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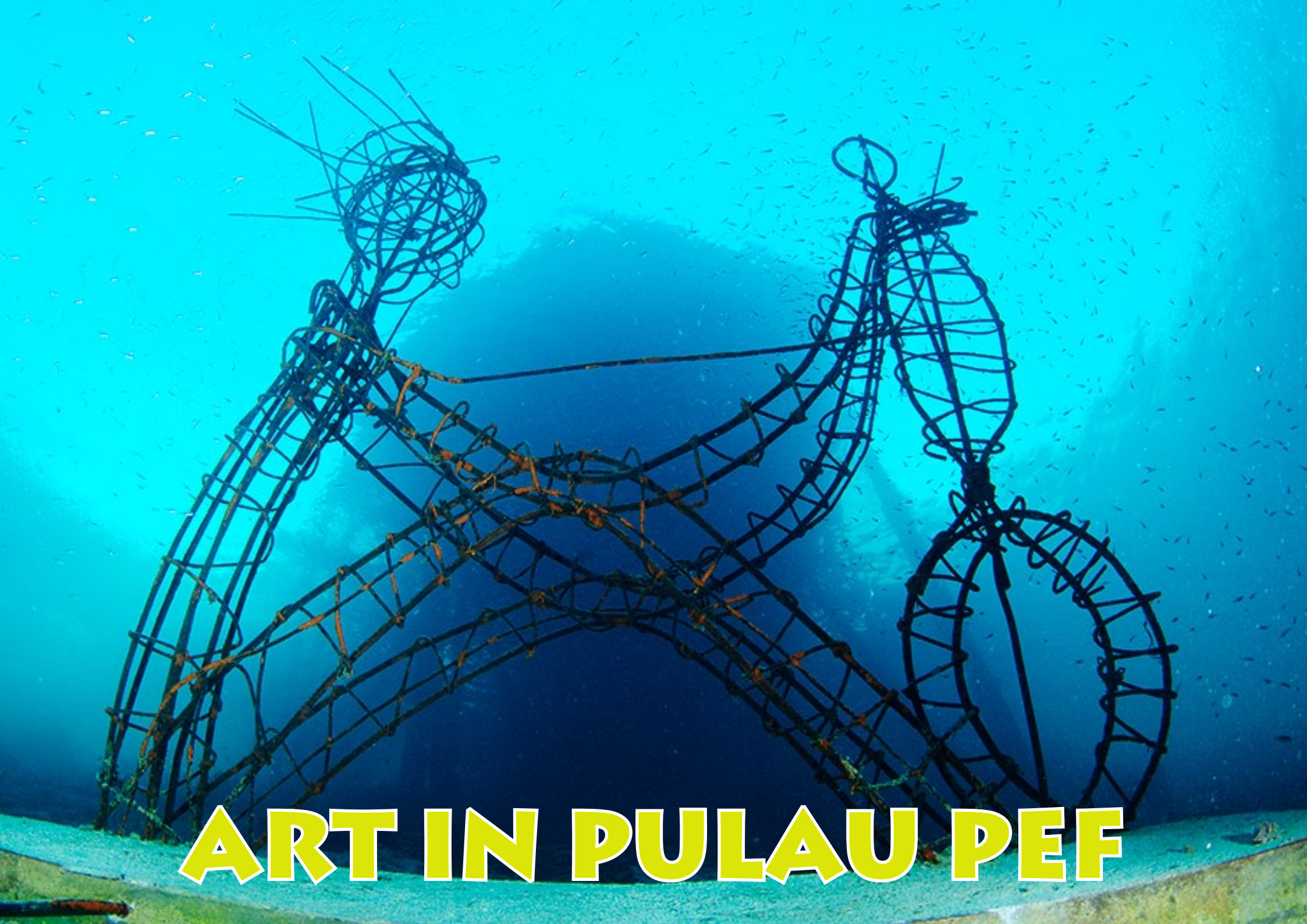
ARRIVE AS A GUEST, FEEL LIKE A KING, LEAVE AS A FRIEND

