

Cruising the Magnificent Philippines



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s/v Soggy Paws



SE Asia Overview



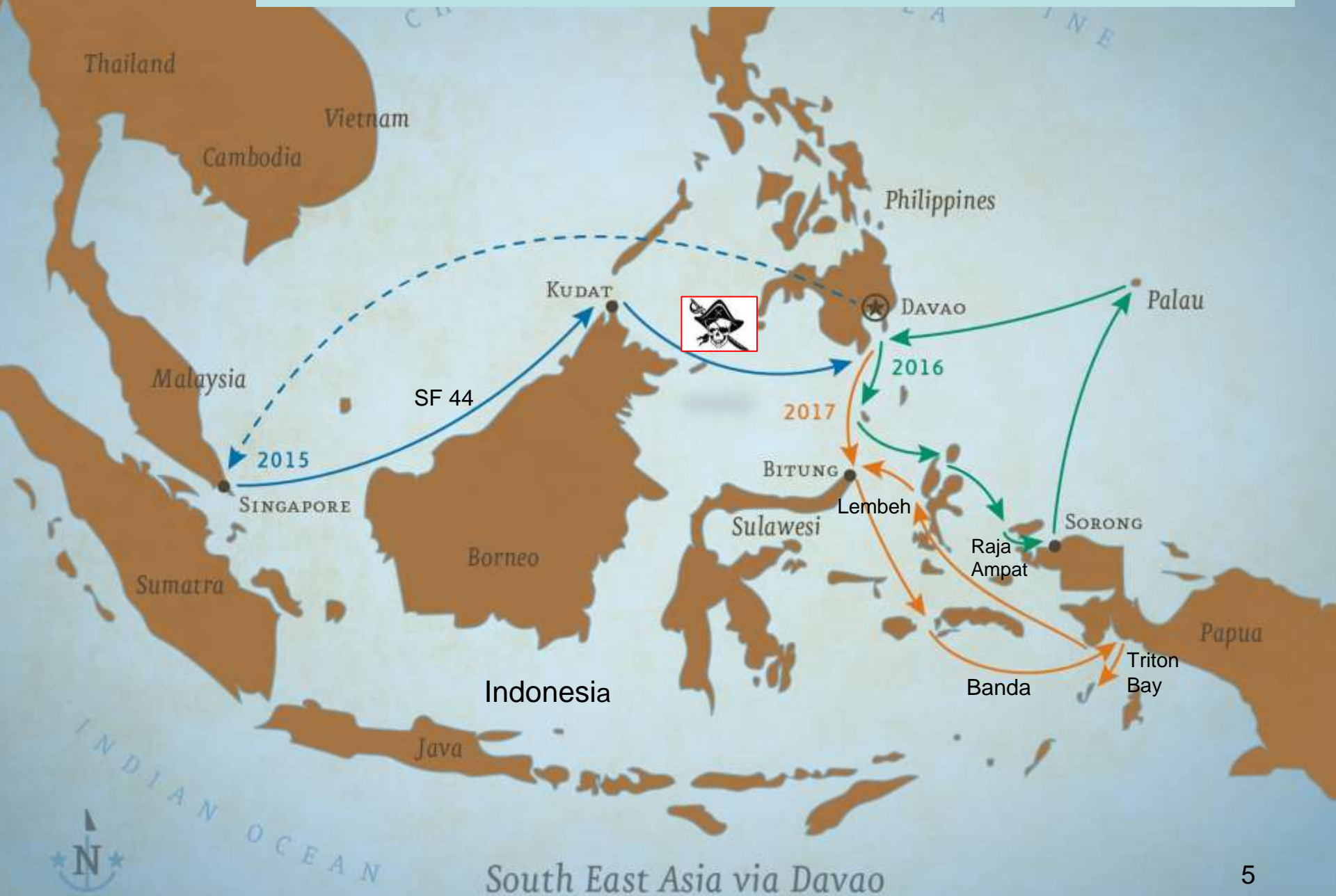
SV Soggy Paws Florida to the Philippines



Why the Philippines for so long?

- Marina/yard:
 - **First world facilities**
 - Easy provisioning
 - **Skilled yard work @ \$10/day !!**
- **Below typhoon zone**
- Inexpensive living
- Really wonderful people
- **Great base for cruising & touring SE Asia**

4 years cruising in SE Asia from the Philippines



South East Asia via Davao

2018 Cruise Route

2,000 NM 6 Months



Busuanga

Coron

Palawan

Puerto Galera

Bonbonon

Surigao Strait

Mindanao



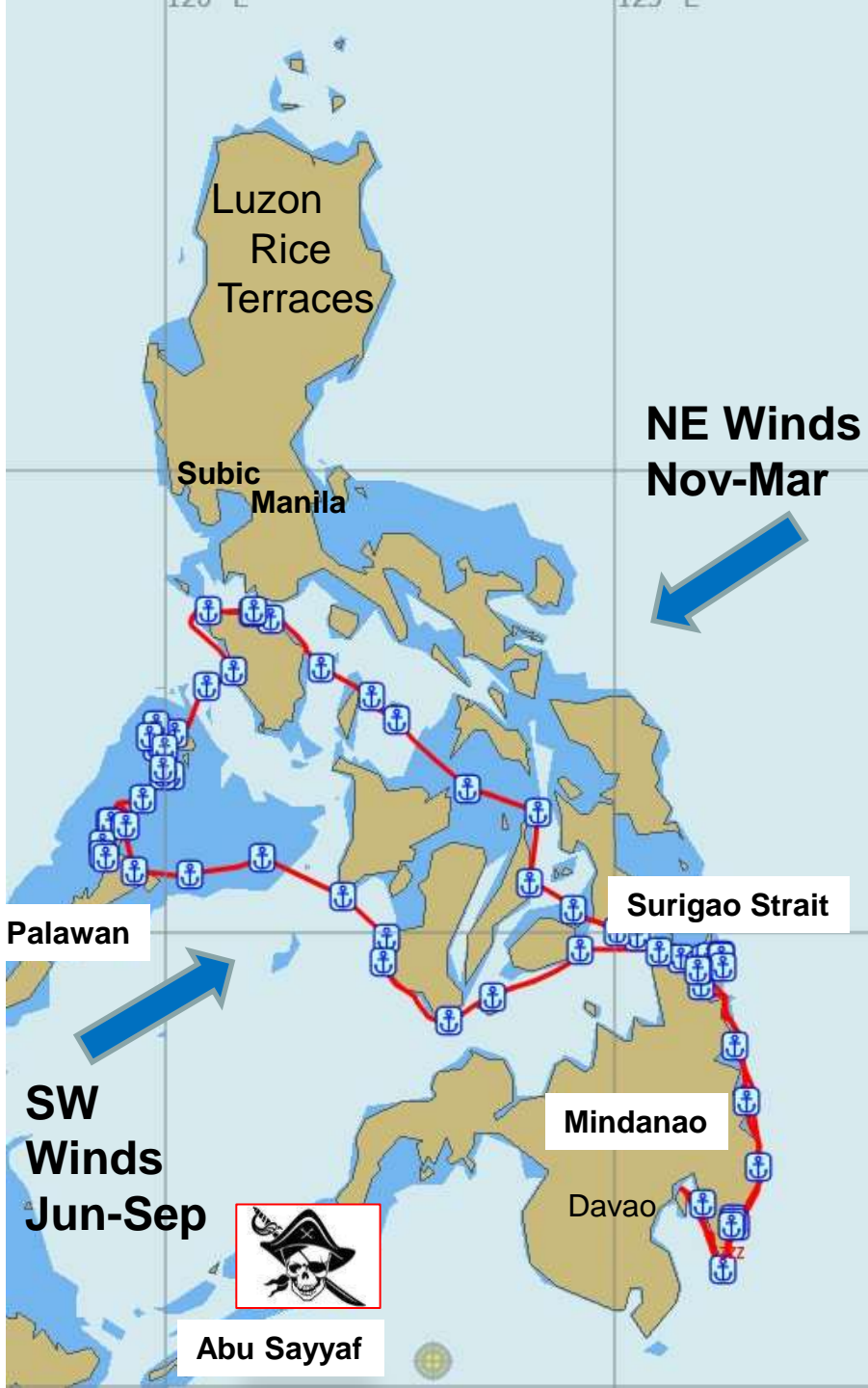
Philippines Facts

- 7641 islands to explore
 - Entire Caribbean only has ~7000
- Evidence of early man 700 K years ago, Humans from Taiwan 67 K years ago
- European discovery by Magellan in 1521
- Spanish territory 1565-1898
- US until 1942, 250 K killed after S/A War
- Japanese until 1945, 1,000 K killed
- Independence since 1946, Marcos 1965-86

Philippines Facts

- 95% Christian, 4% Muslim
- Still some Rebel problems
 - ISIS-backed Muslim separatists
 - Communist rebels
- President Duterte's drug war, 8 K killed
- Most speak English, Tagalog & local dialect

Spratly Islands
(Chinese)



