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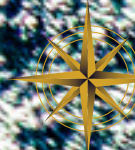
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# The Indonesian Archipelago

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## South Raja Ampat, Misool, The Bomberai Peninsula & Central Raja Ampat

This intriguing new cruise route takes Dewi Nusantara from Sorong, the principal departure port for the Raja Ampat islands, all the way down south to explore the seldom dived sites of the Bomberai Peninsula. Along the way, we will be able to explore some of the very best scuba diving regions that eastern Indonesia has to offer.

### Misool

Our first port of call is Misool, the most southerly of the famed Raja Ampat islands. As many of our guests already know, Misool is overflowing with some of the world's most iconic and well-known dive sites.

### The Bomberai Peninsula

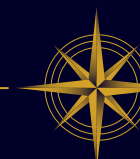
Sailing further south, we come to the sprawling Bomberai Peninsula, where a wealth of brand new marine adventures await. Offshore, there are numerous newly discovered seamounts literally buzzing with marine life. Closer to the peninsula's dramatic coastline, there is plenty more to see, along with some very intriguing surprises.

### The Pisang Islands

The Pisang Island group is now much more than just a waypoint between Raja Ampat and Triton Bay. Dewi Nusantara's personnel have had the fortunate



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opportunity to extensively explore the area's scuba diving potential and discover a whole host of exciting new sites.

### The Sagewin Strait, South-West Batanta

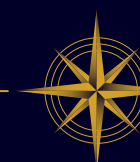
And now for something completely different. The critter diving sites on the south side of Batanta Island, facing the Sagewin Strait, are fast gaining mythical status. The sand and gravel slopes are the perfect habitat for the weird and wonderful small creatures that make Indonesian scuba diving so special.

### Get On-Board with Dewi Nusantara

We have crafted this exceptional new itinerary to offer our guests an unparalleled opportunity to explore the diverse marine environments of eastern Indonesia while admiring some of the world's most breathtaking landscapes. Aboard Dewi Nusantara, guests will embark on an extraordinary expedition, visiting iconic dive sites and discovering exciting new adventures along the journey.

Begin your next scuba adventure on board the Indonesian archipelago's premier liveaboard and experience the best that Indonesia has to offer, along with Dewi Nusantara's outstanding service, exceptional facilities, and her highly experienced crew.

