



# RAJA4 DIVERS

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### THE LATEST NEWS OF THE ADVENTURE ON PULAU PEF!

Construction started on Pulau Pef directly after the Upacara (ceremony) at the end of September 2010 (see previous newsletter), and is now well underway, thanks to the un-paralleled organisational skills of Maya Hadorn, and the strong leadership of Mas Moh, whose construction crew is breaking sweat as we speak...

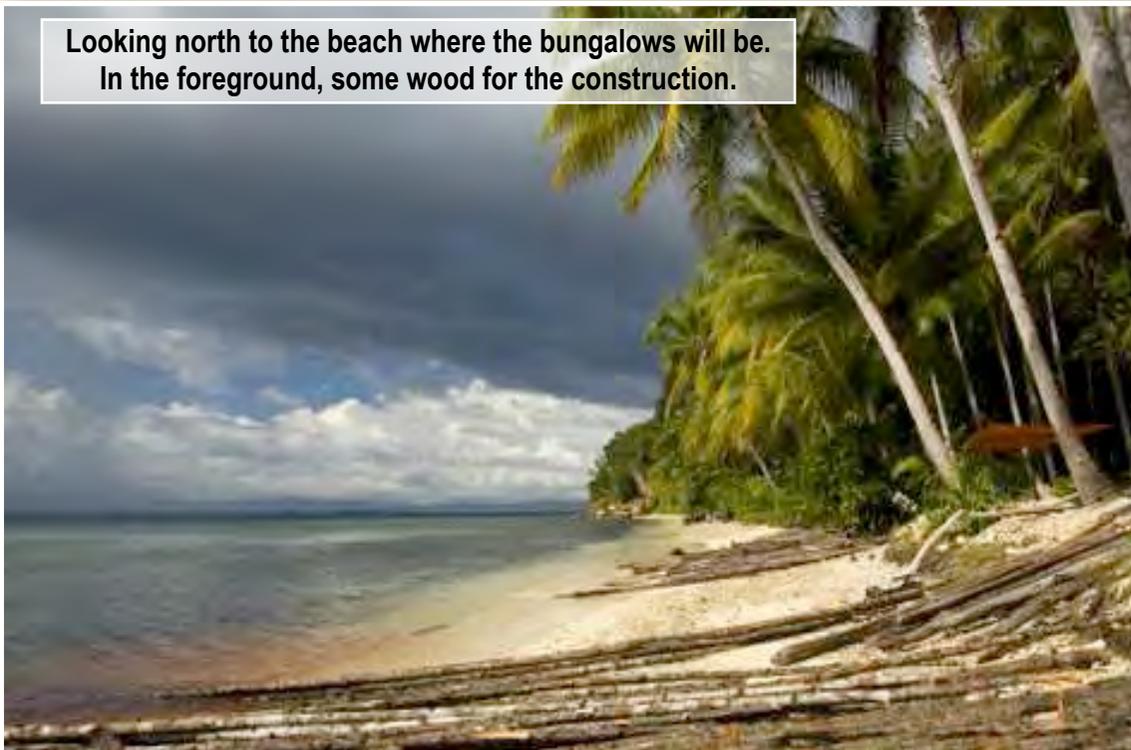


The Pef construction crew...



Panoramic view of the construction site with the carpentry workshop on the right.

Looking north to the beach where the bungalows will be.  
In the foreground, some wood for the construction.



## UPDATE ON THE ADVENTURE SO FAR:

### CLAUDIA & LEON:

After many months in Asia 'back and forth' Papua - Bali - Singapore - Bali - Singapore - Papua - Bali Papua - Singapore - Thailand - Singapore - Bali ..... FINALLY..... documentation is official (after quite a number of new grey hairs) and C&L arrive back in Sorong, Papua!

They try to immediately start building the R4D website, but they have no choice but to give it up, due to the 'so-very-wrong' internet connection. So they take the plunge and move lock, stock and barrel to the island instead!