June-October

Typhoons

Typhoons
possible year
round

Nov-December

Typhoons

Philippines Weather

Plenty of Typhoon Holes



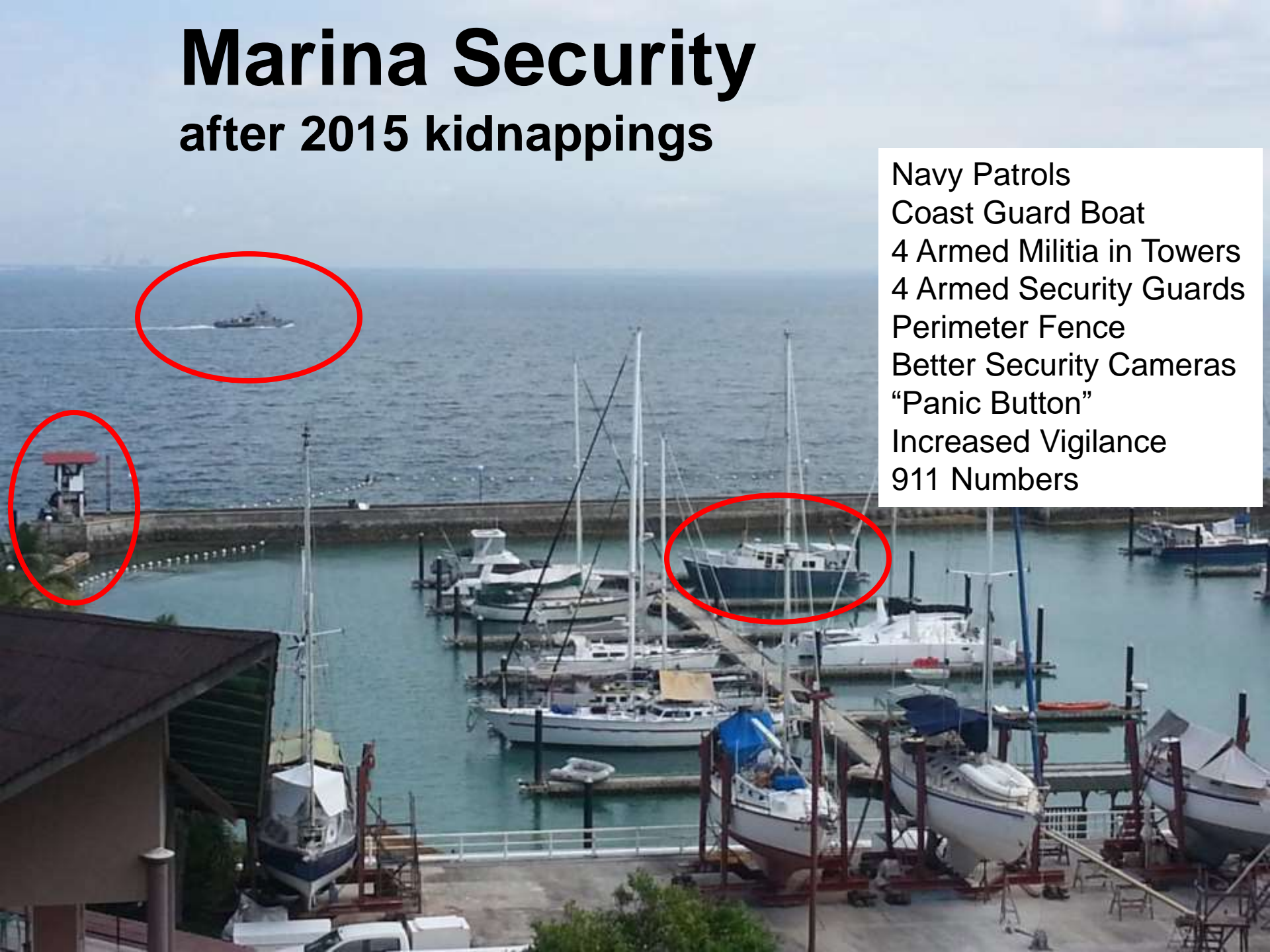
**Ocean View Marina,
Samal Island, Davao, Mindanao,
Philippines, looking north**



Marina Security

after 2015 kidnappings

Navy Patrols
Coast Guard Boat
4 Armed Militia in Towers
4 Armed Security Guards
Perimeter Fence
Better Security Cameras
“Panic Button”
Increased Vigilance
911 Numbers



**Philippine Navy
Patrol Boat
(Weekly patrols
around Samal**



GREAT Marina Workers Alex and Kim



Dave & Alex working on Sail Drives



Philippines Transportation

- Walk
- Bikes
- Trikes
- Motos
- Jeepneys
- Vans
- Old bus
- Luxury bus





Mainly honest, friendly people just trying to make a living

Leg 1: Up the East Coast of Mindanao

Squid
Banca



Hazards

FADS

Fishing boats

Fish nets



No pirates
No overnights

Sherry's Forecast 'Sailing' Route North

Against Wind and Current



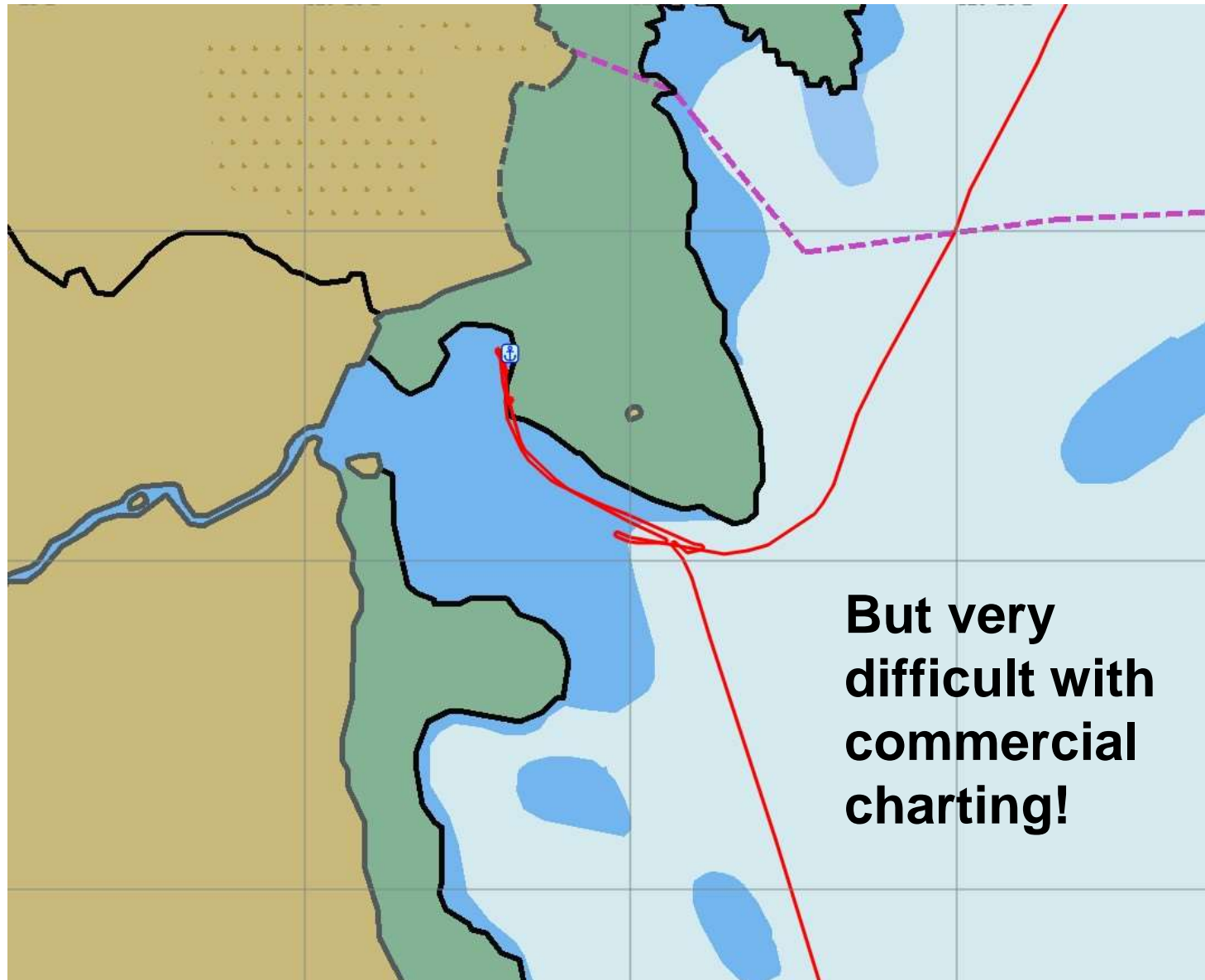
Actual Route North

Against Wind and Current



- Wait for weather window
- **Day hops only**
- Leave at the crack of dawn
- Motor sailing with “one foot on the beach”
- Anchor down by 3-4 PM
- Digital satellite image charting (example: GoogleEarth)
- Extensive anchorage listing (Valhalla) [Link](#)
- Cruising Guide: Sherry’s [Philippines Compendium](#)

Plenty of Possible Anchorage



Satellite Digital Charting (GE)



**Much better
accuracy
and detail!**

Beautiful East Coast of Mindanao



Typical day sailing along the coast

Large fishing fleets





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F/BCA



Friendly Kids



Leg 2: Hinatuan Passage to Mindoro (Puerto Galera)



