Bali to Komodo - In Search of the **Dragon**

Naturetrek Tour Report

5th – 17th September 2022





Komodo Dragon

Blue-girdled Angelfish

Melon-headed Whales







Sunset

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Introduction

This Bali to Komodo cruise had sightings of seven species of cetacean, including Pantropical Spotted, Spinner, Indo-pacific Bottlenose, Risso's and Rough toothed Dolphin as well as Melon-headed Whales and Pygmy Sperm Whales, with some prolonged encounters being enjoyed by both guests and crew alike. Among the passing seabirds were terns, skuas, shearwaters and petrels. Most days at least one fantastic snorkel was had, with some beautiful reefs of both hard and soft corals providing food and shelter for thousands of colourful fish, Green and Hawksbill Turtles, sharks, eels, Nudibranchs and, for some, a Manta Ray. On the island of Komodo, a gentle walk with a ranger allowed views of the impressive Komodo Dragon as well as Collared Kingfisher, Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Flame-breasted Sunbird and Flores Spangled Drongo, to name but a few. Added to this, we had a fantastic crew aboard that looked after us very well, making it a wonderful trip for anyone who enjoys snorkelling and cruising in tropical waters!

Day 1

Monday 5th September

London to Bali

For around half of the group, today was spent in transit from the UK; some arrived from other parts of the world, and others had chosen to arrive in Bali a day or two early in order to acclimatise and spend a few extra days in paradise!

Day 2

Tuesday 6th September

Bali

Despite some delays, those travelling from London were able to easily make the flight connection on arriving in Kuala Lumpur, by moving two gates over. After going through another security check, we waited for other delayed flights to arrive, where there were also people connecting to Denpasar. Once boarded, we took off for the three hour flight to Denpasar. On arrival, with Covid checks, visas, passports & customs all cleared, we did some quick money changing before heading out to meet our drivers for the transfer to the hotel.

Being early afternoon, it was fairly hot, so the air conditioning in the car was welcome. After arriving at the hotel, we were pleasantly surprised by the gardens, which were very green, with tall trees and lots of bushes. After checking in, we agreed to meet later for dinner before heading to our rooms. Many chose to stroll around the gardens, finding bird species such as Yellow-crested Cockatoo, Spotted Dove, Coppersmith Barbet, Javan Munia and Sunda Yellow-vented Bulbul, as well as Plantain Squirrel

Later, in the evening, we all met at reception for dinner, and greeting those we hadn't yet met. There were lots of bats flying around, plus nightjar and owls; geckos scurried across the walls and along the floor.

Dinner was in a restaurant on the beach, so we strolled through the gardens to reach it. It has a very eclectic menu, so there was plenty of choice. After a satisfying meal, we retired to bed, eager to start the cruise.

Day 3

Wednesday 7th September

Bali

An easy start to the day for most - a swim, stroll along the beach or some birding in the hotel grounds, plus a buffet breakfast, before meeting late morning in the lobby, with all our luggage, for the transfer to Benoa Port. Having met Chas and the crew, we got into the minibuses for the short journey, admiring some of the many large, roadside statues along the way.

On arriving at the port, we had to wait for the boat to have space to come alongside the pier so that we could board. Once aboard we were greeted by the crew and given a welcome drink. Then it was time to find our cabins and get settled in before eating lunch.

Heading out of the port, we could see egrets and heron feeding along the water's edge. Various tern species were flying around, among the people parasailing from boats. Some also spotted a person on water jets. The amount of boat traffic quietened down as we left the harbour and headed up the east coast of Bali. Some more tern species were picked up, as well as Wilson's Storm and Bulwer's Petrels. The south easterly wind made the journey a bit choppy, particularly as we travelled through the night.



Day 4

Thursday 8th September

Bali Sea

We woke up this morning as we travelled along the north side of Lombok. We fairly quickly found some dolphins, but they were fairly shy, although we eventually managed to get a good enough look for Chas to identify them as Rough-toothed Dolphins. A bit further on we found a large mixed group of Spinner and Pantropical Spotted Dolphins, that we found in the waters below feeding Lesser Frigate Birds and Brown Booby, alongside a school of feeding tuna. We stayed with them for some time, seeing some jumping and enjoying bow riding on the front of the boat.