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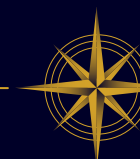
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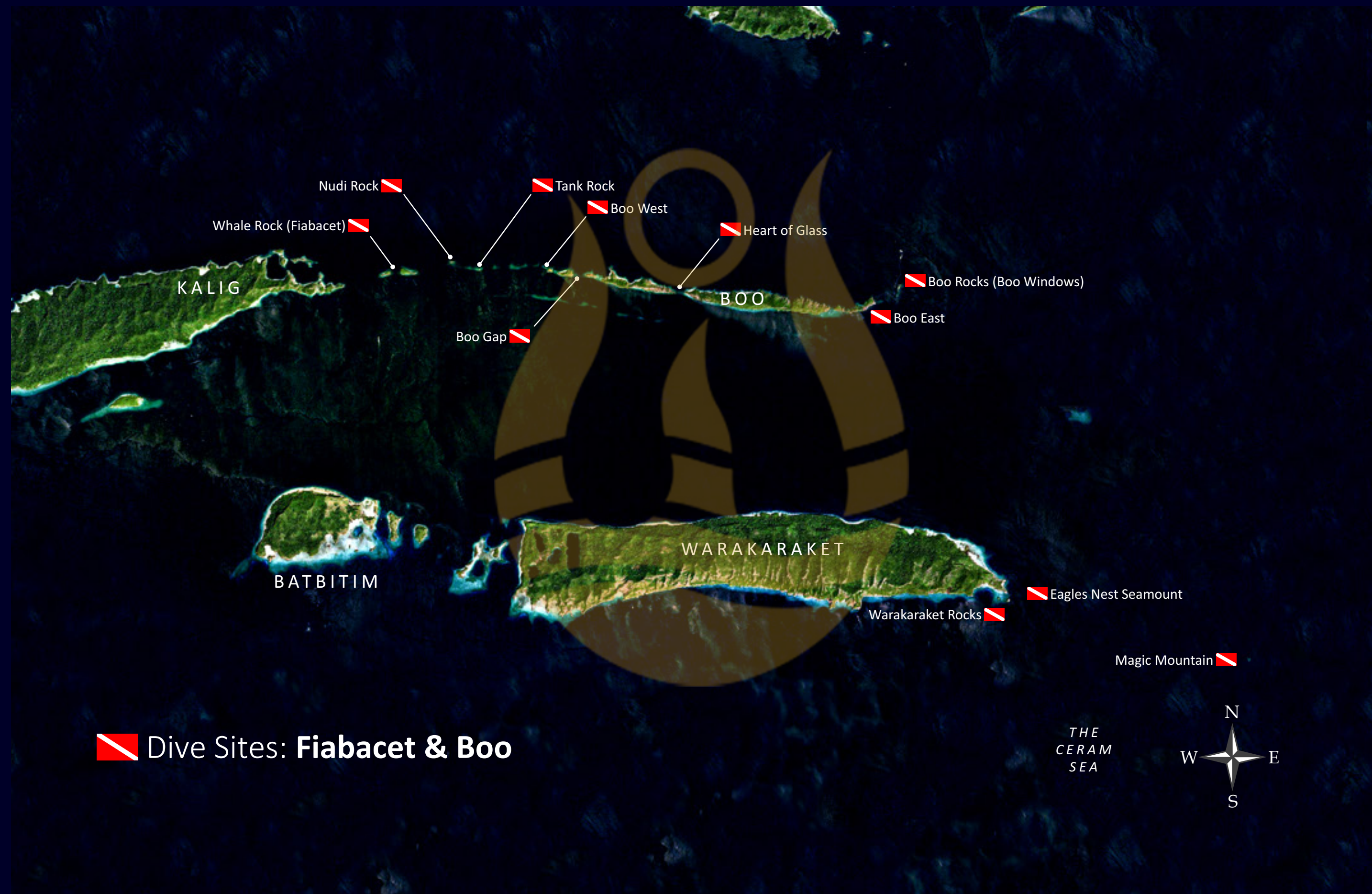
## Fiabacet & Boo

The dive sites in and around Fiabacet and Boo are quite honestly some of the very finest that Raja Ampat, Indonesia, or even the planet has to offer.

The south side's deep ocean floor rises to a marine topography that features a labyrinth of interconnected ridges and seamounts. These act as filters for the nutrient-rich currents flowing up and over the complex seascape, causing the vibrant reefs to explode in a riot of colour and form.

The quality of the numerous sites is incredible. The dives showcase some of the most impressive numbers of schooling fish, swarms of small reef fish, and dazzlingly colourful corals anywhere. At times, the dense clouds of schooling fish obscure the larger predators patrolling behind them. Visiting divers frequently spot grey, white-tip, and black-tip reef sharks, as well as many other powerful predators such as dog-tooth tunas, Spanish mackerel, giant trevally, and acrobatic mobula rays, scything through this massive feast of baitfish.

Karst limestone rocks, as well as the corners and coasts of the larger islands of Boo and Kalig, serve as the focal points for most of the sites. Currents and upwellings from the Ceram Sea to the south wash over these areas, which bring nutrients up from deeper water, sustaining the topographic reefs and marine life in the area.