### MAYA:

Maya meets up with Ami in Bali, to inspect the new dive-boats, arrange supplies and place orders for the resort.

### SABINE & ARMIN:

Documentation now also finally official, they make their way back from Singapore to meet up with Maya in Bali, and together with her, they travel back to Sorong.

The team is finally united, and travels together to Pulau Pef to move into their new 'home'...and get a few basics (like diving compressor, internet and espresso) sorted out!

# BALI...



Armin and Sabine prepare a scrumptious salad, but Balinese Ami is not terribly enthusiastic - she prefers a 'real' dinner!



The first dive-boat is given the 'Armin seal of approval'...



The second boat is already under construction....



Amongst many things on the list, Ami and Maya went on the hunt for water pipes, t-shirts, uniform, mosquito nets, bed linen, towels, door handles, faucets, baskets, dishes and the stone basins for the bathrooms. In Indonesia, it is not as simple as buying off the rack - everything has to be specially ordered manufactured, which takes time. But never fear, super efficient Ami will be monitoring it all from Bali, gently nudging the suppliers to meet their deadlines!



Ami sees the group off at the Bali airport, heavily overloaded of course, and on the way to Sorong... da da (bye bye) Bali!

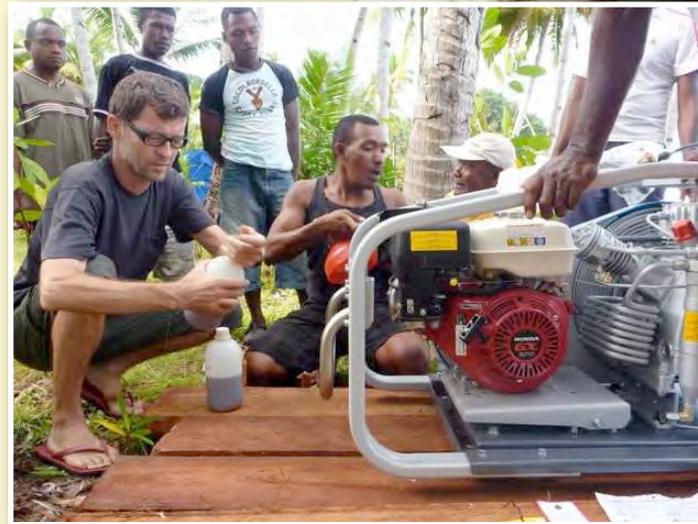
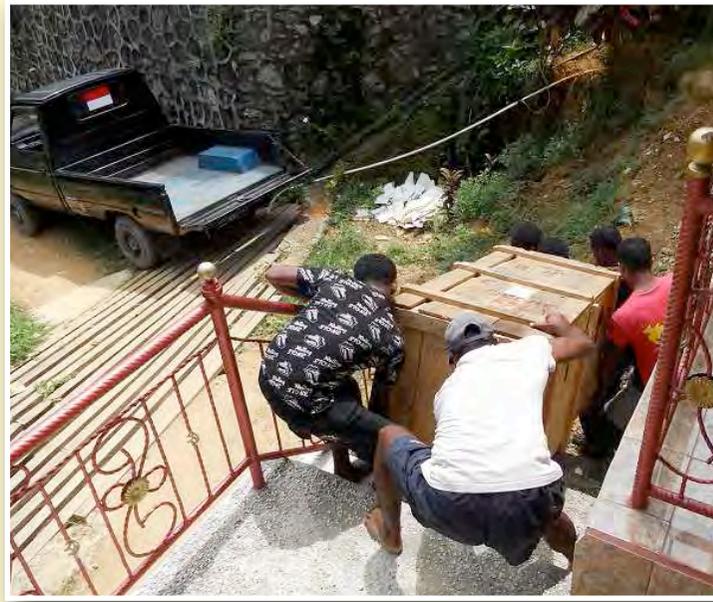


# BAUER COMPRESSOR ARRIVES IN SORONG

The crated compressor arrives in Sorong and is duly transported to Pef.