After lunch we arrived at Mojo in time for a snorkel at Labuan Haji. For some this was a new experience, or something that they hadn't done much of, so we had a full briefing before we started on the do's and don'ts of snorkelling. Once everyone was ready, we got into the RIBs and headed for the reef. There were a good selection of corals and variety of fish on the varying depth of reef. There was so much to look at that the time passed very quickly.

Eventually we had to head back to the boat to dry off and change, as we continued further east. We found a group of dolphin, however they made it clear that they weren't interested in us by moving smartly away, so we left them to it. Another group of dolphin were spotted as we followed the coast of Mojo. They were large

dolphins, most likely Indopacific Bottlenose, but we had to head on, towards Satonda, so only stayed with them briefly. Alison ran through a species list and Chas gave a talk on Indonesian Dolphins before another excellent dinner, followed by birthday cake for Liz.



Day 5

Friday 9th September

Satonda

We woke up this morning off the island of Satonda. Some of those who were up early saw fruit bats returning to their day roost. After our small breakfast we got into the RIBs to go ashore. From the jetty, we headed up the steps to the crater lake at the centre of the island, formed by a collapsed volcano. There were numerous Green Imperial Pigeon on the top of a bare tree and lots of birds calling.

At the lake, a couple of large birds were disturbed by our approach, flying out over the lake to land back in a tree again (some later investigation led us to conclude that these were juvenile White-bellied Sea Eagle).

On the way back to the beach we came across Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Black-fronted Flowerpecker and Crabeating Macaques. A quick RIB journey back to the boat allowed those who wanted to get changed for a morning snorkel. Once ready, it was back to the RIBs for the drop off. One of the first things spotted in the water was a Red Lionfish – lovely to look at, but one to steer clear of due to its poisonous spines! Lots of colourful fish in

shoals and a reef rebuilding programme were spotted by some. Lots of Butterfly and Angel fish, as well as three turtles were seen - both Green and Hawksbill. All too soon, we had to head back to the boat for Big Breakfast.

Heading away from Satonda, we cruised along the north coast of Sumbawa in search of ocean goers, however the remainder of the morning proved to be very quiet. A very tasty lunch of build your own soup provided our eyes with a break from scanning the horizon, or a reason to get up from the sun loungers on the upper deck. The afternoon turned up the odd Brown Booby, a number of Red-footed Booby, some terns, likely Bridled Tern, and a few Lesser Frigate birds. A very large splash and a couple of fishing boats were both hopeful sights, but we couldn't find anything around. Towards the end of the afternoon, a ghostly green shape drifted past. An Oceanic Manta! Turning the boat around, we went back to get a closer look, and the drone assisted with helping us locate it again. We could see the wing tips occasionally breaking the surface as the animal propelled itself through the water. By this point, the sun was setting and the light starting to go, so we continued on towards the island of Sangeang.

We completed the day's checklist and Chas gave a very informative talk on volcanoes. Following on from this, we enjoyed another great dinner, before heading off to bed.



Day 6

Saturday 10th September

Sangeang to Komodo NP

We awoke this morning in the shadow of Sangeang Volcano. For those up early there were Edible Nest Swiftlets and a few House Swift flying around the boat. After small breakfast it was time to get back in the water, for the first snorkel of the day. We followed the curve of the shoreline as it changed from sea grass to reef. There were

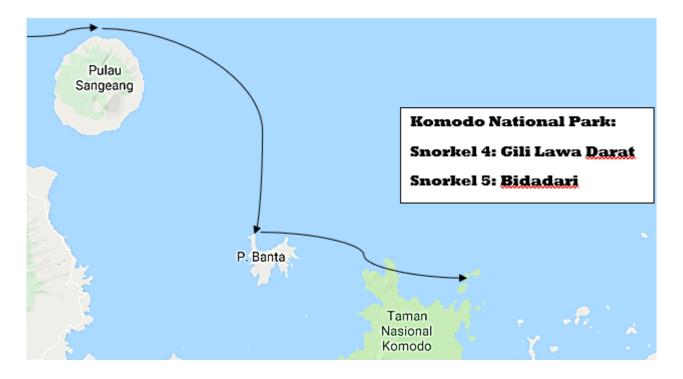
lots of fish and corals, with so much to look at. A Snowflake Moray Eel was spotted, a green turtle swam past and a couple of Black-tipped Reef Shark quickly shot away into the depth.