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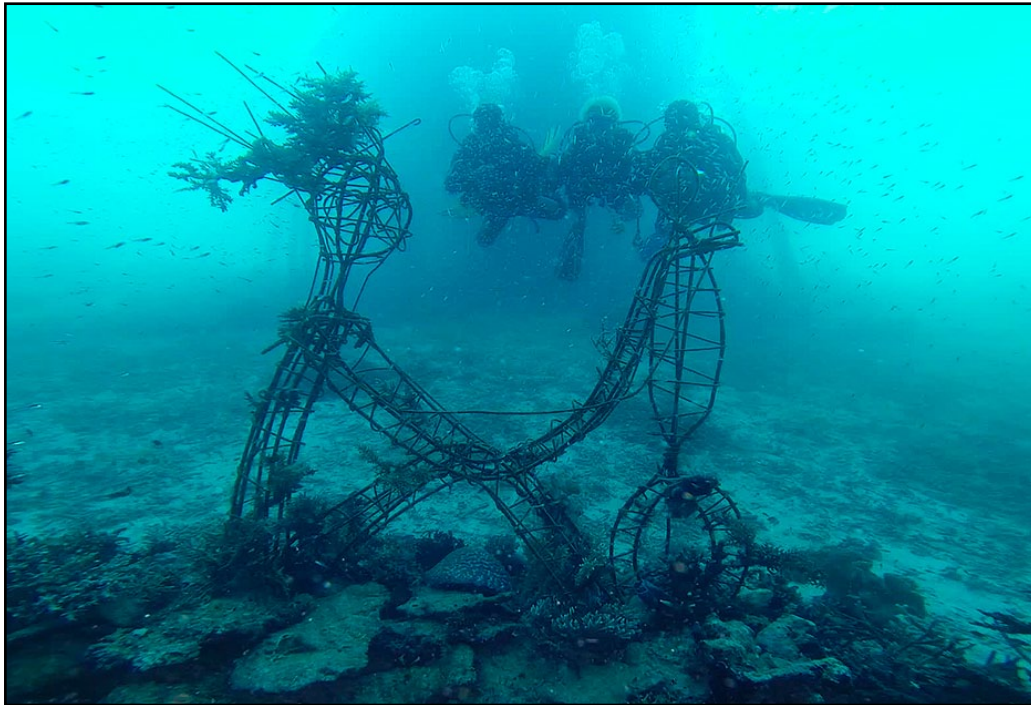
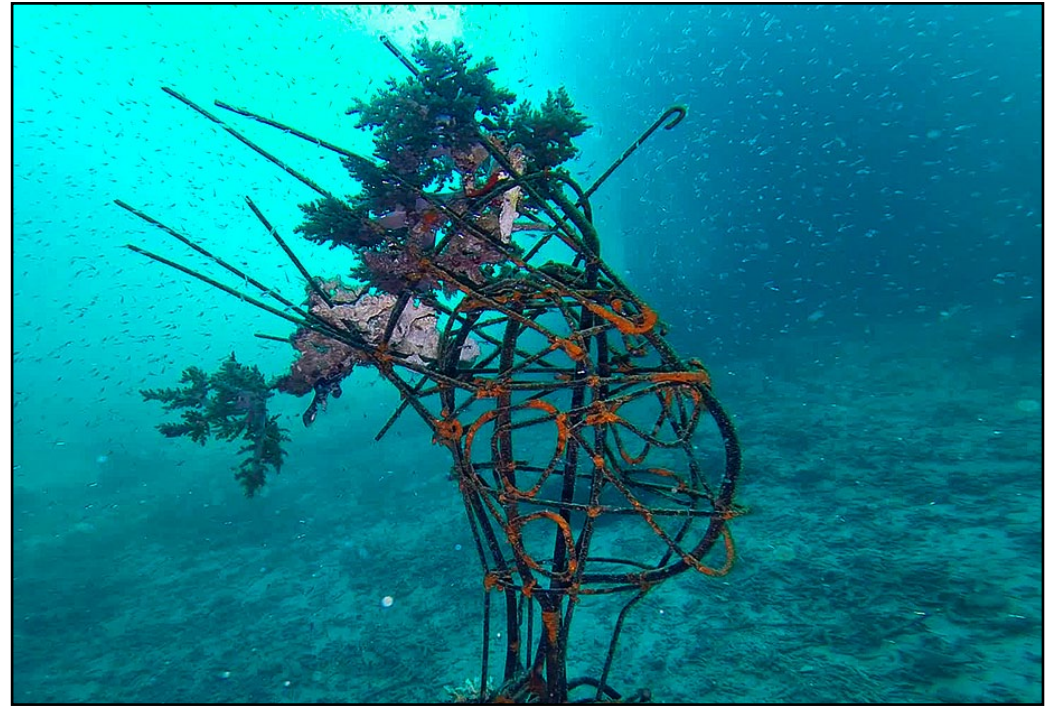


