



Hello,

Eco Resort - yes or no?

We deliberately chose not to call Raja4Divers «Eco Resort» because it seems natural for us to try our best to protect the environment and the people living in our area.

Right from the beginning, it was very important for us to build the resort in the traditional Papuan style and to buy all natural materials, such as wood, roof mats and leaves for the walls from the surrounding villages.

This construction method favours a good circulation of fresh air in the spacious bungalows, making sure it doesn't get too hot even without energy consuming air conditioning.



Instead of the classic showers we chose traditional mandis (wash basin with scoop) for our bathrooms. One reason being that they help us save water. On the other hand, they are easier to keep clean in our tropical climate than classic showers. Additionally, they convey a little «Indonesia feeling» to our guests.



We stopped using plastic straws at the bar a while ago and now serve our drinks with reusable straws made from bamboo.

Our kitchen crew no longer uses palm oil, which is the regular oil you can buy in stores around here. Instead, they switched to coconut oil produced by our neighbouring village Kabui. We buy fresh fish from local fishermen every day and fruit, vegetables and spices from families from neighboring villages.



In 2012, we planted small artificial reefs from pieces of limestone and broken corals in Pulau Pef's lagoon that was partly destroyed at the time. By now, these reefs have grown to beautiful coral gardens full of marine life.

In order to protect the reefs, we sell coral-friendly sunscreen at our island shop and are in the process of replacing the shower gel and shampoo in the bungalows by 100% biodegradable products.

The sale of giant clams on Raja Ampat's markets has led to them being threatened by extinction. This is why we decided to introduce some to our house reef, and they seem to feel comfortable here. They have already grown to a total of 30 pieces by now and our diving and snorkelling guests take great pleasure in seeing them so close to the resort.



These are just a few of the measures we take to sustainably protect Raja Ampat's nature and its people.

We hope our philosophy appeals to you and convinces you to come to Pulau Pef (again) and experience for yourself.

You can find more info on what we do to protect the environment and work together with the local people [here](#).

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