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To Our Visitors

Well here we are again looking back over our high season and from what I can tell, we were all pretty busy. I hope that is a good thing but time will tell if our reefs and facilities can sustain the additional numbers of persons visiting North Sulawesi.

A couple of hints to make sure that the next time you return things will be even better that you experienced this time:

- Please pay your BUNAKEN ENTRANCE FEE of Rp. 150,000
- Please don't wear gloves when you are diving
- Maintain good buoyancy, if you're taking photos, watch your position relative to the coral and try not to come into contact with it
- Please take your batteries home with you
- Hang your towels up so you can use them for more than one day
- Don't throw rubbish into the sea or onto the ground – put it in a bin
- Don't drink from plastic bottles - use a water dispenser
- Tell your dive operator about any environmental destruction you've witnessed; ask them to report it to the authorities
- Eat only sustainable fish species
- Only dive with environmentally responsible dive operators, such as NSWA

So enjoy and by helping us with these few small ideas, you will be doing your part to make sure that North Sulawesi is great destination to return to, the next time you are looking for a safe, clean and beautiful vacation spot in SE Asia.

Sampai Jumpa Lagi (see you again)

Best regards,

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Culinary Experiences in Manado

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At any budget you can always find a place to sit down and fill your empty stomach. Taking a food tour in Manado, people in the 'know' recommend Wala-Beraga, a dish with a special blend of various spices and Tondano, a mixture of soft rice, corn and vegetables.

Other Manado food such as Bakir Rika, Tinorogak, Pango, Sator and other dishes cooked in bamboo are usually found in Manado's restaurants. One culinary treat such as Biji Biji, Pando Dadi and Karok. However, you can also enjoy top quality culinary experience if you are brave.

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A Vet's Approach to Macro



This summer Manfred & Claudia Hochleitner returned to KBR for their 10th visit. They both run a thriving vets clinic in Vienna Austria as well as doing a lot of work with Corffias in Rwanda.

This work is not only confined to animals. Manfred and Claudia have also set up and built a camera at home and embark on a series of underwater film projects for German television and on their latest visit they brought

pictures with a big fish. The last 2 years has seen them both bring their photo camera at home and embark on a series of underwater film projects for German television and on their latest visit they brought

with them an endoscope to test out on our house reef. Endoscopes are normally used to look inside the internal organs of animals and humans

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Eating Your Way through Gorontalo

Many visitors travel through Gorontalo on the way to the Togean Islands or spend days exploring Gorontalo's fantastic marine environment. But visitors soon discover that one of their favorite activities here is, well, eating. All the ingredients are fresh. Local prices are extremely reasonable.



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Pulutan Pottery Village Repositioned or...

I remember about ten years ago, I first went to the village of Pulutan in the Minahasan Highlands.



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Cover Photo
Cover shot of Manado Tua was taken by Jan Ebbing, with a Canon 500 in May 2007 at the jetty of Thalassa Dive Center

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On our return to Australia, we made our dive buddies incredibly jealous with our pics of the beautiful coral reefs around Bunaken and the weird critters of Lembeh Strait and after some relentless pestering we decided to organise a group trip. As a result, 9 Australians invaded the Manado region in March 2008 and after 24 hours travelling from Australia (via Singapore) we finally found ourselves kicking back and relaxing at the brand new Cocotinos Resort located on the waterfront in Wori Bay.

When we visited in April 2007, we walked around the Cocotinos site just as the construction had commenced and to be able to stay at the resort less than 12 months after building started was very impressive. Everyone in the group were in agreement that it was the nicest dive resort that we had visited and the friendly staff, great food and outstanding dive facilities made us feel very spoiled! It was a pretty good feeling sitting on the deck overlooking the bay each evening knocking back a cold beer or cocktail after a hard days diving!

