

Discover Derawan

Overview



Marine Life

Land of the Giants: manta, whaleshark, leopard shark



Dive Info

Advanced AND minimum 75 logged dives



Reefs

Coral garden slopes, jellyfish lake



Scenery & Beach

uncrowded diving area, only few liveaboards and resorts. No connection to the rest of the world for several days



Currents

Currents in the channel



Water Temperature

27°C to 30°C

Tarakan, one of the most important cities situated in the **Borneo Island, North Kalimantan** province. This area has not been discovered yet by many divers, due to difficult access, making the diving exquisite, uncrowded and virgin.

From here we will sail south to **Sangalaki**, a small island with white sand beach that is surrounded by an extended reef top and gentle sloping down to nice plateau with coral bommies. Making it perfect for **Mantas** to feed and **green turtles** to nest. Even sometimes **Leopard Sharks** can be seen.

Sea turtle monitoring and a research station is situated on the island, the rangers will explain us all about Green Turtles on our afternoon visit. **Sangalaki** is the biggest turtle nursery in **Indonesia**.

Kakaban Island is very different than **Sangalaki** just being 6 NM apart. Steep walls drop to the deep where up currents bring **pelagic fish** and sharks to more shallow water. Above, limestone cliffs covered by jungle hugs a massive brackish mangrove lake, where **thousands of harmless jellyfish** made their habitat. Up to four different species can be found here.

Very close lies **Maratua island**, vertical deep coral walls form the atoll. In the channel, dives can be very exciting as big school of **Barracuda** likes to patrol the area.

Towards the south of **Kalimantan** almost at the eastern tip there is a shallow area that attracts plankton blooms and spider boats fishing anchovies are there regularly for a good catch. Opportunistic **Whalesharks** frequent the boats for an easy snack.

Derawan Island would be our last visit before heading **Tarakan** for disembarkation. Amazing coral garden slopes and kindly **muck diving** below a traditional jetty will put the icing on the cake.

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