Having had main breakfast back on the boat, we headed out into the channel. Glinting in the distance turned out to be a logging group of Melon-headed Whales with some Spinner Dolphin mixed it. It was a large group of over 30 animals. Our presence did wake a few of them up, making them more frisky, leaping around, spy-hopping and showing their bellies. We were able to stay with them for quite some time, before we eventually had to get going again.

Going around the coast of Sangeang we got some good views of the volcano, although the wind got up, sending up a lot of spray from the bow of the boat, enforcing a hasty retreat from the front seats.

After lunch, we arrived at Banta in time for a mid-afternoon snorkel at Gili Banta. There were lots of types of coral and many species of fish. We followed the current around the coast, over the ridge and into the next bay. Highlights included Porcupine Fish, Trumpetfish, Saddled Snake Eel, Regal Angelfish and Pink-tailed Triggerfish.

Back on board, we continued east, along the north shore of Komodo, enjoying a wonderful sunset and stunning moonrise en route to Lawa Darat.



Day 7

Sunday 11th September

Komodo NP

Those who woke early this morning were treated to the sight of a Great-billed Heron fishing, before the boat weighed anchor and headed towards to shore of Komodo. Several Timur Deer were grazing near the water and a Brahminy Kite flew overhead. A snorkel along the shore of Lawa Darat had views of Hawksbill Turtle, Pajama

Cardinal Fish, Blue-girdled Angelfish and Clown Triggerfish. As we rounded the corner of the island, the current picked up and took us along, we just had to go with the flow, with the reef going past like a moving picture. For some, there were brief views of a Reef Manta. Giant Sweetlips and a White-tipped Reef Shark were seen towards the end of the time, before the RIBs came in to scoop us out of the current.

Back on the boat, we headed out north into the deeper waters. There were a few birds about, however most of the morning was again fairly quiet. Just after midday, some distant splashing caught our attention. Initially there were tuna with some feeding birds then a fin could occasionally be made out. It proved to be pretty elusive, disappearing to reappear some distance away. With the help of the drone, we were finally able to locate an Indopacific Bottlenose Dolphin. It did join a few others at one point, but they quickly disappeared again, proving elusive on this occasion.

Further out we made out more splashing, then being able to make out leaping shapes. They turned out to be a large group of Spinner Dolphin, spread out over some distance. A few did come in to investigate the boat, and gave us enough of a show to delay lunch, until they moved off again.

After lunch, we had some brief sightings of more Indopacific Bottlenose, but they didn't hang around, so we carried on in towards the coast of Flores. A few Greater Crested Tern flew over as we approached Bidadari for our afternoon snorkel. Following along the wall we could see some lovely soft corals, Nudibranch, eels, juvenile fish and a variety of hard corals. Some Black-naped Tern were calling and flying over carrying sprats.

Back on board we had our afternoon snack as we headed west again, towards Komodo. Another stunning sunset was enjoyed from the decks. Once it got dark, we completed the list for the day and watched a film about Komodo Dragons, before another enjoyable dinner.

Day 8

Monday 12th September

Komodo Island

Awaking early, we took a short rib journey to visit Komodo. It was a bit of a wet landing due to the tide being out, however we were 'greeted' on arrival by the sight of a Komodo Dragon basking on the old pier, not far from us. Having admired this individual for some time, we got focused on the Barred Doves, Collared Kingfisher and Beach Thick-knee as the ranger arrived from the station. Following a safety briefing, we set off on a short walk around the island. Surrounded by bird and insect calls, we quickly spotted some Orange-footed Scrubfowl, Timor Deer, small lizards, Flores Spangled Drongo and Green Imperial Pigeon. Brilliant Flame-breasted Sunbird flitted between the trees, spiral snail shells hung from branches and Komodo Orchids parasitise some of the trees.