During the course of our twelve day visit, we averaged 28 dives each as we were generally diving 3-4 times a day and fortunately we were using NITROX which gave us extended bottom times and made it safer for us. Most of the diving was around Bunaken Island and Lembeh Strait, however, we also managed a day trip up to Bangka Island where we were fortunate enough to dive Batu Mandi, Sahaung and Paradise Jetty. However, we did learn that diving



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Paradise Jetty on a really low tide probably isn't the best idea as visibility was only 3 metres – we really should have taken the advice of our dive guides!

One of the best dives of the trip was at Gabet Point, only a short 10 minute boat ride from Cocotinos. On the single dive we encountered 2 different species of anglerfish (frogfish are correctly referred to as anglerfish in Australia), a pair of robust and ornate ghostpipefish, two leaf scorpionfish, harlequin shrimp, 8 species of nudibranch and a pair of jawfish fighting! This was one of those dives where the Nikon D300 got a full work out with the memory card filling up very quickly!

The major photographic highlights of the trip were the pair of Harlequin Shrimp found at Police Pier and the two species of Rhinopias (Weedy and Paddle Flap) found together at the Aer Prang dive site in Lembeh. Other good discoveries included the Boxer Crab on Siladen Island, the Mandarin fish on Odyssey Reef and the pygmy seahorses that we encountered on various gorgonian fans at several dive sites.

There were several particular species that we were keen to photograph during our visit and whilst we were successful on ticking off most of our critter "wish list", we struck it out on the 3 cephalopods that we were desperate to see. We just didn't have any luck in finding the mimic octopus, wonderpus or flamboyant cuttlefish which has just given us more incentive to start planning another trip for next year!

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The huge dive-deck has several camera tables and rinse tanks. Care has been taken to ensure that photographers have safe places to put down their expensive cameras just before and after the dive. Ocean Rover's unique feature is the "Whale-deck", the lower section of the dive deck which slopes down to the waterline allowing for optimum ease of diving operations.

The spacious salon offers a comfortable dining and sitting arrangement, fully equipped entertainment center and a camera charging area with 220/110



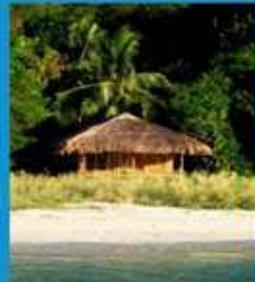
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Since June 2008 Ocean Rover has based in the unique area of North-Sulawesi, offering her guests the opportunity to enjoy diving in comfortable and familiar on-board surroundings. Ocean Rover's departure point in North Sulawesi is the deep-sea port of Bitung in the Lembeh Strait. Each cruise will start and finish with a full day of diving in this location. Lembeh Strait truly is the 1st choice for underwater photographers in search of unique macro subjects. Divers will also spend time enjoying the world-class diving around Bunaken National Marine Park and Bangka Island. Here divers will encounter spectacular walls and reefs of hard and soft corals, an underwater environment that has enchanted divers from all over the globe. Ocean Rover then journeys further north to a chain of volcanic



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Beginning in September 2009, Ocean Rover will be operating in Raja Ampat for a period of four months and will then be returning to North Sulawesi. The planning is to do this every year. The experienced dive guides will seek out interesting marine life for the guests plus macro subjects and wide angle vistas for underwater photographers & videographers alike. So if you are interested in experiencing a luxury live-aboard dive experience in North Sulawesi or Raja Ampat (2009) why not look into the MV Ocean Rover www.oceanrover.com.

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to entertain your guests with a special treat on their special day, this can also be arranged.



Another must visit, is Raja Sate Restaurant, situated right in downtown Manado, on the Boulevard. As stated in the name, Raja Sate means King of Sate. Here you can choose from a variety kinds of sate such as goat or chicken, and to keep the sate warm, the sates are served on a tiny table barbeque with hot coals. Although sate is their specialty, Raja Sate also offer many other choices for the discerning palate. The owner, who is an architect by trade, succeeded in using traditional materials such as bamboo, palm leave and small fish ponds to tie in the décor and make the dining experience heads and tails above most of the dining choices in Manado .