Exciting moment as Armin gets the machine started...and then it is full steam ahead -Armin and Nikson start filling the empty tanks...

Let the diving begin!



# PULAU PEF

Maya, Claudia & Leon, Sabine & Armin, finally together on Pulau Pef, (their new home)...



The 2 large iMacs, electronics and camera gear, are floated ashore; Papuan muscle is needed to carry the 400kg compressor...





## TEMPORARY HOME/OFFICES

Claudia & Leon and Sabine & Armin have moved into their temporary island 'home/offices', but MUCH more important than this: their espresso makers are always on the ready!

A temporary home/office peeping out from underneath the coconut canopy at sunset. This image was taken during an extremely high tide. Building materials are evident in the foreground: wood, sand and pebbles, as well as floating platform used for transporting goods through the shallows...

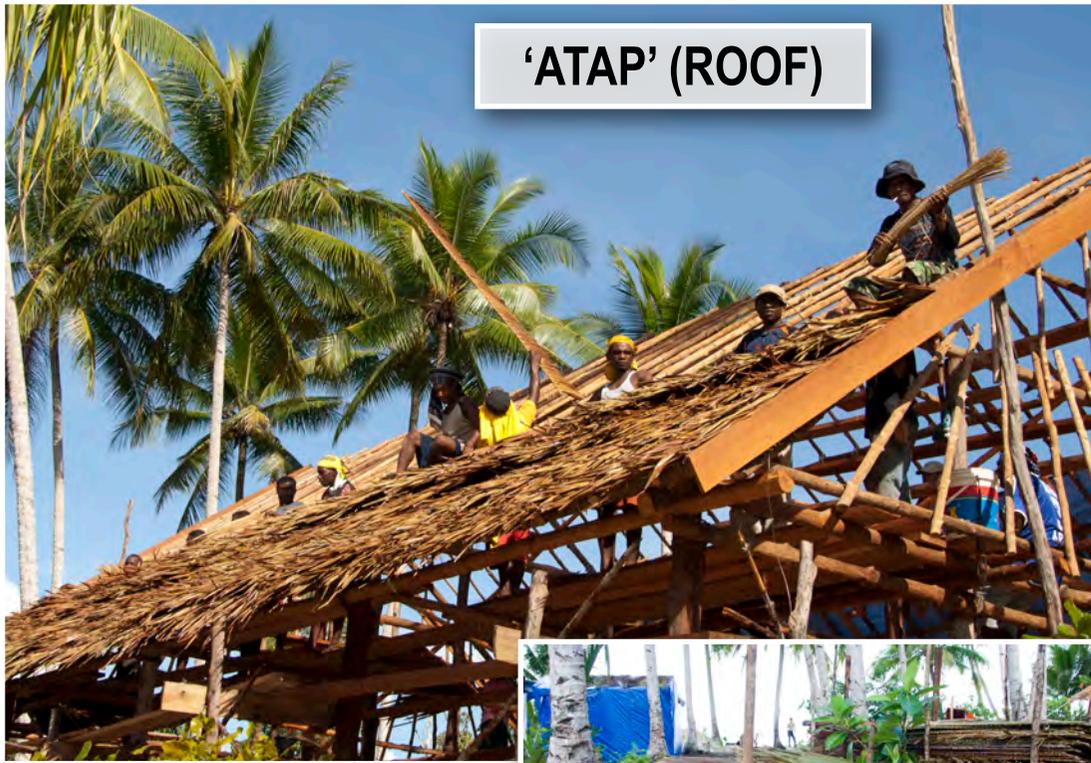


Leon and Claudia take an espresso break after a hard (hot) day behind the iMacs... in their 'production office' - the website, newsletters, You-tube movies, and all imagery, is generated from this location...



Sabine checks e-mail in her brand new home/office on Pulau Pef, using wi-fi satellite internet...