We passed one or two other groups, but mainly had the walk to ourselves. At one point there were lots of bird calls, the most strident of which was the Yellow-crested Cockatoo. As we wended out way back towards the ranger station, we came across another one of the large reptiles that we had come to see - a Komodo Dragon. It obliged by staying still long enough for a few photos before it headed off into the bush, having had enough of posing for visitors!

Back at the beach, a few of the group indulged in some souvenir shopping, then it was back to the boat. As the last group was waiting for the RIBs to return, they got a view of a third dragon turning up on the beach. Heading back towards the boat, swallows could be seen around and on the pier.

On the way to Padar Island, a single Indopacific Bottlenose Dolphin popped up briefly. To give the tide time to get to the right level, we took a short trip down the deep water channel and back again, but couldn't locate any cetaceans.

Once in the water, we drifted along the reef, looking at various fish and coral formation. Having enjoyed the snorkel, we go back on board and headed for Rinca. Quite a few Red-necked Phalarope flew across the water. Along the coast of Rinca, several White-bellied Sea Eagle glided over the ridges and a couple of Lesser Frigatebirds flew down the channel as we turned into Horseshoe Bay.



The afternoon snorkel was in slightly colder water, being on the edge of the Indian Ocean, however the colour that could be seen along the rock wall was fantastic – oranges, pinks and greens. Several Nudibrach species were found as well as a Hawksbill Turtle, a Black-tipped Reef Shark and Red Lionfish.

Once we'd dried off, most people headed back out in the RIBs for a short tour along the shoreline. A couple of Komodo Dragon were resting on the beach, making the most of the late afternoon sun. A White-bellied Sea Eagle flew over quite low, macaques could be seen along the shore and a Wild Boar put in an appearance too.

Eventually we had to return to the boat in time for the list and pre-dinner talk. This evening Chas gave a very informative presentation on corals and reefs, before another superb dinner.

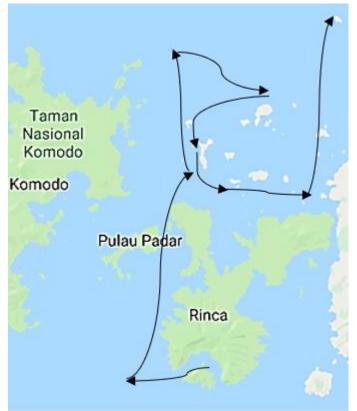
Day 9

Tuesday 13th September

Komodo National Park

This morning we had an early start from Horseshoe Bay, which was partially shrouded in cloud and the temperature felt a little cool. Heading out of the bay we spotted a couple of Lesser Frigatebirds. Turning north, we followed the channel north between Rinca and Komodo. A stiff breeze made it a little choppy, but we made good enough time to double back along the deep channel, but nothing was showing. Heading north again, we had some glimpses of Indopacific Bottlenose Dolphin and a possible Spinner Dolphin.

Due to the tides, we carried on to Mawan for our morning snorkel. Initially we followed the shallower part of the



reef, where the current carried us along a long coral garden, with some large corals and lots of fish. Some headed back along the island for a second 'ride' in the current, but this time along the deeper part of the reef where some turtles and sharks were seen.

Back on board, we headed north into the deeper water for a few hours. Several groups of birds were seen at times, fishing in the waves. Most were Bridled Tern, with the occasion Greater Crested Tern, Little Tern, Bulwer's and Streaked Shearwaters.

Later in the afternoon we had another snorkel, this time at Siaba Besar. It was a little busier with other groups this afternoon, making us realise how fortunate we had been so far with quieter sites for previous snorkels. The attraction here is the abundance of turtles that feed on the seagrass

growing in the sandy bay. Both Hawksbill and Green showed really well, with some having the privilege of a turtle coming up to breathe next to them.

