye!”

Comments: The GPS coordinates are for the north end of this channel, we decided to enter the water in the middle of the channel on the west side. Swam south with the reef on our right. This channel is filled with massive sea fans, really cool macro subjects like Nudibranchs and shrimp. As you reach the most southern tip the current pick up and so does the diversity of fish, big schools of bait fish swarm the waters together with Barracuda, Tuna and Trevally.



Clownfish hiding in a Magnificent Sea Anemone

#19 Bullseye Ridge

Location: Baturufus Island, Penemu, Raja Ampat, Indonesia

Date: 26 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 00°33.904'S 130°17.109'E

Max Depth: 22 meters

AVG Depth: 12 meters

Time in: 12:40 PM

Dive time: 41 minutes

Visibility: 10 meters

Temperature: 29°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#11- The Bullseye!”

Comments: This was a truly amazing spot and we dove it a number of times during our stay in Penemu. Anchored the dingy on the most south eastern point of the island. Entered the water and swam east along the ridge that stretches out about 500 meters from this point of the island. Swam on the north side with the reef on our right on the way out and on the south side on our way back, this can vary depending on how the currents run and their strength. Due to the present currents the north side was teeming with big schools of fish while the whole ridge is filled with corals and critters. Spotted big Bumphead Wrasse, turtles, lobsters, decent sized black tip shark, and numerous species of Nudibranchs.



Magnificent Nudibranch



School of fusiliers

#20 Martha's Vineyard (Melissa's Garden)

Location: East side of Penemu, Raja Ampat, Indonesia

Date: 27 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 00°35.390'S 130°18.909'E

Max Depth: 9 meters

AVG Depth: 5 meters

Time in: 1 PM

Dive time: 41 minutes

Visibility: 8 meters

Temperature: 29°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#11- The Bullseye!”

Comments: Entered the water close to the most eastern island and swam south before turning towards the biggest most western island. The three islands in this fantastic spot create a protective “circle” around the shallow area in the middle. This dive is definitely all about the coral and the smaller fish and critters. Every millimetre is filled with life and teeming with some of the healthiest coral we have ever seen and every now and then you can spot massive clams. A really relaxing and truly magical dive!



Colourful Reef Coral



Starfish (*Linckia laevigata*)

#21 Bullseye Wall

Location: Baturufus Island, Penemu, Raja Ampat, Indonesia

Date: 30 Sep, 2013

Coordinates: 00°34.042'S 130°17.101'E

Max Depth: 16 meters

AVG Depth: 9 meters

Time in: 2 PM

Dive time: 45 minutes

Visibility: 8 meters

Temperature: 29°C

Anchorage: See Delos Anchoring Guide Raja Ampat “#11- The Bullseye!”

Comments: This dive was our all time favourite throughout Raja Ampat! A truly amazing dive with an underwater landscape that changes multiple times as you move along this wall of wonders.

Anchored the dingy inside the lagoon on the south west side of the island. Entered the water and swam west out of the lagoon to the outside of the small island. Continued south along the wall, always with the reef on or left, until the most south western part of the island then slightly east and through the window and back into the lagoon. Every millimetre of this wall is teeming with macro life and smaller fish, the healthy colourful coral occupy the whole wall side. Looking out towards your right the big dark ocean stretches out. As you swim back into the lagoon through the window the current here attracts big schools of bait fish and it is also the home of a family of curious friendly Bat fish. Entering the calm lagoon and you can see big Bumphead parrotfish feeding as well as dozen of Clownfish families in their anemones. Spotted Nudibranchs, Peacock Mantas Shrimp, big schools of Bat Fish, black- and White Tip Sharks and much more.

Check out [Karin's favorite dive on our blog.](#)



