

## **Top Dive Sites**

Every dive in Papua New Guinea is an exciting new experience, highlighted by encounters with dog tooth tuna, sharks, vast schools of pelagics such as barracuda trevally and others .

### **The Atun**

Formerly a tuna fishing vessel, the wreck of the Atun was purposely sunk by the Rabaul Dive Club in 1983. It is situated on a ledge near Rabaul in approximately 70 ft. of water with the profile reaching just 25 ft. below the surface. Divers may see various species of anemone fish as well as Mantis Shrimp, nudibranchs, and swallowtail seahorses or perhaps even a dugong.

### **Valley of the Fans**

This is a reef system of three bommies with sand chutes which start at 30 ft. and covers an area which approximates the size of three tennis courts. It is approx. 100 ft. to the sand. As the name suggests, the valley is a packed gorgonian forest. Leaf Scorpion fish have been spotted on this site as well as turtles, tuna, lionfish, trevally jacks, sharks and blue spotted rays.

### **Makada Harbour**

(Two Tanks) - This shallow dive is known for the two military tanks which were dropped here by the fleeing Japanese army under chase by an Australian boat in WWII . It is a great critter hunting area and divers are likely to see nudibranchs, flatworms, lionfish, eels, and a variety of anemone fish.

### **Cold Reef**

Large gorgonian fans are common on this large reef area which starts in approx. 35 ft to a sandy bottom at 100 ft. Many divers see tuna, nudibranchs, garden eels and fusiliers. Strong currents occasionally pick up around this area.

### **Pork Chops Knob** (also called Tommy's Folly)

This large bommie is quite shallow at only 15 ft. to the surface. Divers will surely notice the beautiful sea whips and gorgonians which are abundant here. Sightings of octopus, crocodile fish and barracuda are not uncommon here.

### **Harry's Knob**

This knob is a small bommie with a ridge running down to another bommie where divers have spotted the beautiful and elusive mandarin fish as well as lots of antheas and plenty of small critters. The soft corals and reef fish start in approx. 20 ft. of water and the wall runs very deep from there.

### **Halfway Reef**

This large bommie starts in 20 ft., slopes to 50 ft., then drops off in a deep, vertical wall. It is inhabited by sweetlips, sharks, anemones, barrel sponges, and lots of crinoids and feather stars.

### **Leslie's Knob**

This seamount begins in 20 ft. and slopes vertically into the depths. The top of the bommie is full of healthy hard corals. Divers may discover trevally, barracuda, scorpion fish, cuttlefish as well as schools of colourful anthias.

### **Jackie's Reef**

A long sloping ridge stretches away from this seamount in 50 to 80 ft.