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ON  
PULAU PEF!



### IN THIS UPDATE...

- The first dive boat, the PEF II, is being put through its paces and is fast and efficient in the exploration process.
- Sabine & Armin moved the dive center to a new location, still temporary under a plastic roof, but better set-up. They are hard at work pouring lead for weights and training future dive guides.
- Claudia and Leon have moved out of the temporary plastic 'studio' and into the air-conditioned imaging studio - their sensitive electronics now breathe a sigh of relief in the cool, dry conditions.
- Widya starts in March, she is the new reservations specialist and she paid a visit to Pef to get a feel of the island, resort and dive sites so that she can better communicate with prospective guests.
- Sleeping in plastic tents is finally over for the senior staff, and they happily move into the new Senior staff house.
- The restaurant is coming along nicely: the floor and roof structure are done and the ambiance is already fantastic!
- Better late than never, the big 45kw Perkins generator arrives, after almost one month delay. Just getting it to Pef was a story in itself!
- The guest bungalows are slowly but surely starting to take shape - it is now much easier to imagine being a guest on Pef!

After a few minor adjustments, the first dive boat, PEF II is now in operation...



The PEF III is in process in Bali and should reach the island soon...



Lead in various sizes....



Sabine & Armin are busily training Papuans Yoris and Danci from the neighbouring village Kabui - no easy task, particularly since it is all in Indonesian...

Tresye, who is responsible for personnel matters, is also curious to learn and joins in when she can - she was very happy when she finally did her first dive, a dream come true...



The filling station...and the trainees underwater...



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Ikban (second from the left) is the eldest son of the landowner of Pulau Pef, and direct descendant of what the Papuans consider the 'royal' family of Waigeo. He has been with us since day one...



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Nikson demonstrates how to find critters...

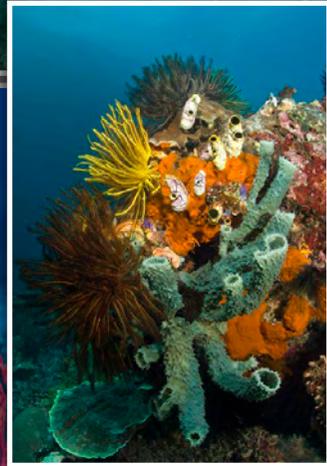
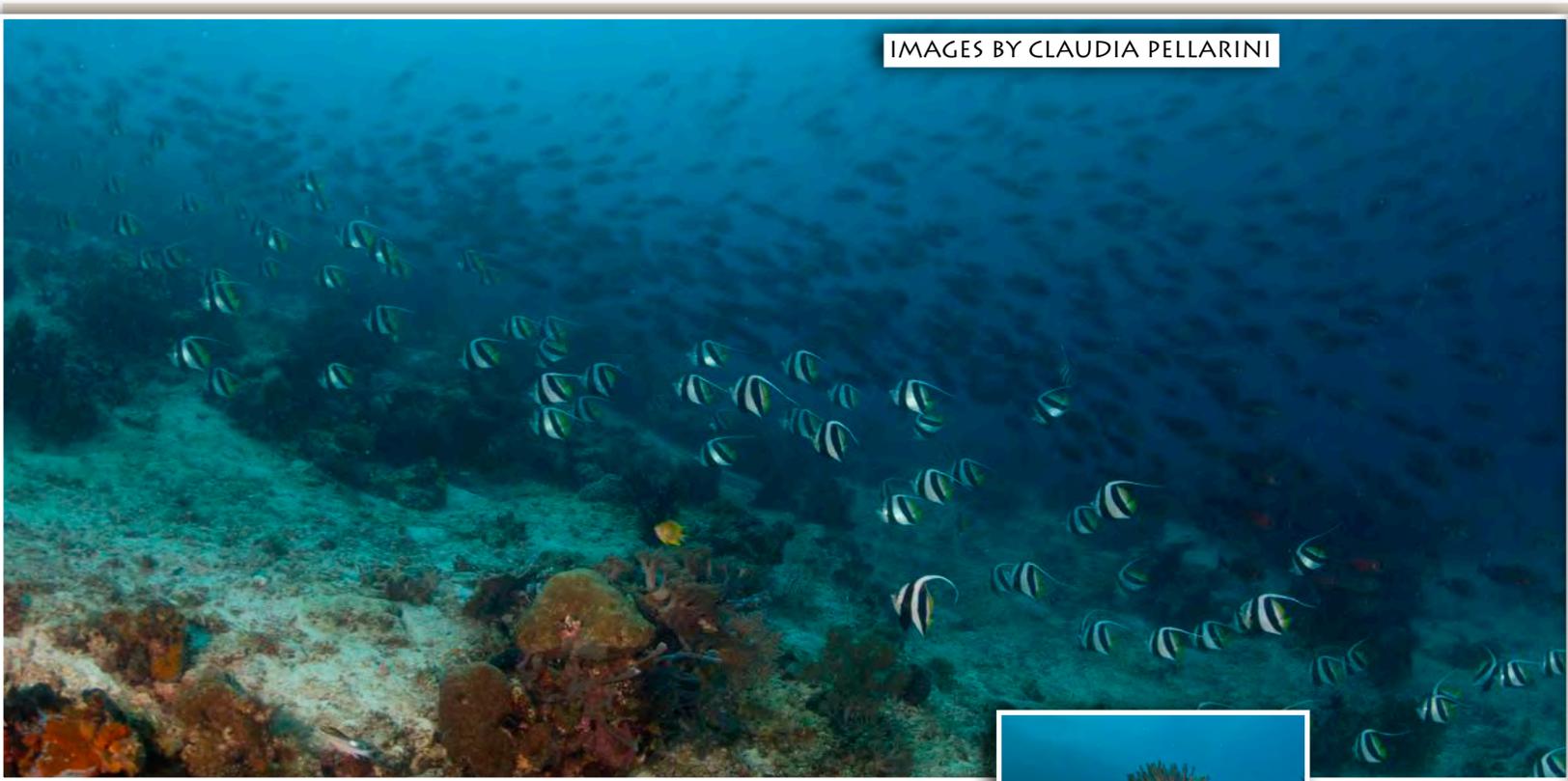


