

1&2 DER YANG & EHUCA PATCH

A large coral ridge rising to within 15m from the surface and sloping down to 50m in open water, close to Nusa Island. A Taiwanese fishing vessel, the Der Yang, scuttled by fisheries in 1988, rests on her starboard side on top of the ridge covered in colourful soft corals, great wreck reef dive with an abundance of fish life.

3. BLOW HOLES

An eroded limestone formation close to Nusa, Caverns and overhangs covered in soft yellow corals. Sleeping white tip reef sharks, lobsters, Maori Wrasse and Turtles are often found here.

34-38 STEFFEN STRAIT

The main shipping channel into Kavieng, strong current, big fish diving is possible on any of several patch reefs just outside the entrance to the strait. **Helmuts Reef** lies in the middle, sloping down to about 50m, Gorgonian fans, Trevally, and Reef sharks are abundant. **Peter's Patch** is another colourful reef in the strait that has a mixture of plate corals, sea fans and whips on the slopes as well as many Big pelagics, sharks, Reef fish and often Turtles.

19. LEMUS ISLAND

This dive is made on the Southern point of Lemus Island. Fantastic Hard Coral Gardens in the shallows and Gorgonian fan covered ridges at 20-30m where pelagic fish congregate when a current is present. A Very pleasant drift dive.

7, 9 & 11 WORLD WAR II PLANE WRECKS

Recent discoveries by Scuba Ventures have located a total of 5 new WWII Aircraft wrecks in Kavieng Harbour. A must for aircraft & WWII enthusiasts: 3 X Japanese AICHI E13A, 2 X F1M2 Type Zero Bi-Planes and a PBV "Catalina"

25 ALBATROSS PASSAGE

This dive is made on the wall crossing the entrance to the Passage between New Ireland and Baudisson Island on the incoming current. It is at this time that Pelagic and reef fish are drawn to this site. Big Eye Trevally, Spanish Mackerel, Tuna, Barracuda, Reef Sharks, Turtles and Rays are often spotted here. Small creatures like pygmy seahorses and nudibranchs are also commonly found. The wall is overgrown with big fans, black corals and colorful soft corals. This dive site is likened to a big action filled Amphitheatre. A number of different dives are possible at Albatross Passage. A truly Spectacular Dive Site.

15. KAPLAMAN REEF

A series of reef ridges located off the East Coast of New Ireland. On the up current side of these ridges schooling Big Eye Trevally, Barracuda, patrolling Dog tooth Tuna and Spanish Mackerel often allow divers and photographers to get really close. Eagle Rays and Grey Reef Sharks are also spotted at this Site. During the South East Season the visibility often exceeds 30m.

21.B 25 Mitchell Bomber" Stubborn Hellion"

This plane crash landed alongside the Mangroves of Manne Island, near Albatross Channel. Resting in 12m of water on a silty bottom with machine guns still in place.

18. T's REEF

A T shaped Reef similar to Echuca Patch with pristine hard coral Gardens and Abundant fish life.

10. BOTTLE SHOP

This is the best muck Dive in Kavieng. often enjoyed as a Night Dive.

6. DEEP "PETE" Mitsubishi F1M2 Biplane

This plane wreck is scuba Ventures most recent discovery. Lying upside down on a white sandy bottom at 39 metres, this exciting new plane wreck is a remarkable contrast to the other plane wrecks within the harbour. The visibility is seldom below 30m, schools of friendly batfish accompany divers. Resident snappers, sweet lips, schooling barracuda and Trevally are often found here. The 2 cowl mounted 7mm guns and the rear mounted guns are still in position. Fast becoming one of our most popular dives.

43-45. CAVES & SINKHOLES

Most of the geology of New Ireland is Limestone (karst) which makes for some interesting sinkhole and cave diving opportunities. Scuba Ventures can offer divers with the appropriate experience and qualification the unique opportunity to dive in one of the shallow caverns close to Kavieng in which they can view dramatic speleotherms. There is also opportunity available to organize expeditions to explore new sites.

30. GRAND CANYON

This plunging spectacular wall running along the outside of Baudisson Island has fantastic crevices and seascapes.

12. JAPANESE WRECK ONE

This unidentified Japanese Shipwreck, suspected sub chaser, is one of the first wrecks Dorian and Cara discovered. Resting on a silty bottom just off Sivasat point in the Kavieng Harbour, this wreck slowly reveals its secrets each time dived. Though heavily bombed and salvaged there are still many interesting areas and artefacts to be found. Also home to an abundance of marine life, both small and big makes this an interesting dive of possible discovery for wreck enthusiasts.