 Dive Sites: **Fiabacet & Boo**

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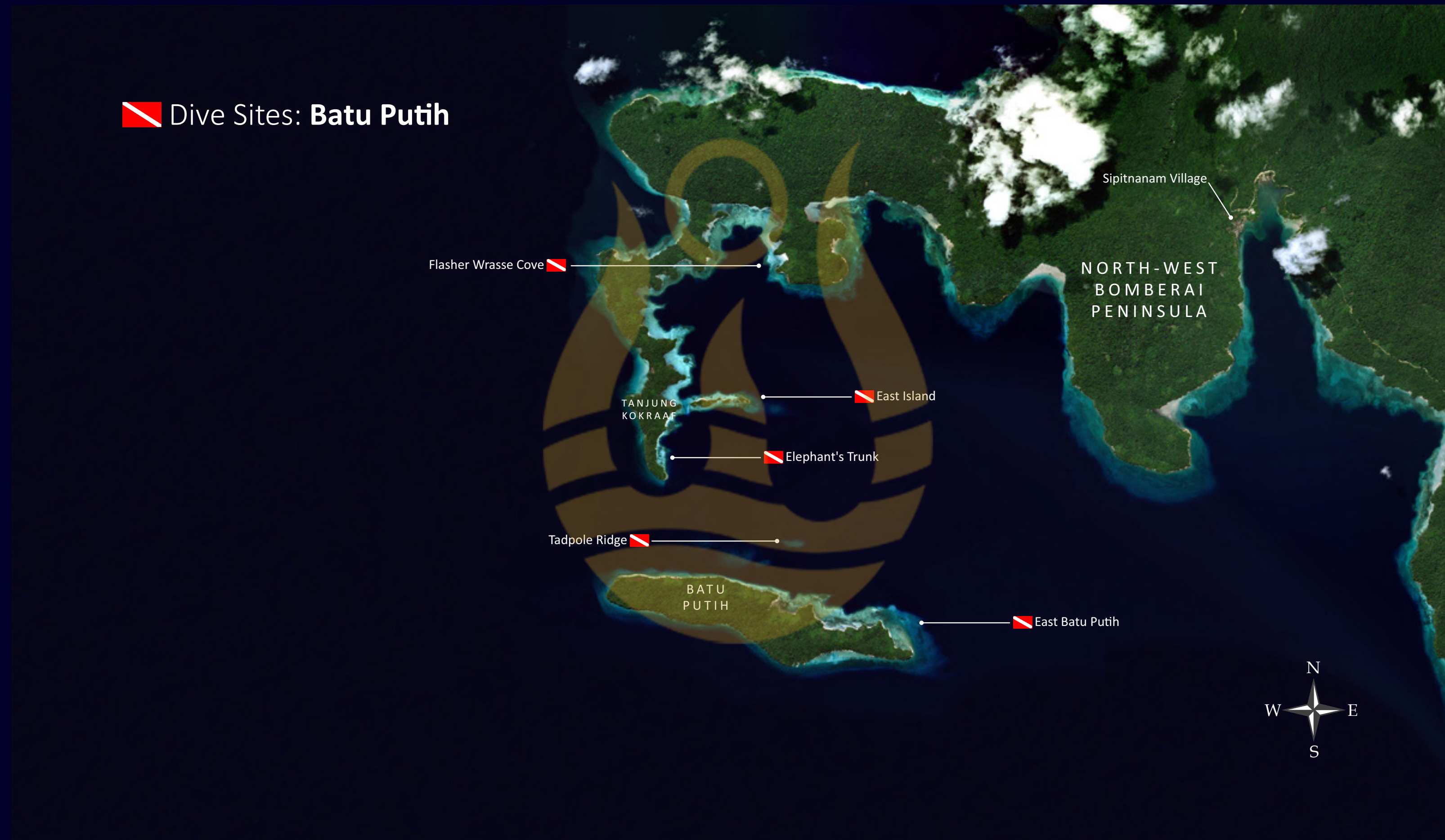
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## Batu Putih

The Batu Putih dive sites are all clustered around the south side of the north-western corner of the Bomberai Peninsula. This is a well-protected area with numerous bays and inlets around the anchorage which are perfect for kayak exploration. For Dewi's adventurous divers the reefs that border the complex coastline are literally buzzing with colourful marine life and feature dazzling coral beds.

During a recent reconnaissance mission by Dewi Nusantara's exploration team a number of dive sites were discovered around the islands and shoals. These consist of mostly level and sloping reefs, however, there were some good critter spots and a fairly lively seamount.