Luzon
Puerto Galera

Mindoro

Romblon

Masbate

Samar

Panay

Leyte

Cebu

Bohol

Negros

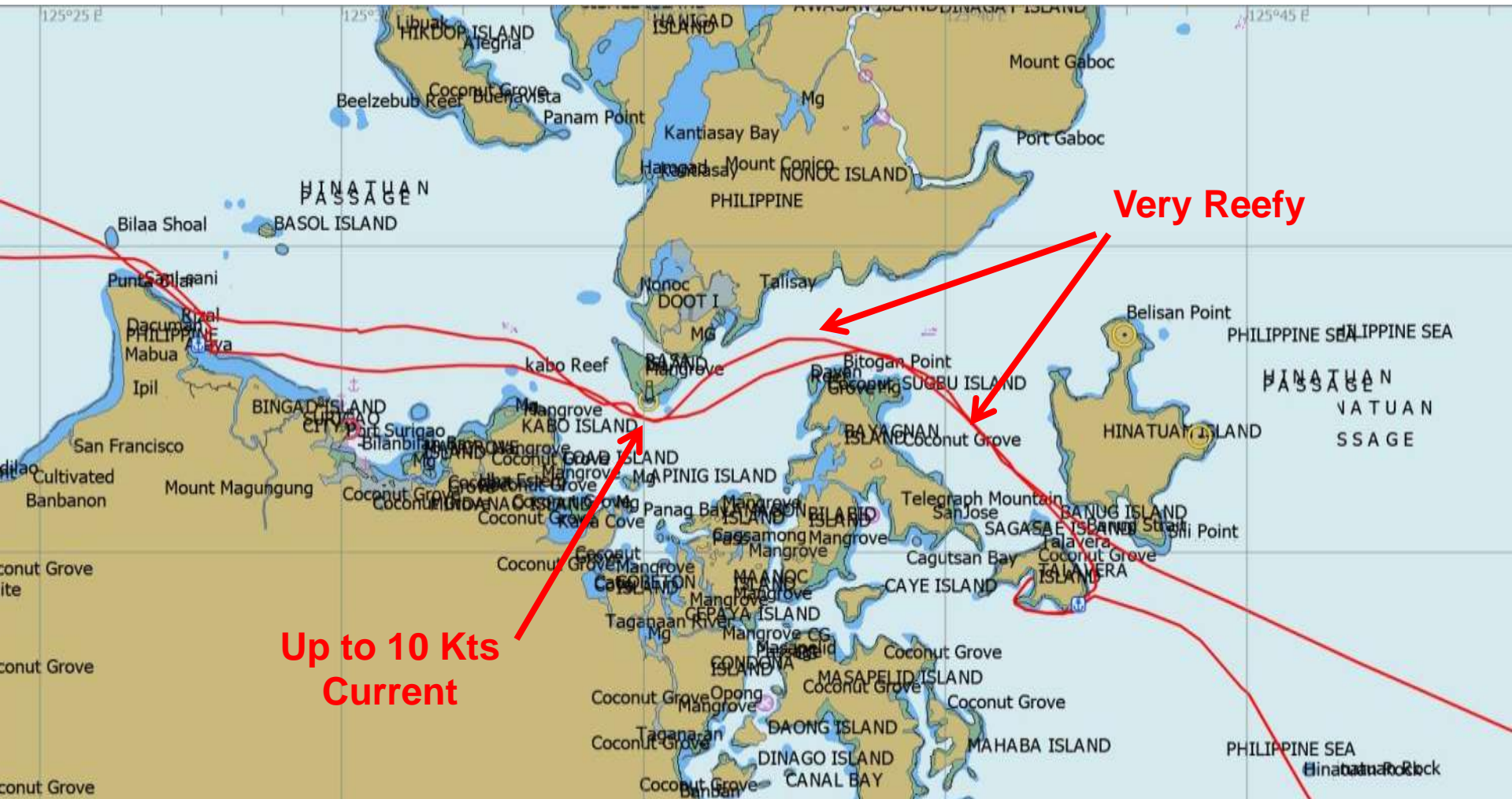
Hinatuan Passage

Mindanao

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Navigating the Hinatuan Passage



Major Stops

- Hinatuan Passage (timing the current)
- South Leyte (Diving)
- Cebu/Port Carmen (Boatyard)
- Malapascua (Thresher Sharks)
- Romblon (YC & Diving)

Lucky Stop—Sonok & Whale Sharks



Hey Sailor, wanna see a whale shark?



Our Dive Boat, guide and two spotters - \$30





Commercial Dive Boat -- \$120 pp



25' Whale Shark





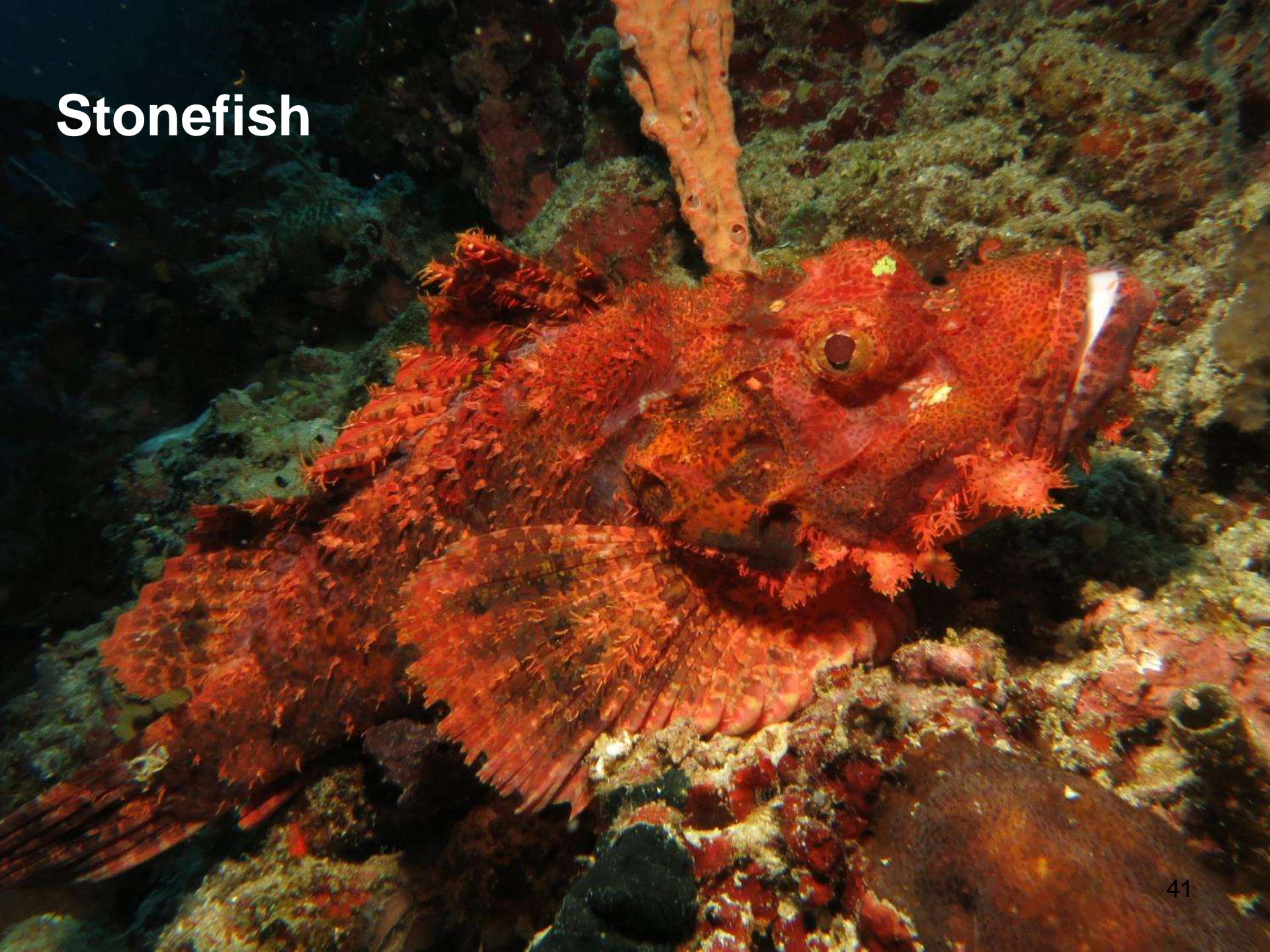
South Leyte Diving



Frogfish



Stonefish





Night Dive



Stargazer



Night Dive

Nudibranchs!









Cebu / Port Carmen Shipyards



- Decent cyclone hole
- Cruising community
- Central location
- Inexpensive labor
- Grubby work conditions
- No dry storage

Port Carmen





Malapascua



Dive to See Thresher Sharks (leaves at 4 am!)

Thresher Shark



Moored off Romblon Yacht Club



Diving Romblon





In this site will rise the

Muelle Bay: Puerto Galera Cultural Heritage Site

Project Cost: Php 59,256,026.19

(thru the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority)



**MUNICIPALITY
PUERTO GALERA**
PROVINCE OF ORIENTAL MINDORO



**AMAZING
PUERTO GALERA**

"BAGONG Puerto Galera. BETTER Puerto Galera."