A few days ago, I had lunch in Raja Sate with my family, and by coincidence Safari Tours was there with two American guests. We dined together and they related their stories of their two week Trans-Sulawesi trip. Being Minahasan, I suggested tasting one or two of the authentic Minahasan dishes, which is Woku Blanga, that was luckily on the menu and Shrimp Woku Blanga. They were so satisfied with their lunch and thanked the guide profusely for taking them there and admitted that it was the best meal they had since they left Makassar ten days before.



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FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Flights From	Departure/ Arrival	Flight No.	Frequency
Kuala Lumpur to Manado	6:40 / 10:40	AK 1030	2,5,7
Manado to Kuala Lumpur	11:10 / 15:10	AK 1031	2,5,7

2= Tuesday, 5 = Friday, 7 = Sunday

Market, which was once the city's wet market, offers an assortment of arts and craft merchandise, varying from antiques and paintings to souvenirs and clothing. It is also known as Pasar Seni in Malay.

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Bunaken National Park Management:

New Management, New Spirit

The Bunaken National Park Management Advisory Board (DPTNB) is a multi-stakeholder organization, designed to represent as many as possible of the different groups who are involved in the management and use of this incredibly valuable natural resource, including the fishing community, marine tourism community, scientists and government environmental agencies.

The Advisory Board's responsibility is to decide how best to spend the limited funds that come into the park from tourist entrance fees, to protect and sustain that resource for future generations. It is then the responsibility of the "Secretariat" of the Park to turn the decisions taken by the Advisory Board into real conservation projects on the ground, including patrols, garbage clean ups and village development programs aimed at garnering the support of the nearly 30,000 villagers in the Park. It has been a legal requirement for any outside visitor to the Park to pay an entrance fee since 2000. Foreign

tourist are required to pay Rp.50,000 each time they enter the Park – that's about US\$7 – or they also have the option to purchase a "Park Tag" for Rp150,000 (US\$17) – this is an annual pass which gives unlimited entries to the Park till the end of that calendar year.

Since August 1, a new broom has been sweeping clean at the Park's Secretariat. Mrs. Angelique Batuna-Charlton was appointed as interim Executive Director, replacing the previous Director whilst a permanent replacement is found to fill this challenging role. Thankfully, Mrs. Batuna-Charlton is able to bring plenty of conservation management experience with her, as she also heads WWF (World Wildlife Fund) Indonesia's Bunaken Project office. Her deep understanding of the local community will also serve her well in her mission to improve that Park rules are respected.

Despite her relevant experience, this does not mean that Mrs. Batuna-Charlton won't face many challenges to achieve some of the goals set for her during her short tenure. She is acutely aware of the shortfall of funds faced by this large and complex Park – tourist entrance fees alone are simply not enough to cover the cost of all the programs required to sustain the fragile reef system. For example,

joint patrols by villagers, ranger and police have been effective in ending destructive fishing practices such as blast and cyanide fishing and other illegal activities such as mangrove cutting and capture of endangered wildlife like turtles and dugongs, but these patrols have a huge monetary cost attached to them. It is hoped that our local government will be able to assist the Secretariat in seeking funding from their own annual budget.

Mrs. Batuna-Charlton's other main focus is on improving the way the various stakeholders work together collaboratively. She's aiming to do so by developing better communication systems inside the Park. A brand new website will give everyone inside and outside the Park instant access to information about the various programs running at any time. For those villagers who don't have internet, new information boards will be constructed for each of the 30 villages in the Park. An old, broken VHF radio network will also be fixed and put back into operation. Mrs. Batuna-Charlton will also cooperate with her own WWF office in North Sulawesi and the Bunaken Authorities to educate the local fishing community about the Park's "Zonation Scheme", whereby separate fishing and tourism zones have been established

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Garuda Schedule:

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Jakarta-Manado	GA 600	05.30	09.45
Manado-Jakarta	GA 601	10.30	12.45
Jakarta-Manado via Balikpapan	GA 520	18.00	23.20
Manado-Jakarta via Balikpapan	GA 513	07.00	10.10
Jakarta-Manado via Makasar	GA 602	07.10	12.50
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Qua-li Manado Town Square

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A Vet's Approach to Macro



This summer Manfred & Claudia Hochleitner returned to KBR for their 10th visit. They both run a thriving vets clinic in Vienna Austria as well as doing a lot of work with Gorillas in Rwanda.