Peacock Mantas Shrimp



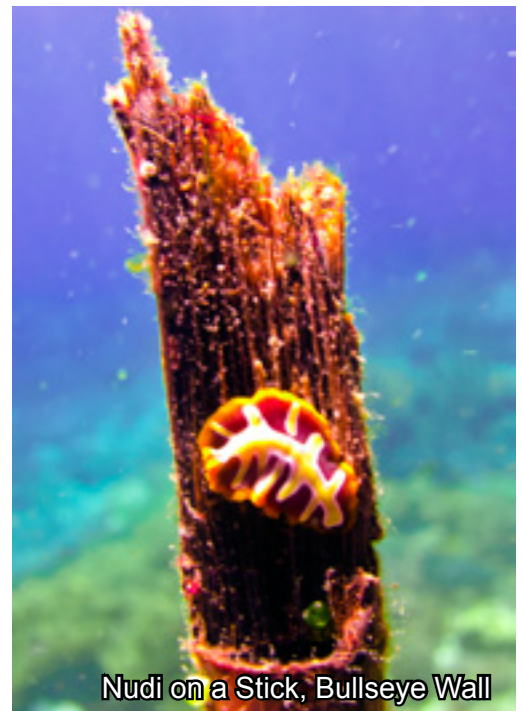
Weird and Wonderful Creatures



Big Shoals of Fish, Cape Kri



Curious Fish, Cape Kri



Nudi on a Stick, Bullseye Wall



Giant Pufferfish, Yellit Kecil



Starfish, Bullseye Ridge



Underwater Wonderland, Yellit Kecil



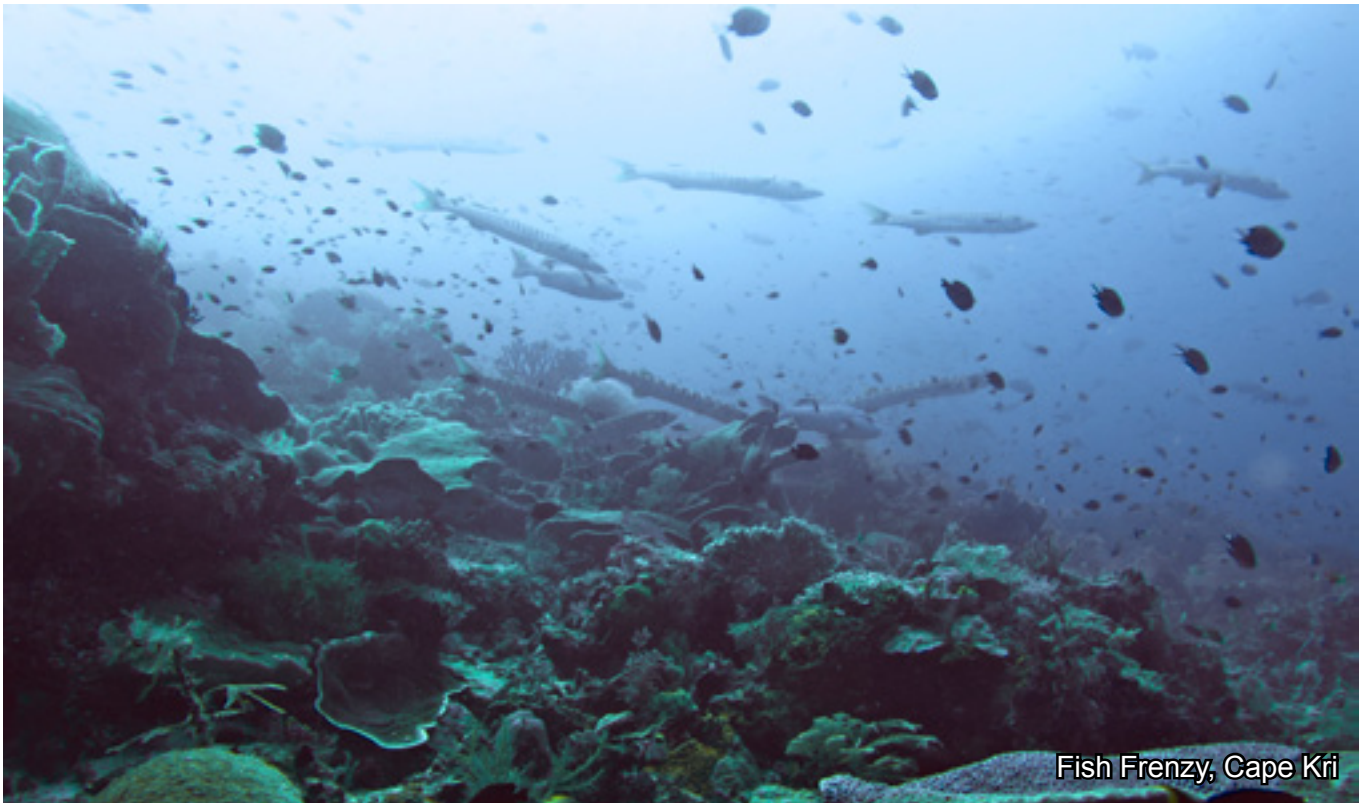
Nudibranch , Bullseye Ridge



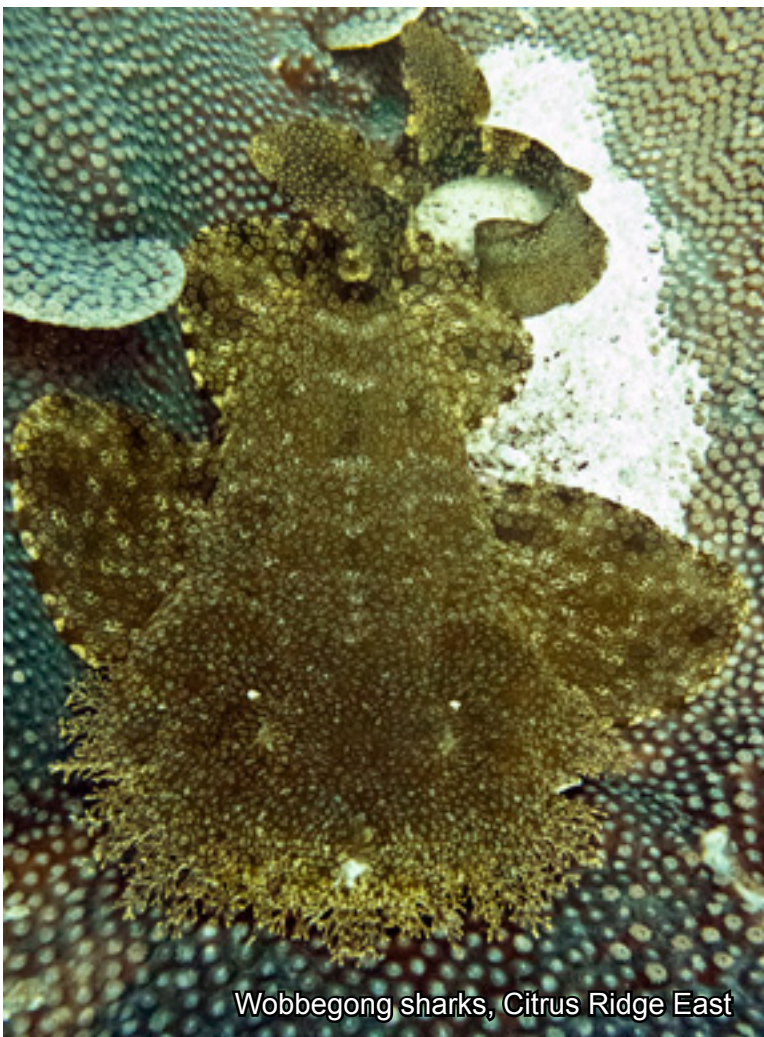
Night Coral, Citrus Ridge West