PGYC & Moorings

Sabang Beach

Scuba diving

**Puerto Galera Yacht Club
Good typhoon hole
Ferry & bus to Manila
airport
Named after Spanish
galleons**



Puerto Galera (8 Weeks)

- Diving in Puerto Galera/Sabang area w/ Badladz Scuba @ ~\$18/dive
- Anilao- Bluewater Photo UW photo workshop
- Tubbataha- liveaboard diving trip w/ Discovery Palawan
- Trip to N Luzon highlands
- Local touring on motor scooter @\$6/day
- Easy living (PGYC social life)
- Waiting for weather



PGYC Mooring Field

Sabang Beach, Puerto Galera





Between dives stop



**Iconic
Philippine
Jeepney** 63



Mindoro Waterfall River Adventure



Water Buffalo



Anilao Dive Trip / Photography Workshop

Hermit Crab





**Spotted
Boxfish**



Mantis Shrimp

Hairy Frogfish





Yellow Goby in Bottle

Fire Urchin





Coleman Shrimp Living on a Fire Urchine

Candy Crab



Box Crab



Nudibranch



Nudibranch



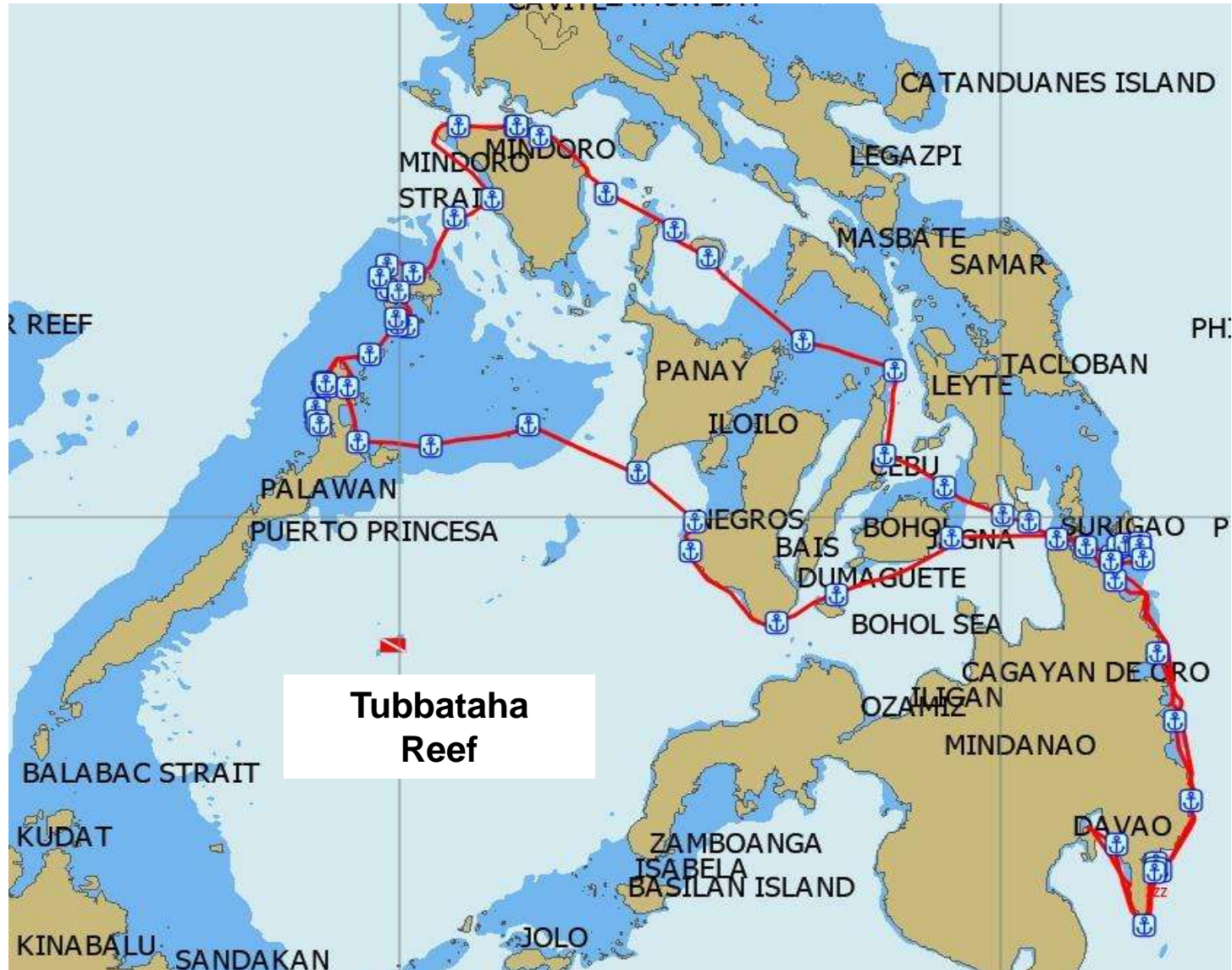


**Ornate
Ghost Pipefish**

Electric Clam (Video)



Tubbataha in the Sulu Sea



Choosing How to Dive Tubbataha

ON OUR OWN

- 100 miles to get there
- **Exposed location**
- **Difficult diving**
 - Current
 - No anchoring
 - Steep drop-offs
- **2 dives per day MAX**
- Permits & etc
- Cost-effective

LIVE ABOARD

- Easy
- **Safe diving**
 - Surface support
 - Guided dives
- Easy fills
- **4 dives per day**
- Luxury living
- **Great food/drink**
- Expensive (\$2,500pp)
- Recommended!

Discovery Palawan Tubataha



TUBBATAHA REEFS NATURAL PARK WORLD HERITAGE SITE

CAGAYANCILLO, PALAWAN, PHILIPPINES



DISCOVERY PALAWAN

DAY 3

06:00 WAKE UP CALL

06:20 LIGHT BREAKFAST

07:00- 07:15 DIVE 1 - SHARK AIRPORT

08:30 FULL BREAKFAST

10:15 - 10:20 DIVE 2 - SEAFAN ALLEY

12:00 LUNCH

13:30-13:45 DIVE 3 - SEAFAN ALLEY

15:00 TEA

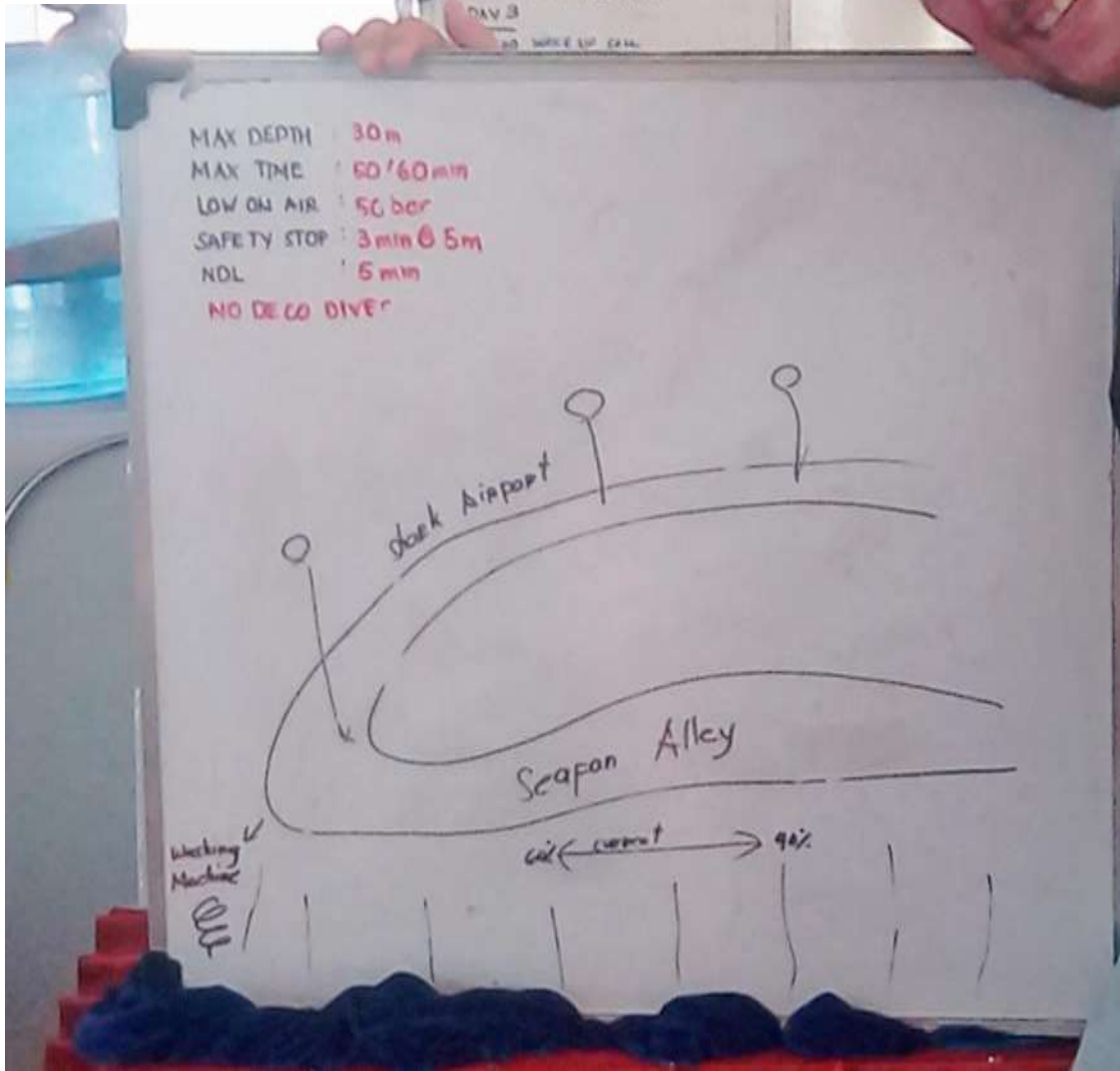
16:30 - 16:45 DIVE 4 - SHARK AIRPORT

18:00 HAPPY HOUR

19:00 DINNER

*SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Our Guide and Guardian Angel