ART IN PULAU PEF



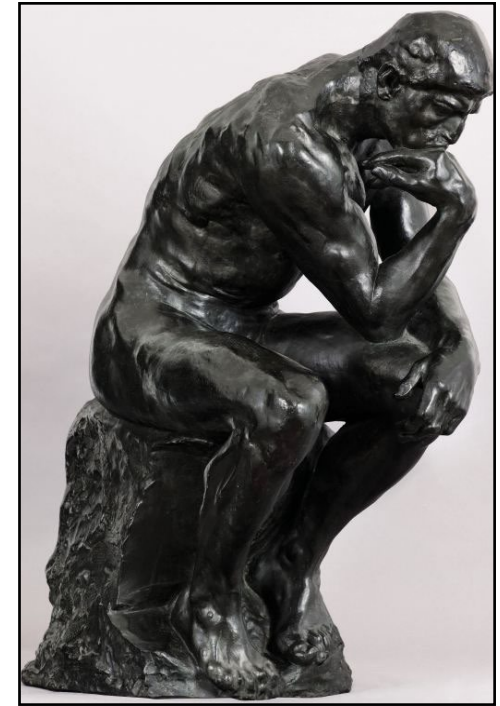
We recently added a collection of art in Pulau Pef made by Pak Busro, our creative island artist together with his team. First, he made the Raja4Divers logo from the iron. The next step was to sink and place it at our house reef. But because of strong winds and waves it was quite a challenge! Finally with the help of our good friends, Pere Rubio and his wife Merce we were able to place it just about 9-10 metres below the surface in front of the jetty. Let's hope that our little artificial reef will soon attract more marine life - a place where coral will grow and fish will live and breed.





We collected broken coral pieces and fixed it on the iron logo.
Amazing - just after we plant the corals, little fish including a small box fish found a new home in our Raja4Divers reef...





“Infected” of making Art, Pak Busro also mold 6 concrete individual sculptures out of concrete. The five “Papuan Dancers” are currently located in our lagoon just in front of the resort performing a “sun dance”. The 6th sculpture, “The Thinker” we are planning to put just below the jetty building in the water so Auguste Rodin can’t see it and will not turn over in his grave :)

A large school of wobbegongs, characterized by their orange-brown bodies and prominent white eyes, swims in a dense group over a rocky reef. The fish are positioned in the upper left and center of the frame. The reef below is covered in various corals and marine life, including a small black and yellow fish on the right. The text "MORE ABOUT WOBEGONGS" is overlaid in the lower center in a bold, yellow, outlined font.

MORE ABOUT WOBEGONGS



Wobbegong commonly known as Carpet sharks are quite common in Raja Ampat. The word wobbegong came from the Australian aboriginal language meaning “shaggy beard”. Most of our guests have never seen a wobbegong before however fortunately they have a great chance to see this creatures in almost every dive site or simply at our housereef! Unlike any other sharks, wobbegong appearances are quite different and spend much of their time resting on the sea floor. They are well camouflaged with a symmetrical pattern in their body.





