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CLASSICS

SULAWESI, INDONESIA

Wakatobi Dive Resort House Reef

☉ If you're a diver who thinks you've seen it all, you haven't. In fact, if you've never been to any of the 20 reefs near Wakatobi, the Indonesian archipelago near southeastern Sulawesi, you've probably only dreamed of dives like these.

This diverse and lively site starts at the surface and vertically descends hundreds of feet, a sheer vertical plunge punctuated by sponges, tunicates and feather stars. The reefs

"The biodiversity and the overwhelming size of the reefs make Wakatobi special. Once you put your head underwater it's almost impossible to decide what to photograph."

around Wakatobi are pristine because for the last several years fishing has not been permitted at all in the surrounding waters.

Among the many different corals, I find these orange soft ones the most remarkable, because they're hanging, while most other corals I've seen stand perpendicular to the hard surface they grow on—just like the hair on my dive buddy's head.

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