Moray Eel

4 Whale Sharks!



Whale Shark Video



Fire Goby



Schooling Barracuda





Large School of Jacks

A Clown Triggerfish Getting a Facial



20 lb Sweet Lips



Dave gets an engine room tour



Tubbataha Ranger Station



Tubbataha Ranger Crew





Our Dive Buddies from Austria



Touring the Luzon Highlands and Rice Terraces





**Luzon Rice
Terraces**

Subic
Bay

Manila



Original Mountain Residents

**2000 year old
terraces**





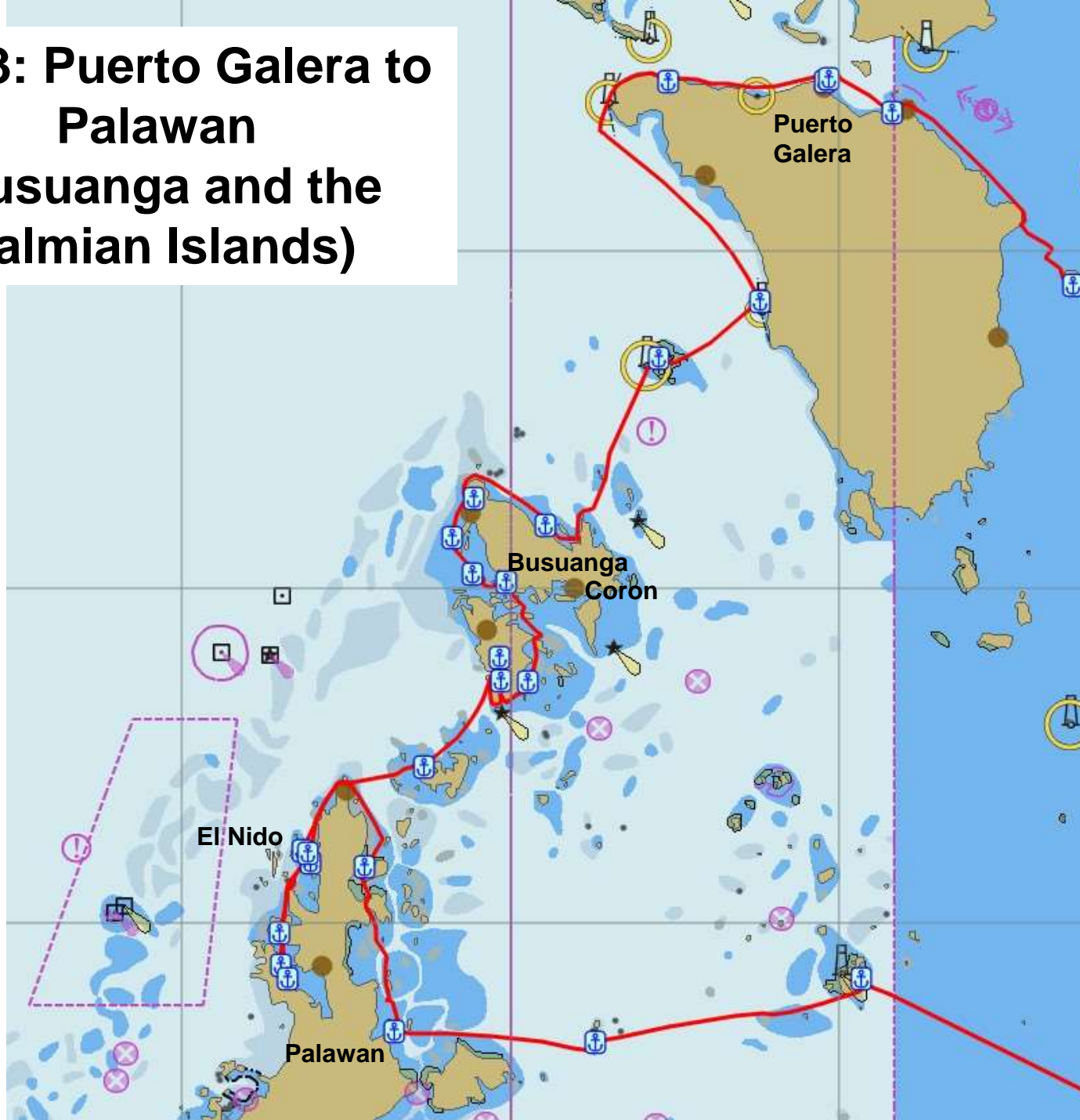


**How many cabbage balls
can you get in one van?**

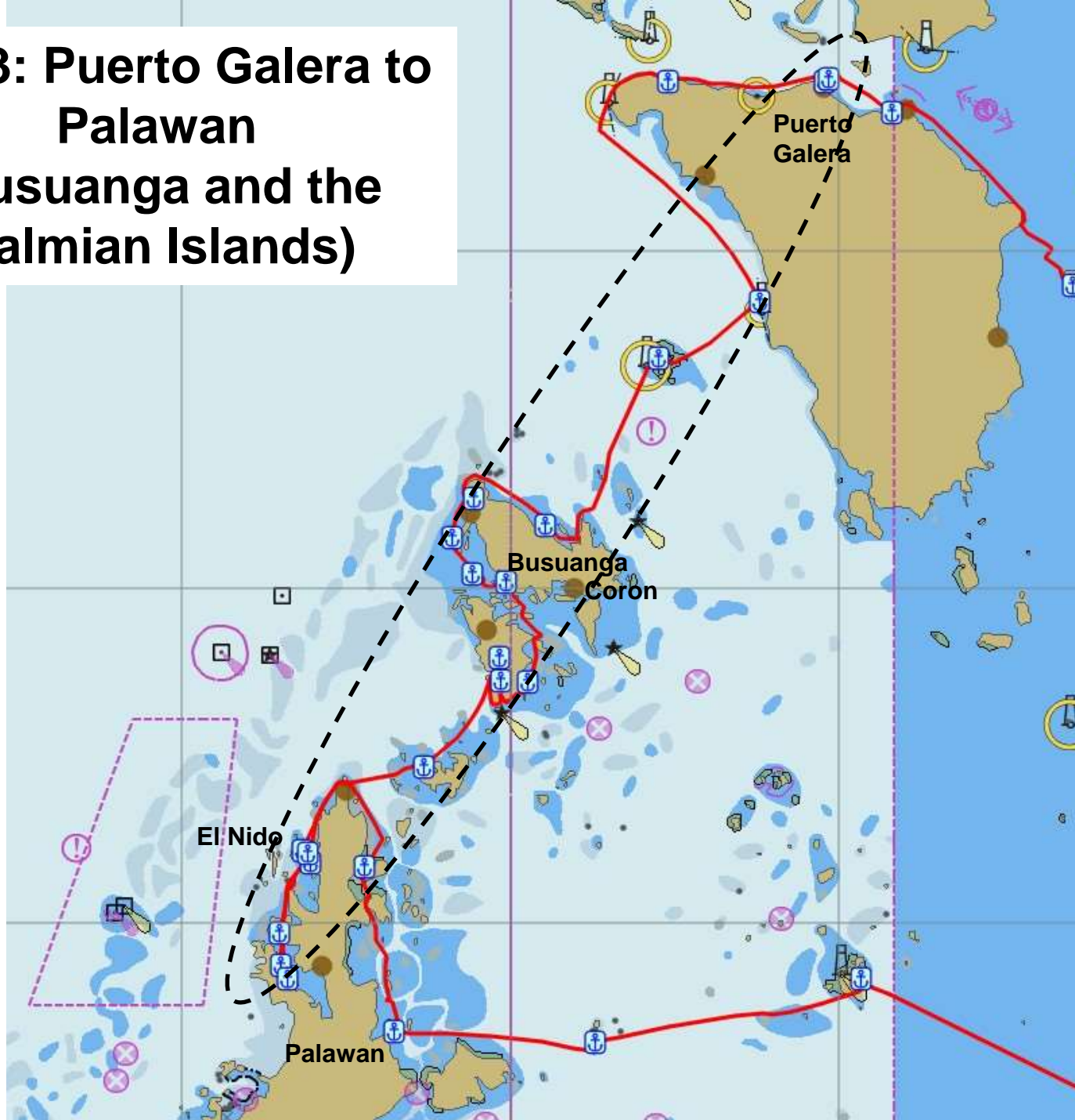


June 1, Happy Hour, the beginning of the SW Monsoon Season

Leg 3: Puerto Galera to Palawan (Busuanga and the Calmian Islands)



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El Rio y Mar Resort NW Busuanga

- Moorings
- Dive Center (Dugongs, Japanese Shipwreck)
- Fancy expensive resort



Dugong Dive Center



KYOKUZAN MARU

„The Dimalanta Wreck“, North East of Busuanga
Japanese Cargo Ship, Type: Army Auxiliary Supply Ship
Sunk in World War II, 24 th September 1944

Total Length: 136 m (450 feet)

Position: Upright

Wreck Depth:

Mast area: 12 - 14 m (40 - 45 feet)

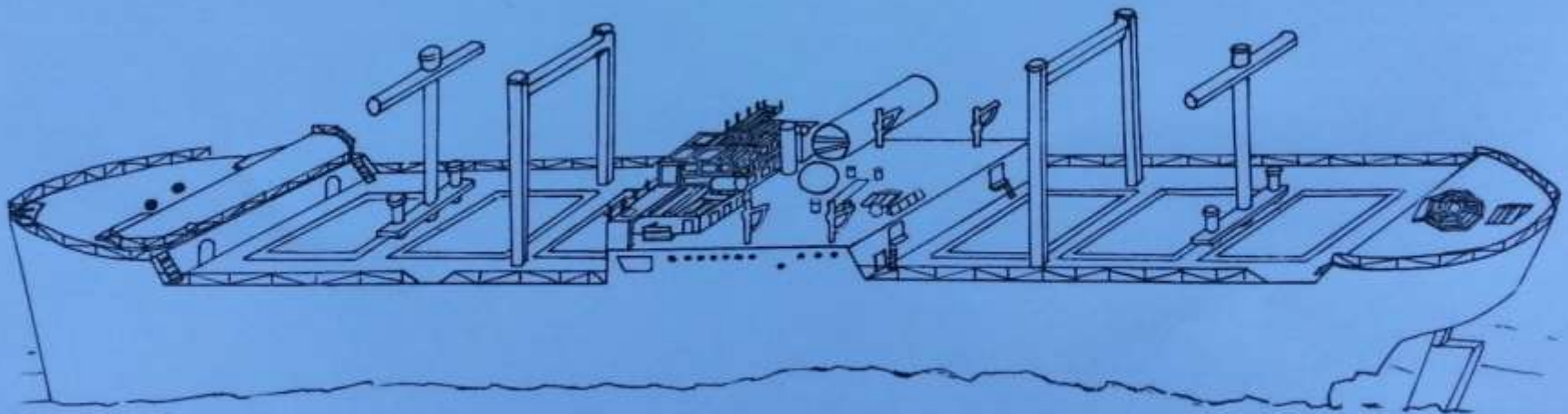
Wheel House: 22 - 24 m (70 - 80 feet)

Deck Level: 26 - 28 m (85 - 95 feet)

Maximum Depth : 42 m (140 feet)



Busuanga - Palawan - Philippines
www.dugongdivecenter.com



Truck remains





Clam

Feather Duster Worms





**Flabellina
Sea Slug**

Diving with Dugongs (Manatee Relatives)