Heading closer to Flores, we stopped at a popular spot for about an hour in order to see the Sunda Flying Fox. Approaching Koabe Island, it was possible to see some of these large bats hanging from the trees. Once stopped, there was a bit of a wait as the light faded further, then one or two could be seen, starting to circle the trees. A few began to fly from the island to the mainland for the night's feeding, then all of a sudden, the rush started, with groups of bats taking to the air and flying over, gradually turning into a steady stream of bats against the red-orange sunset. There were thousands flying over, too many to count, and still going even as it got too dark to see.

Still feeling awed by what we'd seen, we headed for the overnight anchorage, completing the list for the day on route and hearing a talk on the great explorer, Alfred Russel Wallace.

Day 10

Wednesday 14th September

Komodo National Park to Maumere

Our final snorkel this morning was off the small island of Sabilan Kecil, which we reached by a short journey from the anchorage. From the RIBs we could see a White-bellied Sea Eagle soaring over the ridge of the island. In the water, we followed around the platform reef that surrounds the island. There were quite a few things spotted this morning, including three species of shark, eels and lots more fish. Some were now much easier to identify, having become familiar after being seen on many of the snorkels during the trip.

Back on board, we had breakfast as the boat headed east. Late in the morning we had brief views of some dolphins, but they weren't hanging around. Several skua were seen from the front, as well as Wilson's Storm Petrel and a variety of terns.

As Joss was finishing his post lunch briefing for the end of the trip, the boat suddenly slowed right down. Abandoning the dining room, we were treated to the sight of a group of Risso's Dolphin hanging out on the surface, including a number taking turns at showing their tails. We watched them for a while, then left them in peace as Risso's can be nervous around boats.

The remainder of the afternoon was fairly quiet, until the sun started to go down. A little way in front of the boat two dark fins suddenly appeared. They showed a few times then disappeared. Stopping, we looked around for them. After about 15 minutes they were picked up some distance away. Moving slowly in that direction, we paused some distance away, watching as they went under away after a few surfaces. They came up again shortly after and spent a good few minutes resting on the surface, long enough to identify them as Pygmy Sperm Whale. Eventually they dived again and we left them to it as the light started to fade.

This evening, after completing the list, Marcello showed us a video of some of the footage that he'd taken during the trip. This was followed by another excellent dinner to finish the final day aboard.

Day 11

Thursday 15th September

Maumere to Bali

Having travelled through the night, today went a little differently to what we'd planned. Yesterday evening, our afternoon flight out of Maumere had been cancelled and the only other one that would get us to Bali in time for our flight home left much earlier in the morning. The boat crew had managed to make up time overnight and the airline agreed to push the morning flight back a bit, so we had to disembark around 0700 hours, jump into taxis, and quickly set off for the airport, having said goodbye to the four extending their trip in Flores as well as to the crew.

Having successfully checked in and got new flight tickets, we made it on the flight to Kupang, where we had a few hours before the flight on to Bali. Arrival in Bali was fairly smooth, with drivers from the hotel waiting for us again. Back at the same hotel, we had time to relax, enjoying the pools and gardens again, before a final dinner on the beach.

Day 12

Friday 16th September

Bali to London

After breakfast, most of the group assembled for their morning flight to Kuala Lumpur, then on to Heathrow.

Day 13

Saturday 17th September

London

Arrive back in London, where we collected our luggage and said our goodbyes, before heading in our separate directions, with some great memories from a wonderful part of the world.

