

# KOMODO MOORING BUOY PROJECT 2007

## GET INVOLVED IN REAL CONSERVATION

Come and join a real marine conservation project in Komodo, Indonesia.

The Komodo National Park Conservation Fund managed by PT Putra Naga Komodo and marine biologist Helen Newman have teamed up to undertake an ambitious mooring buoy project to install permanent moorings around this world renown National Park.



Aimed at protecting coral reefs from anchor damage by big liveboard dive boats and visiting yachts, the scheme involves installing environmentally friendly Manta Ray moorings. These moorings are drilled into sand patches or rubble areas and cause minimal damage to the environment, providing a secure anchorage for many years.

We are seeking qualified divers to assist with the installation in what will be an educational and rewarding trip, along with some interesting work. Divers should be experienced and capable of working at 30m and have a nitrox qualification. We will have time for the occasional leisure dive and experienced divers will be on board to assist.

Participants will learn multiple skills from rope splicing to operating an underwater jack hammer. Only 9 spaces are available on each trip.

We hope to film the project for use in other conservation projects and awareness campaigns.

### Trip Details;

10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 07 9 days/8 nights - **FULL**

18<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 07 9 days/8 nights – **4 avail**

Cost US\$800.00 pp per trip



Price includes all meals, diving, tanks, weights and presentations. Accommodation is air-conditioned shared cabins on the KLM Ombak Putih. The boat will depart from Labuan Bajo, Flores.

Please complete the booking form or for more information and bookings, please contact

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**DONORS to date include large boat dive operators, Aman Resorts, The Ocean Park Conservation Foundation, Project AWARE Foundation, Dive Clubs and private individuals. In July/August 2006, the first 15 moorings were installed and all the equipment for an additional 15 moorings purchased. Phase 2 will be the installation of these remaining big boat moorings. Fund raising to complete the project continues with a further US\$5,000 required to complete the project. Your contribution will help!**