Welcome to

CALAUIT

game preserve and wildlife sanctuary



Calamian Islands
TRAVEL & TOURS



**Caluit Game Park in Busuanga
A Marcos Legacy**





Zebras



Philippine Porcupine

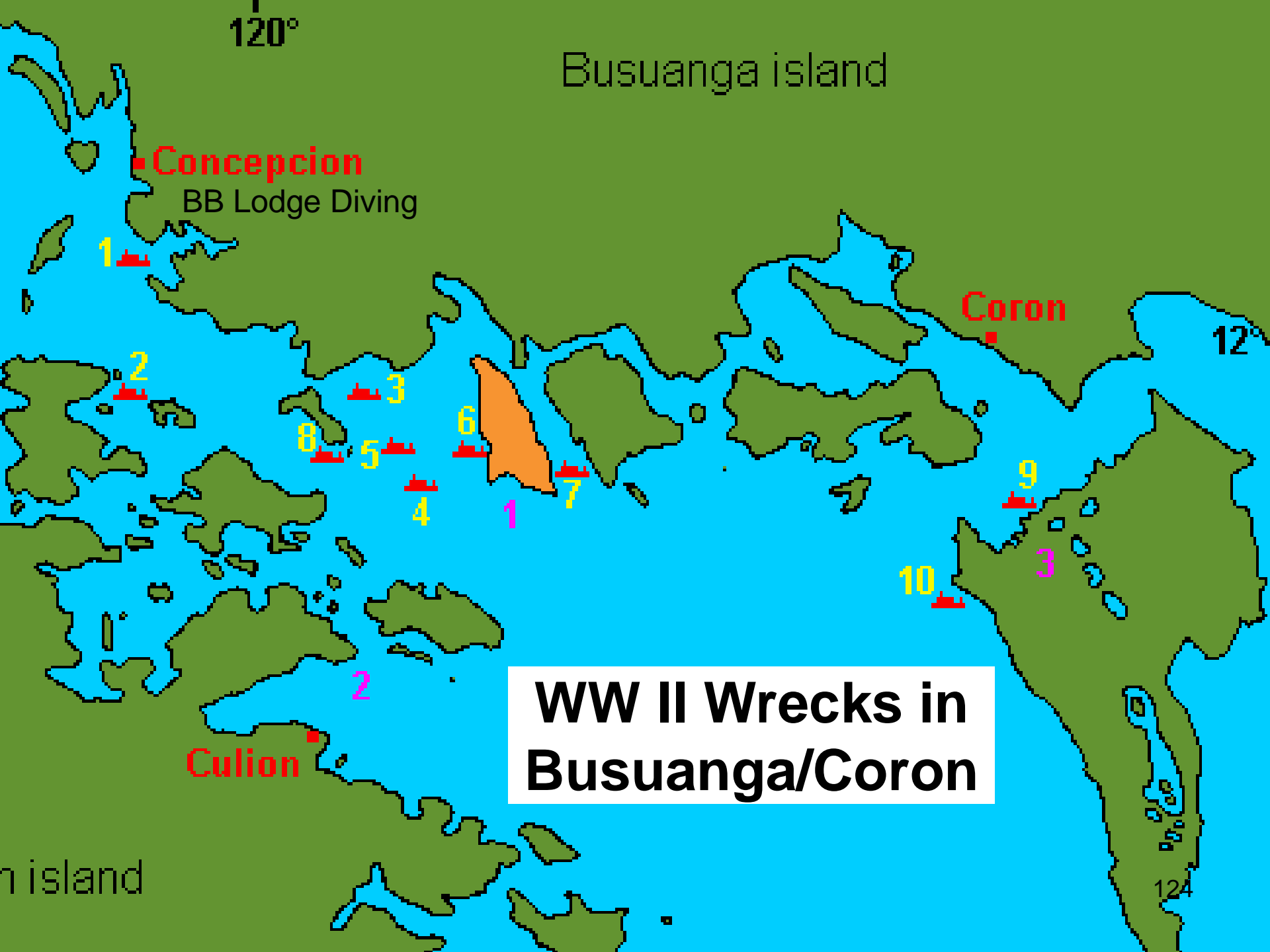




**Philippine
Eagle**

Busuanga Bay Lodge Diving





120°

Busuanga island

Concepcion
BB Lodge Diving

Coron

12°

WW II Wrecks in
Busuanga/Coron

Culion

n island

124°



**Deep inside a
Japanese Shipwreck**



Valve Wheel

Lion Fish

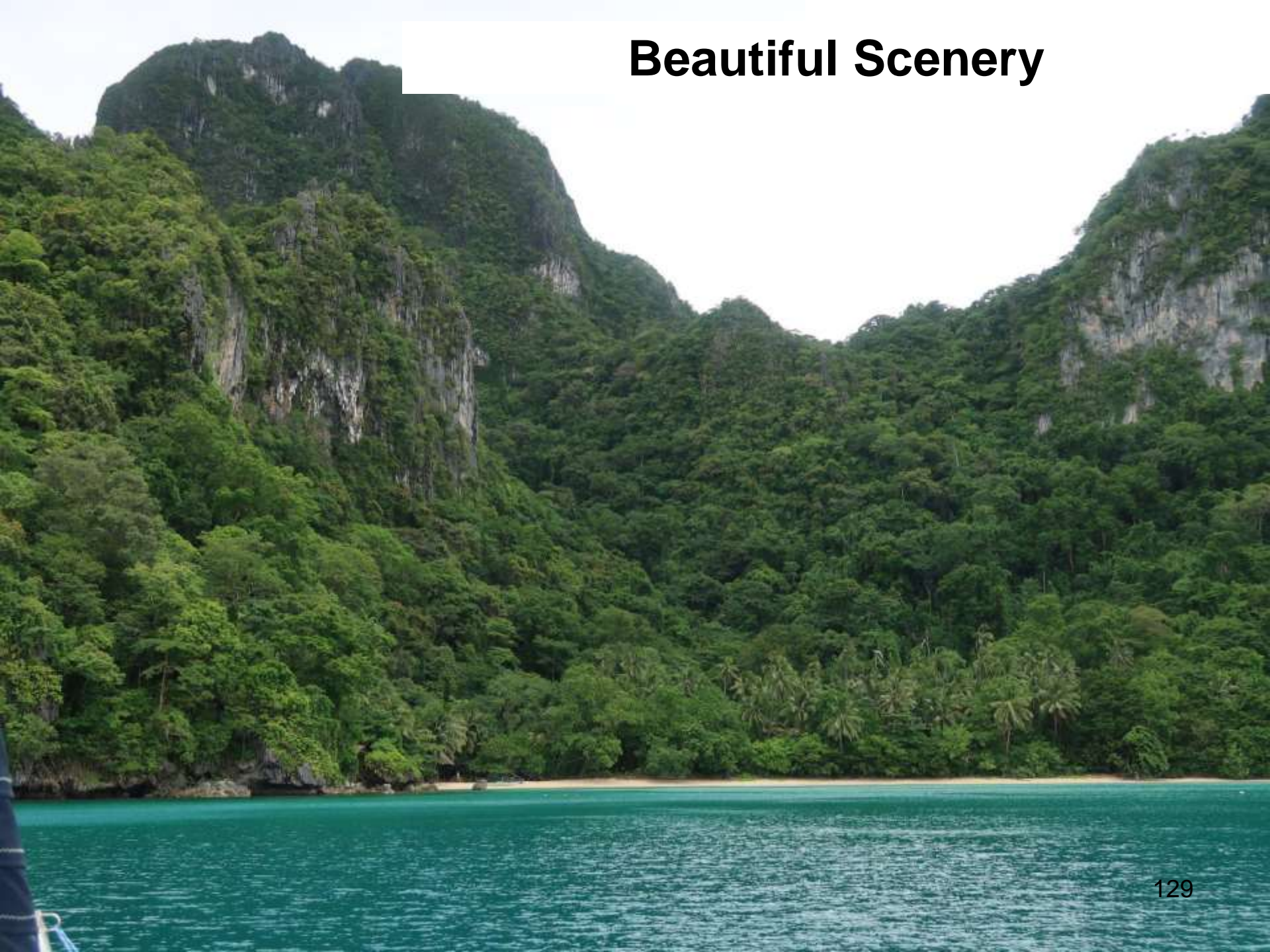


El Nido, Palawan

Don't go during SW Monsoon!



Beautiful Scenery



Booming Tourism





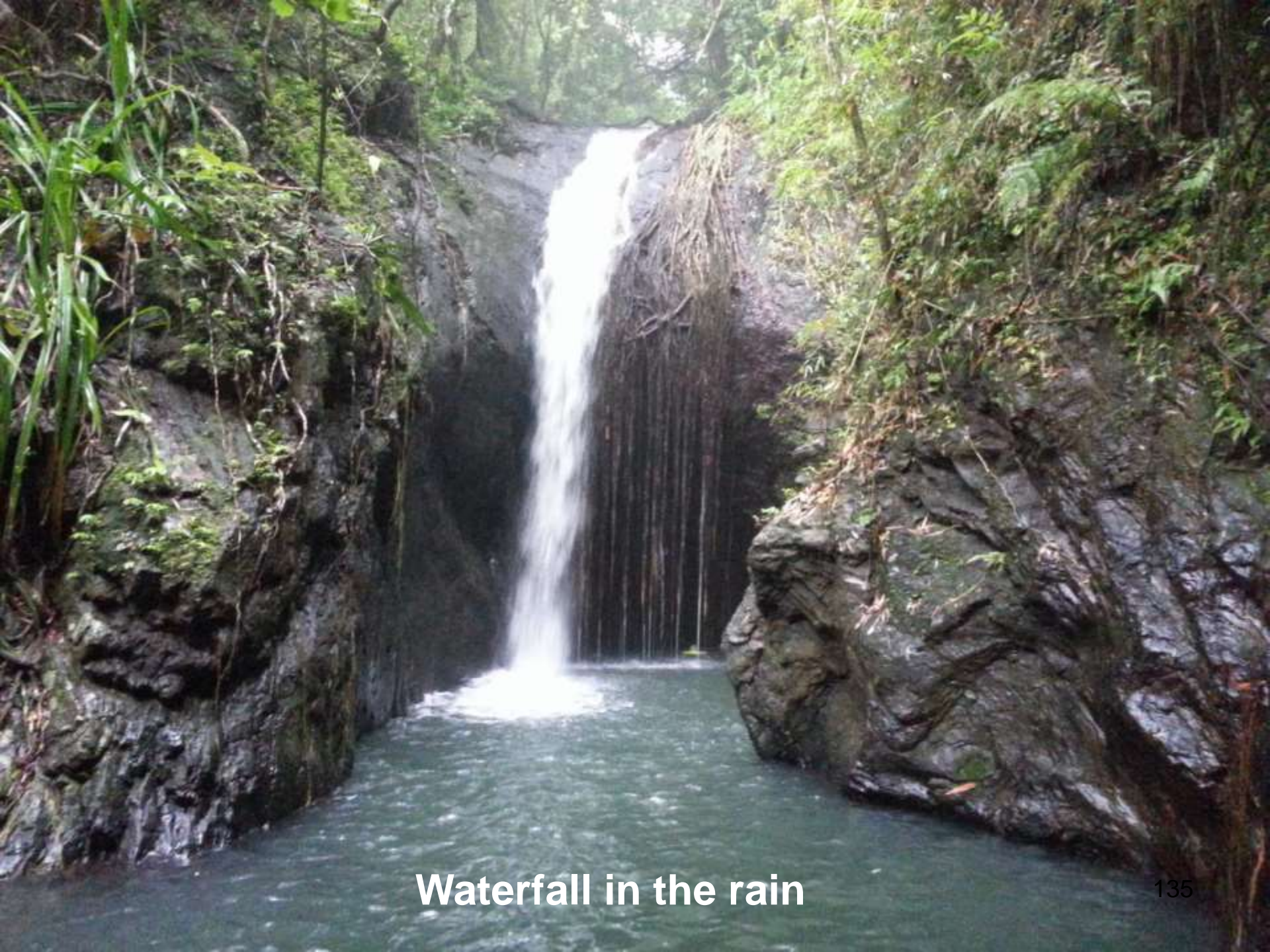
Deserted Beach





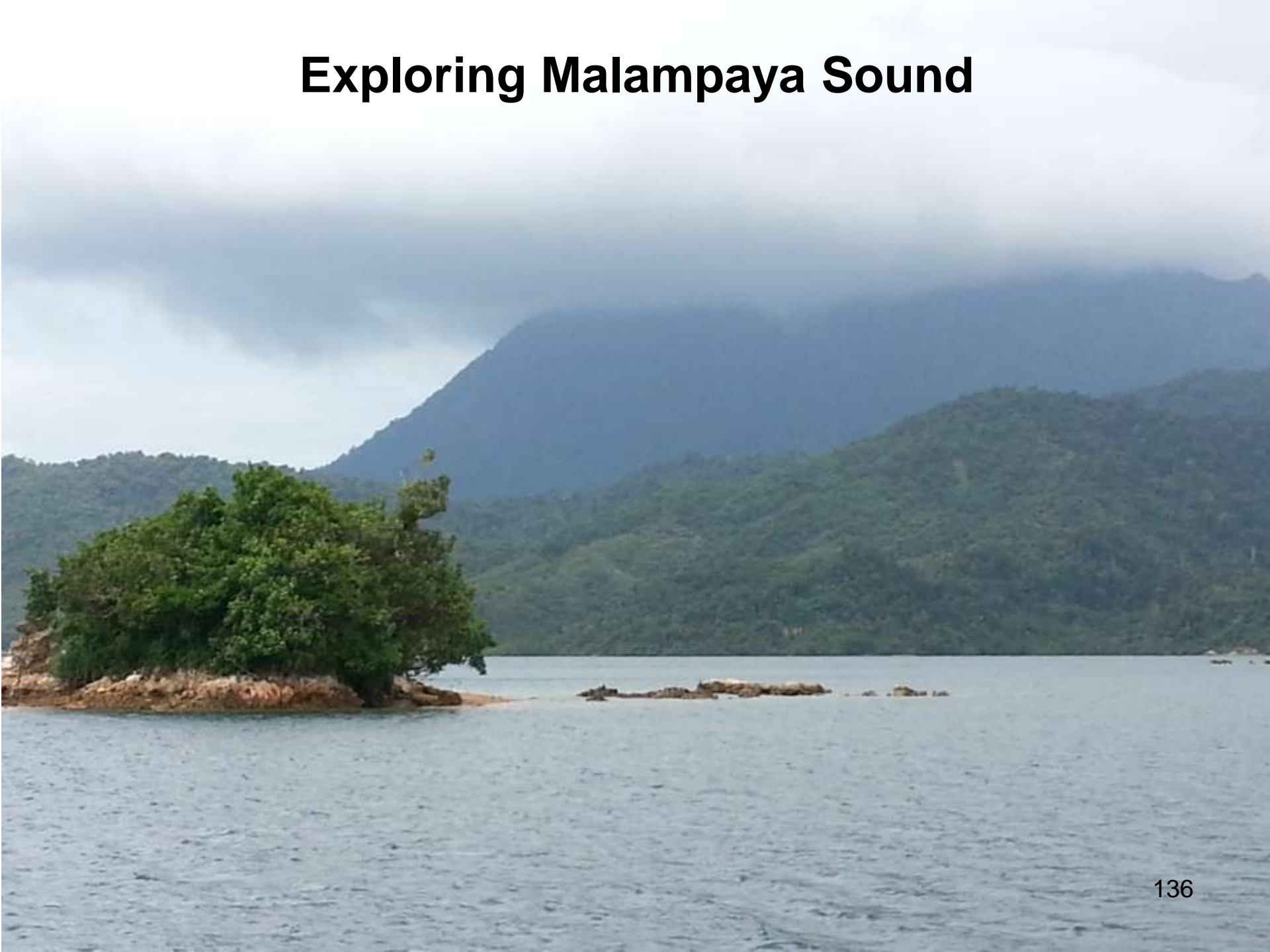
WELCOME to
KUYAWYAW FALLS
NO LITTERING.
"Basura mo, Dala mo"
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Waterfall in the rain

Exploring Malampaya Sound





**Don't go in the
SW Monsoon!**

Leg 4: NW Palawan to Negros, Across the Sulu Sea



220 Miles, 6 Days, Day Hops Only

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Port
Bonbonon

Visiting Friends In Sipalay



10 SIMPLE REMINDERS!



-  **Overcrowding**
-  **Alcoholic Drinks**
-  **Sound System/Karaoke**
-  **Left-overs/Garbage**
-  **Cooking Except Grilling**
-  **Overnight Stay**
-  **Breaking of Corals**
-  **Picking of Shells**
-  **Littering**
-  **Vandalism**
-  **Unauthorized Vending**

Take nothing but memories. Leave nothing but footprints. Kill nothing but time.