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Species lists

Birds

Common name		September 2022										
	Scientific name	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Orange-footed Scrubfowl	Megapodius reinwardt				2			✓				
Green Junglefowl	Gallus varius	✓						✓				
Cave Swiftlet - E	Collocalia linchi		✓								✓	✓
Edible-nest Swiftlet	Aerodramus fuciphagus	✓	√			✓						
Spotted Dove	Spilopelia chinensis		✓					✓				
Barred Dove	Geopelia maugeus	1						✓				
Pink-necked Green Pigeon	Treron vernans											
Green Imperial Pigeon	Ducula aenea				14+			√				
White-breasted Waterhen	Amaurornis phoenicurus											2
Beach Stone-curlew	Esacus magnirostris							1				
Eurasian Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus		✓									
Red-necked Phalarope	Phalaropus lobatus				√	✓		√	✓	√		
Greater Crested Tern	Thalasseus bergii		√		√	√	√	√	√			
Little Tern	Sternula albifrons		✓						✓			
Bridled Tern	Onychoprion anaethetus				Prob	Prob	Poss		✓	√		
Black-naped Tern	Sterna sumatrana						√					
Common Tern	Sterna hirundo			✓		Poss						
White-winged Tern	Chlidonias leucopterus									√		
Pomarine Skua	Stercorarius pomarinus				Poss					√		
Arctic Skua	Stercorarius parasiticus						Poss		Poss	√		
White-tailed Tropicbird	Phaethon lepturus			2	1							
Wilson's Storm Petrel	Oceanites oceanicus		✓	✓			√			√		
Streaked Shearwater	Calonectris leucomelas								1			
Bulwer's Petrel	Bulweria bulwerii		✓	✓	✓	√	√	✓	✓	√	✓	
Great Frigatebird	Fregata minor								1 M			
Lesser Frigatebird	Fregata ariel		✓		✓		√	✓	✓	√	✓	
Red-footed Booby	Sula sula				√	√						

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Brown Booby	Sula leucogaster		✓	✓	✓			1				
Great-billed Heron	Ardea sumatrana	✓					1					
Purple Heron	Ardea purpurea		✓	✓								
Great Egret	Ardea alba		✓									
Little Egret	Egretta garzetta		✓									
Pacific Reef Heron	Egretta sacra					2	✓	✓				
Brahminy Kite	Haliastur indus					✓	✓	✓				
White-bellied Sea Eagle	Haliaeetus leucogaster				2J		✓	2	1			
Collared Kingfisher	Todiramphus chloris					✓	✓				1	
Cerulean Kingfisher - E	Alcedo coerulescens	~25						Poss				
Blue-tailed Bee-eater	Merops philippinus	✓			1			√				
Coppersmith Barbet	Psilopogon haemacephalus	2	✓									
Yellow-crested Cockatoo	Cacatua sulphurea		2					✓			✓	√
Helmeted Friarbird	Philemon buceroides							✓				
Golden-bellied Gerygone	Gerygone sulphurea							Prob				
White-shouldered Triller - N	Lalage sueurii							1				
Black-naped Oriole	Oriolus chinensis							✓				
Flores Spangled Drongo	Dicrurus bimaensis	✓			√			✓				
Large-billed Crow	Corvus macrorhynchos	✓						✓			✓	√
Sunda Yellow-vented Bulbul	Pycnonotus goiavier	✓	✓								✓	✓
Sooty-headed Bulbul	Pycnonotus aurigaster		✓								✓	
Pacific Swallow	Hirundo tahitica							✓				
Striated Swallow	Cecropis striolata					√		✓				
Black-fronted Flowerpecker	Dicaeum igniferum	✓			1							
Ornate Sunbird	Cinnyris jugularis ornatus										√	
Flame-breasted Sunbird - E	Cinnyris solaris	✓						✓				
Eurasian Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus	✓	✓	✓							√	✓
Javan Munia - E	Lonchura leucogastroides	✓	✓								√	
Scaly Breasted Munia	Lonchura punctulata		✓								√	

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Cetaceans												
Pan-tropical Spotted Dolphin	Stenella attenuata			√						Prob		
Spinner Dolphin	Stenella longirostris			√		✓	~150		Prob			
Indo-pacific Bottlenose Dolphin	Tursiops aduncus			Prob			✓	1	Prob			
Risso's Dolphin	Grampus griseus									√		
Rough-toothed Dolphin	Steno bredanensis			3								
Melon-headed Whale	Peponocephala electra					30+						
Pygmy Sperm Whale	Kogia breviceps									3		
Other Mammals												
Javan Rusa	Rusa timorensis						/	√				
Crab-eating Macaque	Macaca fascicularis				√			√				
Sunda Flying Fox	Acerodon mackloti	√						•	1000s			
Plantain Squirrel	Callosciurus notatus		√		•				10000		√	√
Wild Boar	Sus scrofa	Prob				√		√				
Geoffroy's Rousette Fruit Bat	Rousettus amplexicaudatus											
Reptiles												
Komodo Dragon	Varanus komodoensis							5				
Banded Sea-snake	Colubrina laticauda							1				
Green Turtle	Chelonia mydas				1	1		<u>'</u>	√			
Hawksbill Turtle	Eretmochelys imbricata				2	•	1	1	\ \ \ \ \			
House Gecko	Hemidactylus sp.	•					•	•	V			
Fishes												
White-tip Reef Shark	Triaenodon obesus						1			√		
Black-tip Reef Shark	Carcharhinus melanopterus					2	· ·	1	√	√		
Bamboo Shark	Chiloscyllium sp.								•			