The 'climate controlled' underwater imaging studio is ready and they are improvising until custom furniture can be built and installed. To make things really interesting, there are about 20 papuan workers living in the loft above, and peeping through the doors at every opportunity to catch a glimpse of images and video on their big screens...



Meanwhile they are hard at work documenting, filming, and editing all of the beauty above and below the water...

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**Front left:  
Nikson,  
Tresye,  
Widya,  
Maya (#2),  
and Leon  
Back: Maya  
and Claudia**



**Living in a plastic tent  
is a thing of the past  
for Claudia, Leon,  
Sabine and Armin and  
they are happily move  
into their new staff  
accommodation...**



**Widya, pays a visit all the way from Bali.  
From March onwards, she will be  
responsible for the reservations process  
from Bali, and in time she will also handle  
the 'info' e-mail address enquiries.  
Widya is a veteran in the business, she has  
worked for several dive operations in  
Indonesia, and she was assistant to the  
legendary Larry Smith.**



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**View from a cliff: facing south, the poles for the guest bungalows are clearly visible in the foreground, with the restaurant structure, jetty and other buildings in the background.**

**The over-the-water restaurant is nearing completion, and large schools of small fish are already congregating and sheltering underneath. All meals will be served here - a most spectacular setting!**





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A glimpse into the secret wild-life of Pef...



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After a substantial delay, our new 45kw Perkins generator finally arrives in Sorong harbour.



The 'easy' part: depositing a 1200kg block of iron and steel onto the longboat, then 109km over the ocean to Pulau Pef...



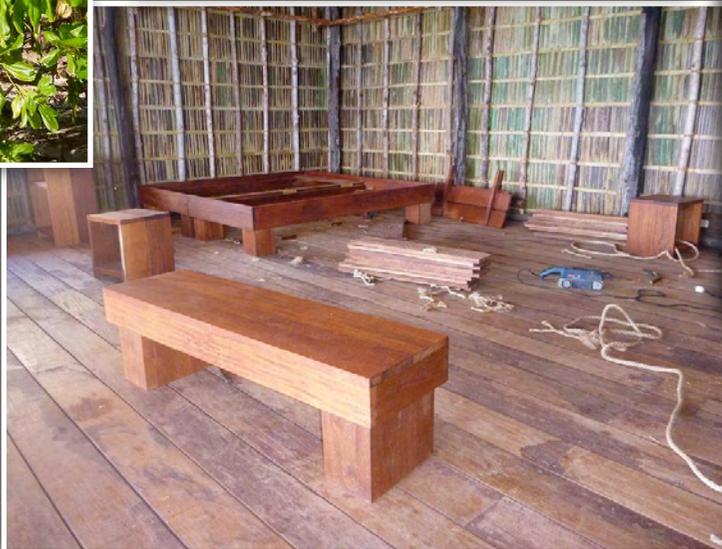
And the 'not-so-easy' part: getting the generator off the boat using iron wood, a lot of Papuan muscle, enthusiasm and a little ingenuity!



...and then learning how to operate it...



A sneak peak at the first images of the first-ever guest bungalow on Pulau Pef!



**COMING SOON: In our next update - images of the finished bungalow!**



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

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