## 'ATAP' (ROOF)

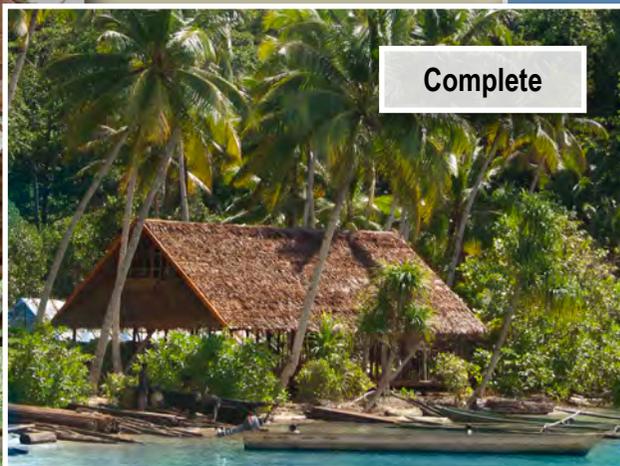


The roof of the senior staff building is complete. The entire process is done the traditional Papuan way. A wooden framework is tied together by natural fibre 'tali' (rope) from a plant that grows in the jungle. Then the sago palm leaf 'atap' (roofing) mats are layered on top of each other to form a watertight and incredibly strong roof that not only is aesthetically appealing, but will also last for a number of years before being replaced.

The 'atap' mats are woven and bound by the women of the village, and then delivered by the men, who also collect payment. Mmmm, you have to wonder how much of the cash goes to the women waiting back in the village?!



Complete





The store room which will be air-conditioned and the only 'brick and mortar' building on the island.



## CONSTRUCTION ON PULAU PEF...

The hard work never stops. Several projects are 'in motion' simultaneously!



Mas Mohammed on the left, also known as Mas 'Moh', with Dias, one of the Papuan workers. Mas Moh is contracted by Raja4Divers and all the workers are under his very capable leadership.



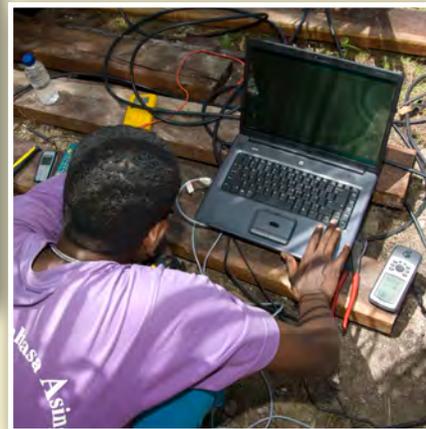
The carpenters make shelving for the Sorong office from coconut palm wood.

# SATELLITE INTERNET ON PULAU PEF!

After a tense 2 days of dish-pointing, fine-tuning and 'beeping', we now have broadband satellite internet through an Australian service provider, all thanks to a bright young Papuan fellow from Wamena named Ruddy Wetipo - he is a bit of a genius!



Good job Ruddy!  
...all smiles after the  
successful  
installation of  
broadband satellite  
internet!





The kitchen crew are prepare lunch for the ravenous workers...



After dinner; music under the stars! Note the hand-made bass and guitars  
...and then the drumming begins...  
ANY drum will do!



Makan, makan!! (eat eat!) the workers tuck in to a hearty meal  
of rice, veggies, fish, and the all important spicy sambal...

## LIFE ON PULAU PEF...



Check-mate!



Sunset on Pef...



Great snorkelling on the house reef...

Follow our adventures  
on Pulau Pef in the [newsletters!](#)  
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And so the project is in full swing on a scale un-paralleled in the Raja Ampat, powered by Swiss efficiency, and supported by an extremely motivated and professional team.

Attractive investment opportunities exist, so if you would like to contribute and be part of this historic event, please contact Maya at [invest@raja4divers](mailto:invest@raja4divers.com) to find out how!



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