BIRD WATCHING AT SAWINGGRAI VILLAGE



Bird lovers will find Raja Ampat is a treasure with all the birds to be seen. Sawinggrai village is located at Gam Island and it is known for the icon of Papua which is the Red Bird of Paradise (Cendrawasih). This Cendrawasih bird has different colour than the one that exist in Papua mainland, mostly dominated by red and that's why it's called Red Bird of Paradise. If you are lucky enough, you can see the male do the dance to attract the female bird when it's mating season.





Early morning, just before 6.00 AM we are leaving Pulau Pef with our diving boats to be at Sawinggrai on time. Arrived at the village, a local guide walks with us for about half an hour through the forest to the spot where the crazed orchestra of the birds welcome us. It is quite a challenge to spot them because they are up so high on the trees. Binocular or telephoto lens to photograph this birds help a lot! On the walk through the forest it is also possible to see hornbills, cockatoo birds, parrots or even a cuscus which belongs to the family of marsupials.



BACKSTAGE: THE HOUSEKEEPING



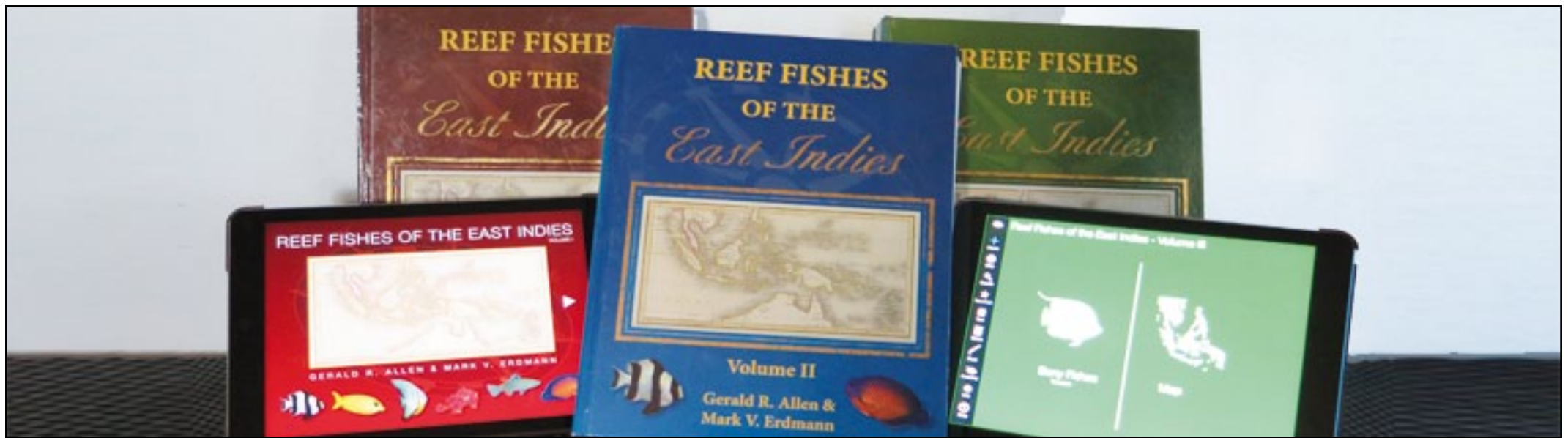
Led by our resort operational manager Juli, the housekeeping team consists of 4 people: Betti, Agustina, Donny and Piter. They are responsible for providing the high service of cleanliness and hygiene from cleaning the entire bungalows, as well as do the laundry. Sometimes they still have to do some laundry by hand.





Before guest arrival they go to the jungle or the mangroves to collect and pick flowers and leaves to decorate the bungalows nicely to make guests feel welcomed. You see - also the housekeeping at Pulau Pef is quite creative :)





DID YOU KNOW?

We provide an iPad for each of the bungalow that you can use it for checking your email, contacting your family by Skype or just browsing. There are some apps that you might find useful like reef fishes identification, tide table and star gazing. There are 3 volume apps guide to reef fishes that was made based on the Reef Fishes of East Indies books by Gerard Allen and Dr. Mark Erdmann. And on the document app, you will find a detailed Guest Information and the digital version of our staffwall.



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