Batu Putih is seldom visited by any yachts at the time of writing, but it is only a matter of time before it becomes a dive hotspot, along with the rest of the Bomberai Peninsula.



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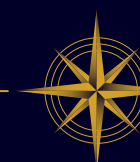
## Teluk Sebakor

Teluk Sebakor bites deep into the western coastline of the Bomberai Peninsula, with Tanjung Turkanggur forming the northern boundary and Tanjung Tongerai to the south.

The seascape inside the bay is a sprawling mass of shallow reefs and waterways that back onto huge mangrove forests and rivers that snake into the interior of the Papuan mainland.

Karas, Taburuasa, and Faur islands populate the bay, and these are all ripe for new dive site exploration. However, the main points of interest here at Sebakor are the spectacular offshore seamounts. Only recently discovered, they easily equal many of Indonesia's similar but more well-known dive sites.

The north-facing Tongerai headland at Toran has also been explored, and some worthwhile spots have been found. Oceanic manta rays and whalesharks have been spotted gliding over the reefs close to a shoreline that boasts a maze of narrow waterways between karst islands that hide a collection of small, secluded sandy coves backed by thick green forest.







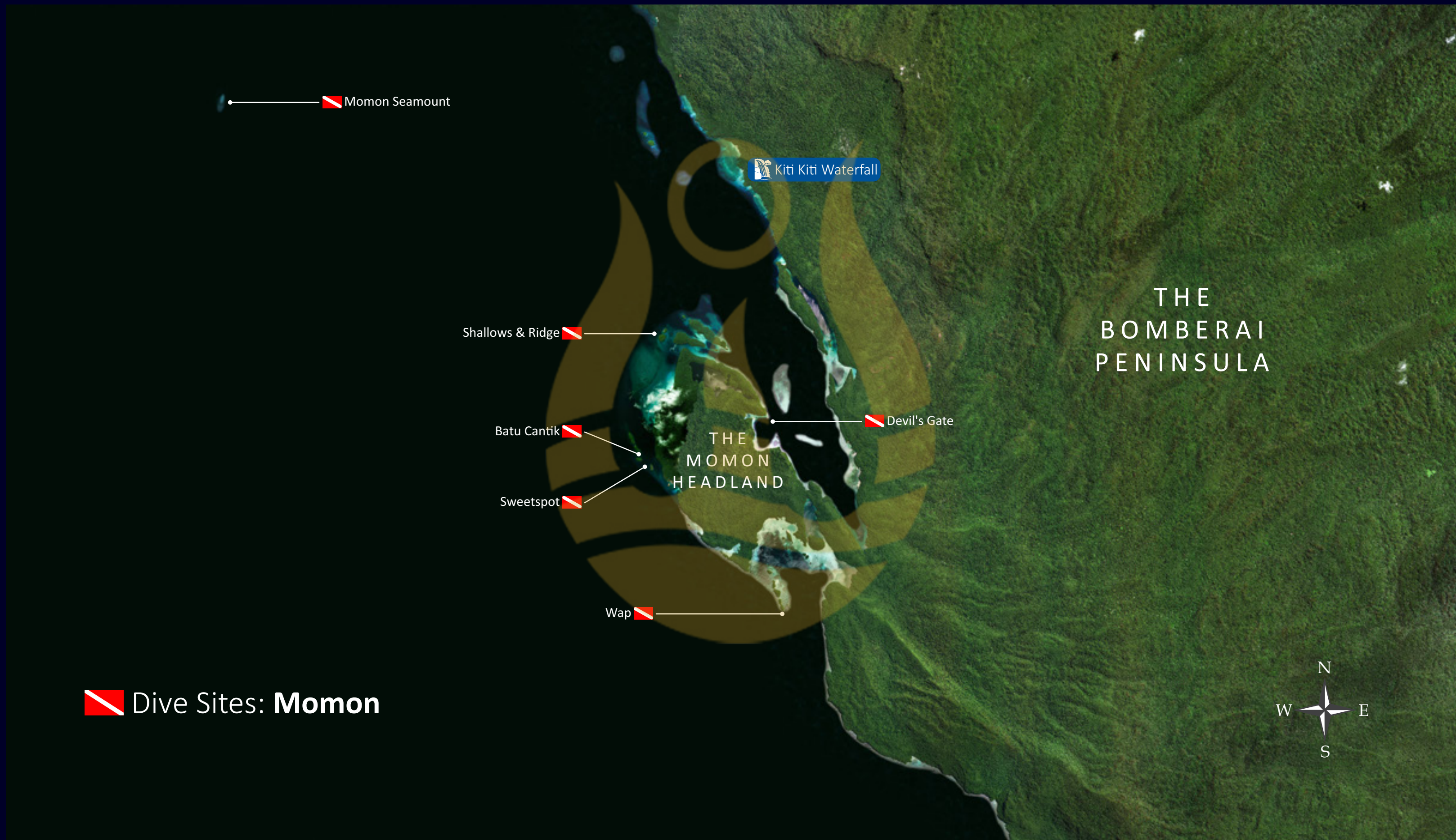
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## Momon

