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Rooms: 6 x 8m Deck: 3 x 8m Indoor/outdoor garden bathroom: 5.5 x 8m Entire structure: 16 x 8m Materials used in the construction of a typical Pef bungalow:

35 poles of 'Kayu Gatal' -these are the foundation poles, made of a type of wood which is resistant to water. 8 m³ 'Kayu Besi' - these are ironwood planks for the flooring. 150 poles 'Mangi Mangi' - these are the poles that make up the basic structure of the bungalow. 35 rods 'Bambu' - this is bamboo used to make the basic framework for the side walls.

12,000 strips of 'Daun Bobo' - these are special leaves which are inserted one by one and make up the side walls.

3500 mats 'Atap' - these are the individual sheets of roofing material which are woven together to form the waterproof roof.

Many many rolls of 'tali' -traditional rattan ropes used to tie almost everything together.

All of the above materials originate from the surrounding villages...

... And of course many miscellaneous items such as stainless steel bolts, nails, wire, tiles, stones, paint, cement, outlets, light switches, light bulbs, faucets, sinks, mirrors, 'Senat' (traditional floor mats), wood for furniture, water heater, basins, decorative objects, linen, towels, amenities, baskets.....and more.

Foot-basin at the entrance of the bungalow...









All the furniture and finishing touches are created on Pulau Pef itself. Using a combination of drift wood, iron wood, coconut palm and mangrove hard wood, adds to the authentic Papuan rustic feel.









Coconut wood lamp shade





Papua batik is incorporated into the bed linen







Enjoy the beautiful view or a typically spectacular Pef sunset from the spacious deck or even from the bed!



Just take a few steps back into the Jungle on Pulau Pef, and another world is revealed: eerlily quiet, because as the human being stamps noisily on the leafy forest floor, every creature scrambles in a desperate attempt to hide. It is the same concept underwater - once you calm your breathing, relax yourself, and approach slowly and carefully, you suddenly 'see' much more. Pef's natural forest has tall giant ancient trees which overwhelm the senses, and staring up into the canopy above, there were many sightings of beautiful birds flying overhead. A flock of Sulphur crested cockatoos were very vocal in their protest of our presence! The deeper we moved into the forest, and the quieter our movements became, the more we started to 'see'. Our eyes opened to tiny wondrous bugs on the colourful wild mushrooms, insects that camouflage themselves to look just like leaves, and even discarded crushed butterfly wings, laying in the pathway scattering wondrous butterfly dust into the wind....

IMAGES BY CLAUDIA PELLARINI

















Each day, the dive crew surveys new dive sites along with 'Ueli' the 'test guest'. Ueli and Ruth are long time friends - they have generously supported the project, and they are amongst Pef's greatest fans.

The Raja Ampat never fails to amaze, with exciting topside sightings such as this pod of Pacific Spotted Dolphins...

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Trainee dive guide Danci, plays the flute all the way back to the island, and has all the passengers merrily strumming the boat in time to the melody!

Sampai Jumpa! (until next time!) The Raja4Divers Team

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