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Reef Manta	Manta alfredi						1					
Oceanic Manta	Manta birostris				1							
Blue-spotted Stingray	Taeniura lymma				1	3	√			√		
Giant Moray Eel	Gymnothorax javanicus						1					
Saddled Snake Eel	Leiuranus semicinctus											
Marine Invertebrates												
Spiny Lobster	Palinuridae spp											
Blue Sea Star	Linckia laevigata											
Spanish Dancer eggs	Hexabranchus sanguineus											
Hermit Crab	Paguroidea spp											
Giant Clam	Tridacna gigas											
Boring Clam	Tridacna crocea											
Granulated Sea Star	Choriaster granulatus											
Pygmy Squid	Idiosepius sp											

Fish list

Common name	Scientific name	
Panda Butterflyfish	Chaetodon adiergastos	
Eastern Triangular Butterflyfish	Chaetodon baronessa	
Saddled Butterflyfish	Chaetodon ephippium	
Redfin Butterflyfish	Chaetodon lunulatus	
Black-backed Butterflyfish	Chaetodon melannotus	
Spot-tail Butterflyfish	Chaetodon ocellicaudus	
Ornate Butterflyfish	Chaetodon ornatissimus	
Latticed Butterflyfish	Chaetodon rafflesi	
Oval-spot Butterflyfish	Chaetodon speculum	
Chevroned Butterflyfish	Chaetodon trifascialis	
Pacific Double-saddled Butterflyfish	Chaetodon ulietensis	

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Teardrop Butterflyfish	Chaetodon unimaculatus
Vagabond Butterflyfish	Chaetodon vagabundus
Two-eyed Coralfish	Coradion melanopus
Pyramid Butterflyfish	Hemitaurichthys polylepis
Pennant Bannerfish	Heniochus chrysostomus
Humphead Bannerfish	Heniochus varius
Big Longnose Butterflyfish	Forcipiger longirostris
Three-spot Angelfish	Apolemichthys trimaculatus
Graytail Angelfish	Chaetodontoplus poliourus
Bicolour Angelfish	Centropyge bicolor
Emperor Angelfish	Pomacanthus imperator
Blue-girdled Angelfish	Pomacanthus navarchus
Regal Angelfish	Pygoplites diacanthus
Semi-circle Angelfish	Pomacanthus semicirculatus
Vermiculated Angelfish	Chaetodontoplus mesoleucus
Golden Spadefish	Platax boersii
Striped Surgeonfish	Acanthurus lineatus
Brushtail Tang	Zebrasoma scopas
Palette Surgeonfish	Paracanthurus hepatus
White-freckled Surgeonfish	Acanthurus macuilceps
Whitecheek Surgeonfish	Acanthurus nigricans
Fine-lined Surgeonfish	Acanthurus grammoptilus
Ringtail Surgeonfish	Acanthurus blochii
Paletail Unicornfish	Naso brevirostris
Moorish Idol	Zanclus comutus
Foxface Rabbitfish	Siganus vulpinus
Coral Rabbitfish	Siganus corallinus
Blackeye Rabbitfish	Siganus puelloides
Masked Rabbitfish	Siganus puellus
Scissortail Sergeant	Abudefduf sexfasciatus
Indo-Pacific Sergeant	Abudefduf vaigiensis