Scuba diving along the rarely explored coastline of the Bomberai Peninsula is legendary, and the sites at Momon are no exception. The reefs surrounding the small islands on the seaward side of the headland are proving to hide some prolific dive sites, as well as some very unusual marine life sightings.

Six nautical miles directly west of the waterfall lies a vast marine mountain that rises up to within 10 metres of the ocean's surface. Stretching for hundreds of metres before sloping off into the depths, it is possible to encounter several different species of shark, manta rays, and huge schools of fish over the dense, undulating coral fields that cover the northern edges of the seamount.

Above the waterline, the focal point of this incredible anchorage is the spectacular Kiti Kiti waterfall, which thunders directly into the ocean. Stemming from a turbulent, clear water stream that originates in the highlands of the Papuan jungle, the cool, fresh water terminates in spectacular fashion amongst the beautiful primordial jungle at the shoreline.



 Dive Sites: **Momon**

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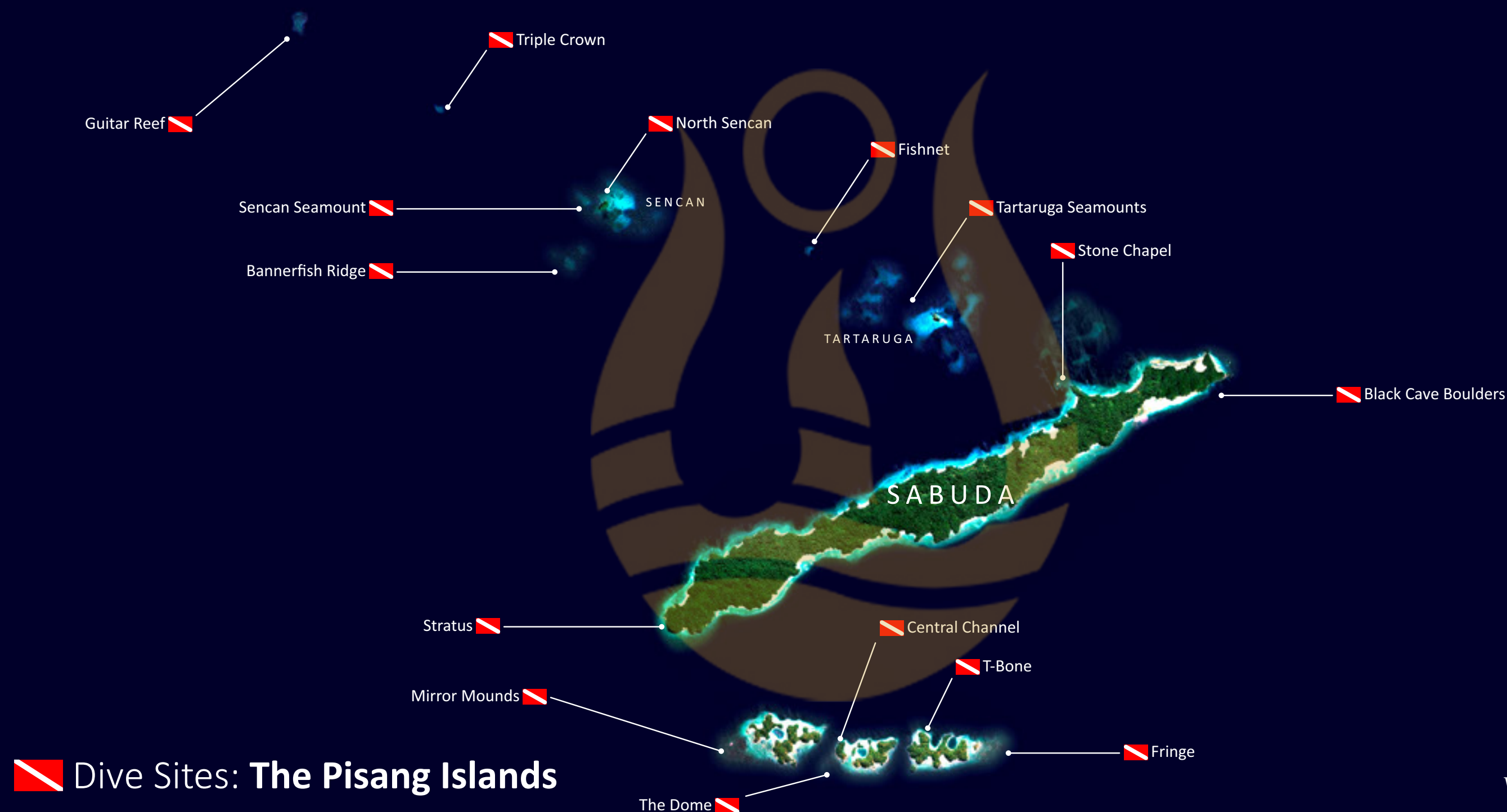
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## The Pisang Islands

The Pisang Islands are situated on their own in the Ceram Sea, only 62 nautical miles from the south-east Misool archipelago and 24 nautical miles from the north-western corner of the Bomberai Peninsula.

The healthy reefs and abundant marine life make these anchorages much more than just a waypoint for dive yachts transiting between Raja Ampat and Triton Bay. The dive sites here include large schools of reef fish, occasional manta ray flypasts, wonderful macrolife, and some magnificent marine topography, all of which combine to make the Pisang Islands a remote underwater paradise.