Nudibranch, Bullseye Wall



Fish Frenzy, Cape Kri



Wobbegong sharks, Citrus Ridge East



Fan Coral, Martha's Vineyard



Window Pass, Bullseye Wall



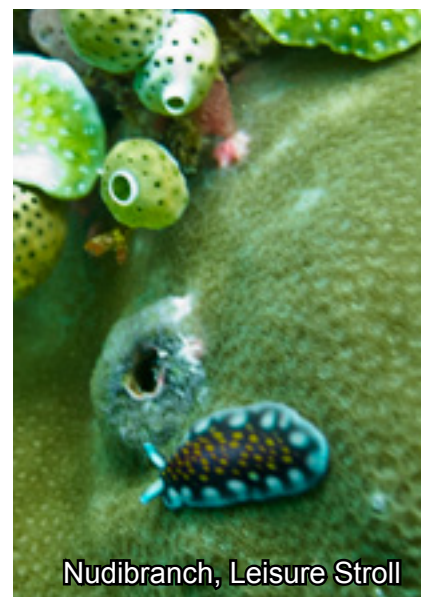
Starfish (*Linckia laevigata*), Martha's Vineyard



Narced..., Yellit Kecil



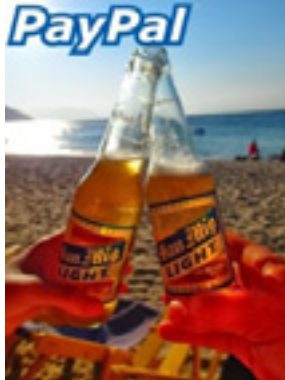
Grouper Getting Mouth Cleaned, Yellit Kecil



Nudibranch, Leisure Stroll

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