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Orange Anemonefish	Amphiprion sandaracinos	
Pink Anemonefish	Amphiprion perideraion	
Clark's Anemonefish	Amphiprion clarkii	
Red & Black Anemonefish	Amphiprion melanopus	
False Clown Anemonefish	Amphiprion ocellaris	
Spine-cheeked Anemonefish	Premnas biaculeatus	
Saddleback Anemonefish	Amphiprion polymnus	
Blue-Green Chromis	Chromis viridis	
Javanese Damselfish	Neoglyphidodon oxyodon	
Blackvent Damsel	Dischistodus melanotus	
Reticulated Dascyllus	Dascyllus reticulatus	
Blackspot Snapper	Lutjanus ehrenbergii	
Two-spot Snapper	Lutjanus biguttatus	
One-spot Snapper	Lutjanus monostigma	
Checkered Snapper	Lutjanus decussatus	
Bridled Monocle Bream	Scolopsis bilineata	
Bluefin Trevally	Caranx melmpygus	
Orange-spotted Trevally	Carangoides bajad	
Yellowfin Tuna	Thunnus albacares	
Redfin Flyingfish?	Hirundichthys rufipinnis?	
Blue & Yellow Fusilier	Caesio teres	
Scissortail Fusilier	Caesio caerulaurea	
Bluestreak Fusilier	Pterocaesio tile	
Twinstripe Fusilier	Pterocaesio marri	
(Roving) Coral Grouper	Cephalopholis miniata	
Longfin Grouper	Epinephelus quoyanus	
Foursaddle Grouper	Epinephelus spilotoceps	
Honeycomb Grouper	Epinephelus merra	
Freckled Hawkfish	Paracirrhites forsteri	

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Diagonal Banded Sweetlips	Plectorhinchus lineatus
Oriental Sweetlips	Plectorhinchus vittatus
Ribbon Sweetlips	Plectorhinchus ploytaenia
Giant Sweetlips	Plectorhinchus albovittatus
Bleeker's Parrotfish	Chlorurus bleekeri
Bower's Parotfish	Chlorurus bowersi
Darkcapped Parrotfish	Scarus oviceps
Yellowtail Coris	Coris gaimard
Redbreasted Wrasse	Cheilinus fasciatus
Cresecent Wrasse	Thalassoma lunare
Sixbar Wrasse	Thalassoma hardwicke
Checkerboard Wrasse	Halichoeres hortulanus
Bluestreak Cleaner Wrasse	Labroides dimidiatus
Pacific Bird Wrassse	Gomphosus varius
Rockmover Wrasse	Novaculichthys taeniourus
Blotcheye Soldierfish	Myripristis murdjan
Tailspot Squirrelfish	Sargocentron caudimaculatum
Pajama Cardinalfish	Sphaeramia nematoptera
Two-tone Dartfish	Ptereleotris evides
Blue Blanquillo	Malacanthus latovittatus
Reef Lizardfish	Synodus variegatus
Red Lionfish	Pterois volitans
Spottedd Boxfish	Ostracion meleagris
Yellow Boxfish	Ostracion cubicus

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Cornetfish	Fistularia commersoni
Trumpetfish	Aulostnus chinensis
Rigid Shrimpfish	Centriscus scutatus
Titan Triggerfish	Balistoides viridescens
Clown Triggerfish	Balistoides conspicillum
Blue Triggerfish	Pseudobalistes fuscus
Orange-lined Triggerfish	Balistapus undulatus
Blackpatch Triggerfish	Rhinecanthus verrucosus
Pinktail Triggerfish	Melichthys vidua
Redtooth Triggerfish	Odonus niger
Scrawled Filefish	Aluterus scriptus
Longnose Filefish	Oxymonacanthus longirostris
Strapweed Filefish	Pseudomonacanthus macrurus
Star Puffer	Arothron stellatus
Map Puffer	Arothron mappa
Blackspotted Puffer	Arothron nigropunctatus
Porcupinefish	Diodon hystrix
Snowflake Moray	Echidna nebulosa
Giant Moray	Gymnothorax javanicus
White-mouth Moray	Gymnothorax meleagris