Sabuda, the largest island in the group, divides the dive environment into two sections: the north side is home to numerous newly explored seamounts, while the south side boasts spectacularly colourful coral reefs teeming with critters.



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## Wayil

The Wayil dive sites are mostly clustered around the western end of Wayilbatan Island. Comprising multi-peaked seamounts, karst island ridges, and exciting passages, they all feature abundant coral growth and a wealth of both pelagic and reef-dwelling marine life.

At Wayil, there is something for every level of diver. These include easy and pretty reef sites, majestic open-water seamounts, and gentle drift dives that flow down some of the most otherworldly marine seascapes imaginable.

One of the most popular sites is “The Four Kings.” This incredible underwater experience takes place in open water, west of the anchorages, where an astonishing four-peaked seamount rises from the deep sea floor. This massive rocky marine structure acts as a magnet for all manner of marine life, large and small.



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## Jef Pele, Lili & Kepotsol

The large island of Jef Pele, as well as the nearby Lili and Kepotsol groups, do not suffer from the concentration of divers and yachts that now visit the anchorages and marine attractions further east. However, they do feature some excellent diving opportunities.

The north-western edge of Jef Pele is home to Kaleidoscope Ridge, the anchorage's signature site. This is a fine example of Raja Ampat's underwater world, with a dizzying array of corals and marine life, both large and small. This impressive coral-covered ridge's incredible underwater architecture combines with a deeper seamount, attracting some of the larger animals that inhabit the abundant reefs and seas of the Misool region. Jef Pele's complex coastline, as well as the numerous offshore islands further south, allow for more dive site exploration.