S Negros and Port Bonbonon

**Great Typhoon Hole but
also the 'Home of Broken Dreams'**





**Future charter
boat?**



**Anyone for a great deal on a
new plywood cat?**



On special today only!



**A nice Lyle Hess design,
only two patches?**

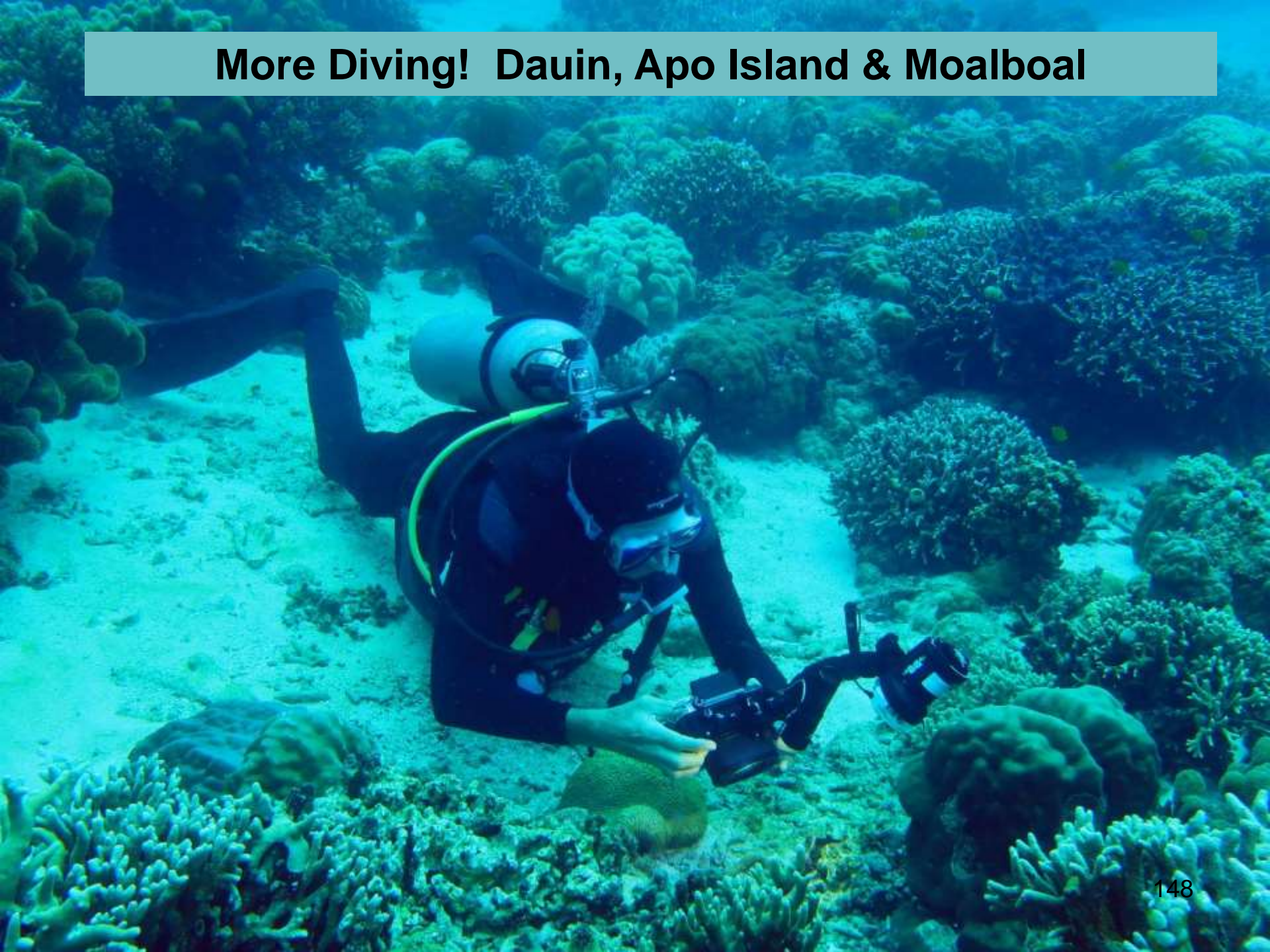


**Vintage Japanese cruising
boat, needs some work?**

Lightly used fishing boats?



More Diving! Dauin, Apo Island & Moalboal



Banded Sea Snake





Garden Eels



Flamboyant Cuttlefish

Red Banded Shrimp Goby



Shrimp



**Shrimp
continuously
cleaning house**



Crinoid
Aka “Feather Star”

Sea Whip Shrimp



Leg 5: Bonbonon to Surigao



- **200 miles, 2 weeks**
- **Finally sailing downwind!**

**Arriving in Surigao
with 30 knots
astern**



President Duterte's warning to drug dealers, corrupt officials and other criminals

DILG

WARNING!

- Ang **ILIGAL** na **DROGA** makadaot.
- Mukotkot sa imong utak.
- Muhilis sa imong lawas.
- Muguba sa imong pamilya.
- Muhurot sa imong kwarta.
- Modugyom ang imong kaugmaon.

Busa, **DELIKADO!**.. ayaw pagtilaw sa **ILIGAL** na **DROGA**.
An nakatilaw na, **UNDANG NA KAMO!**

✊ - NO TO ILLEGAL DRUGS **👍 - YES TO GOD**

SANGGUNIANG PANGULO NG PILIPIN

PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUA DUTERTE

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"GUGMA ug SERBISYO para sa GINOO ug sa mga KATAWHAN"

**Philippines crocodile 'Lolong' - 20ft 3in, 2370 lbs
Largest Croc in Captivity – found in NE Mindanao**



World Record 24 ft Crocodile in Africa

BATTLE OF SURIGAO STRAIT MUSEUM

Open from Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Open Saturday-Sunday by Appointment

Managed by:
Surigao City Tourism Office, Surigao City Tourism
Council Foundation, Inc.

With Major contributions from:

HMAS CANBERRA-HMAS SHROPSHIRE Association,
LIBJO Municipality, Province of Dinagat Islands and
Mr. Jake Miranda of Surigao City

Look us up on the internet:
www.facebook.com/BattleofSurigaoStrait



Battleships

Last Crossing the T battle



LIFE



**Rare WWII Japanese
Long Lance Torpedo**



**Final local
market shopping**



Habal-habal
Filipino taxi



Welcome to SILOP CAVE COMPLEX



Mas lingaw sa
Surigao

Brgy. Silop, Surigao City





Local Silop cave tour

3 local beauties



Dapa



The Family Car





World famous surf break

SURF ETIQUETTE

GIVE RESPECT TO GAIN RESPECT

RIGHT OF WAY



Furthest out



Closest to the peak



First to feet or on the wave

Call: Communicate (Left or Right)



Paddle wide using rip



Caught Inside stay in white water

DO NOT



Drop In



Shake



Throw your board



SURF WAVES AND CONDITIONS WITHIN YOUR OWN ABILITY

SURF SPOTS



SURF SPOT

SKILL LEVEL

Cloud 9	Expert
Quiksilver	Inner beginner, Outer Intermediate
Jacking Horse Outer	Inner beginner, Outer Intermediate
Tuason	Expert
Stimp's	Intermediate
Rock Island	Intermediate

SURF SPOT

SKILL LEVEL

Salvacion	Intermediate
Cemetery	Intermediate
Daku	Intermediate
Giwan	Beginner
Pacifico	Expert
Burgos	Expert

Famous “Cloud 9” Surf Break in Siargo on a Calm Day



Inter-Island Ferry





**Beach side boat
construction**



Beach side boat construction



Sohuton Park caves and tunnels



Local guides waiting
for us tourists



Tourists and their guides





**Philippine
snorkel gear,
Home-made
fins from
plastic float**

In the caves





One of our last anchorages

2019 Cruising Plan

Plan A: PNG, Solomons, SE Indonesia

Plan B: PNG, Solomons, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Australia

Plan C: PNG, Solomons, ???



More Information

- **Soggy Paws Philippines Blog**
<http://svsoggypaws.blogspot.com/search/label/Philippines>
- **Philippines Compendium- now over 300 pgs**
<http://svsoggypaws.com/files#se-asia>
- **Valhalla's SE Asia GoogleEarth Page**
<http://yachtvalhalla.net/navigation/terrystopics.htm>
- **Zubi's Diving - Wrecks in Coron**
<http://starfish.ch/dive/Sangat.html>
- **This Presentation**
<http://svsoggypaws.com/presentations.htm>



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