The sites at Lili and Kepotsol, just under two nautical miles north of the Jef Pele shoreline, share the same amazing marine life and coral characteristics as those around the more well-known anchorages. The scope for new discoveries is considerable, especially in the Kofani group, situated between Lili and Kepotsol.



 Dive Sites: **Jef Pele, Lili & Kepotsol**

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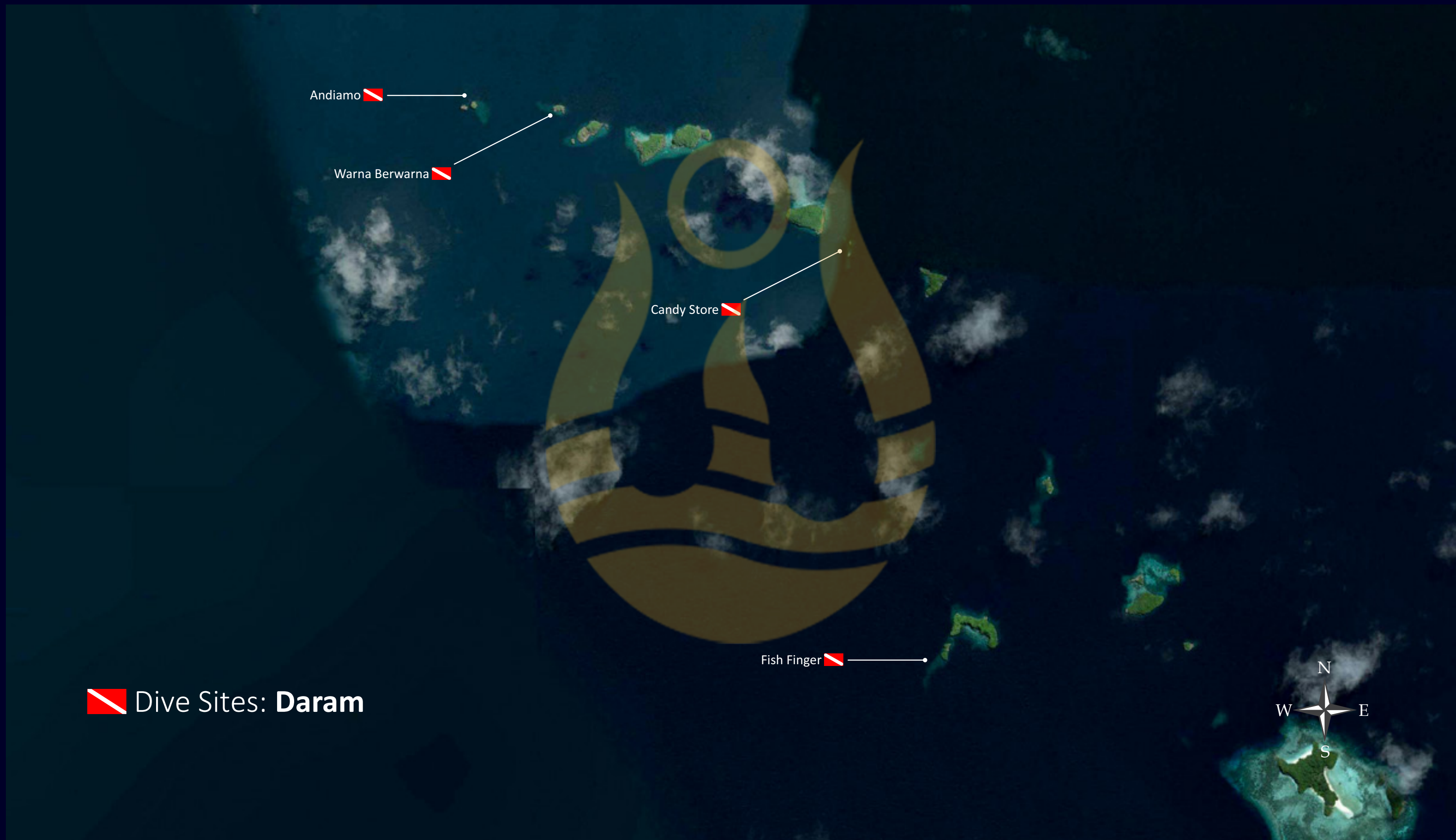
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## Daram

The large island of Daram marks the easternmost boundary of the Misool region. The vast majority of the dive sites are not located around the island itself, but rather a short distance to the north-west. They are undoubtedly some of the most astonishing and colourful in the entire area.

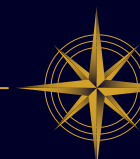
Small collections of karst islets, located along the eastern end of a long island line that extends away from the east side of Misool, are the focal point for most of the site. Many of them boast incredibly abundant coral reefs and jaw-dropping topography. They are also home to so much marine life that, at times, it defies description.

The anchorages and sites are vulnerable to adverse sea and weather conditions due to their remote location. However, if the weather and sea conditions are favourable, the diving here is some of the very best that Raja Ampat has to offer. In addition, there are numerous opportunities to find many more new sites around these iconic rocky islands and ridges.



 Dive Sites: **Daram**

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## The Sagewin Strait, SW Batanta

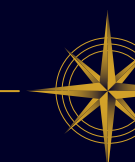
The southern side of Batanta does not have the picture-perfect panoramas that are normally associated with Raja Ampat, but it does have some of the finest dive sites in the region for searching out weird and wonderful critters. Most underwater exploration of this area has concentrated along the southern shores of Batanta Island at its south-western end rather than further up the strait or along the coastline of Salawati on the other side. However, from time to time, discoveries of both new dive sites and rare and elusive marine creatures are often made.

These sites are all centred around the numerous bays and coral reefs formed at their extremities. In the bays, the seabed consists of sand, gravel, and rubble dotted with coral heads. Narrow, dark-sand beaches border the coastline.

The shorelines of both Batanta and Salawati rise up to high forests, which often get a good deal of rainfall that flows down numerous watercourses that drain into the channel. The freshwater then mixes with the saltwater counter-currents that wash over the dive sites. These naturally occurring conditions combine to complete the criteria required for creating stellar critter dive sites, making the Sagewin Strait and, in particular, south-west Batanta one of Raja Ampat's most popular locations for underwater photographers to enjoy.



 Dive Sites: **The Sagewin Strait**







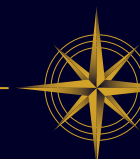
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## Cruise Notes

- **Flexible Itineraries:** Our cruise routes are intentionally adaptable. Throughout the journey, the captain and cruise director continuously assess sea conditions, weather, and tides to ensure the best possible experience. Guest preferences for specific dive sites are always considered whenever feasible.
- **More Than Is Listed:** The locations featured in these itineraries represent only a portion of what's possible. Numerous additional anchorages and activity options are available along the way, making each voyage truly unique.
- **Simplified for Clarity:** The destinations shown in our presentations are not necessarily listed in the order they will be visited. They are organized for clarity and to help guests visualize the overall routing.
- **Extended Stays:** If a particular anchorage offers exceptional experiences, guests may opt to linger a bit longer. The captain and cruise director have the flexibility to accommodate such preferences, provided they align with the overall cruise schedule.
- **Overnight Passages:** To maximize daylight hours at our most spectacular destinations, longer transits between anchorages are typically conducted overnight.
- **Escape the Crowds:** With the exception of embarkation and disembarkation points, our itineraries are carefully crafted to avoid congested areas and busy commercial ports, allowing for a more tranquil and immersive experience.
- **Beyond the Dive:** Many of our anchorages offer more than just diving and snorkelling. Guests can enjoy kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding, and occasional visits to local villages and cultural sites — adding even more richness to the journey.



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