Their work is not only confined to animals. Manfred and Claudia have also set up and help finance a much needed orphanage in Rwanda. Their coffee book, Underwater Universe, featuring all of their underwater photography

pictures was quite a big hit. The last 2 years has seen them both leave their photo cameras at home and embark on a series of underwater film projects for German Television and on their latest visit they brought

with them an endoscope to test out on our house reef. Endoscopes are normally used to look inside the internal organs of animals and humans

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Immigration Supports Tourism

In order to tell the story, I need to go back to 2007 when several of the stakeholders from the tourism sector & Pak Edwin Silangen (Head of Tourism for the Province) decided to approach the Head of Immigration, Mr Jumanter Lubis. The idea was to hand out a public service flyer at Immigration. You might ask what type of flyer would immigration hand out to the arriving guests that would be of mutual interest to stakeholders, Immigration and the Tourism Department. The short answer is, Bunaken Entrance Fee reminder!! Tarsey, the adopted mascot of North Sulawesi is



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quick to remind all new arrivals of the Bunaken Entrance Fee and the penalty if you don't buy the pin. So if you do not get asked to pay for an Entrance Fee Tag, ask the dive operator, boat operator or resort for your Bunaken Pin. Seen holding the flyer are officers Mr. Steven Massie & Mr Audy Kowal, and looking over the department's activities (seated) as the director of airport operations, is Mr. Montano Rengkung.

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Approach to Macro

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without having to undertake major surgery. Simply described, it is a long flexible tube with a very high quality microscopic camera and light on the end operated from the surface controlling movement & focus. The plan was to have a look down the many critter holes we have dotted around

our jetty and also take a detailed look at the many sponges we have in the shallow water. Many of the critters in the Lembeh Strait use these holes as protection and homes. The problem is that none of us has any idea what goes on in these holes!! The results were quite extraordinary.

The biggest surprise was how deep some of the holes go, in fact some were more than 3 meters in length going straight down from the sandy bottom under our jetty. In one hole they discovered two Tiger Mantis Shrimp at a depth of 1.5 meter under the sand and in another hole produced a very lively Tiger Mantis Shrimp. He did not like being disturbed and attacked the camera repeatedly, however on closer inspection his anger became clear, he



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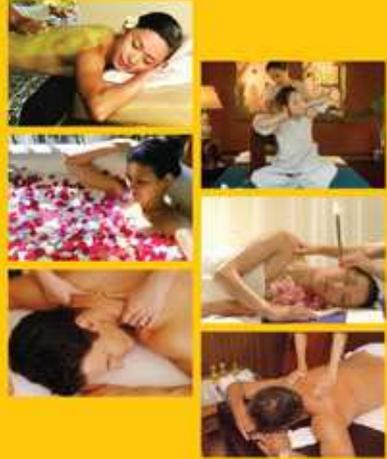


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had killed a juvenile scorpion fish and was hoping to have a quiet meal.

When divers look into a sponge it quite often appears empty and lifeless, clearly a microscopic lens totally contradicts this. As you can see from the pictures the sponges are infested with tiny worm like creatures that are continually burrowing into the sponge. It looked like a scene out of the Matrix movies.

Another use for the endoscope which has become apparent is that in the past, whenever a new underwater species have been discovered, at least one example needed to be removed from the water for verification. This of course results in the death of the animal. As the endoscope is designed to also perform surgeries, a minute surgical set of forceps can be attached and a small sample taken from a critter without harming it, totally removing the need to take it

from the water. From this small sample its DNA can be determined and with the accompanying picture, a decision can be made to whether or not it is a new species. All of you divers out there looking to get something named after yourselves take note!! There is now an alternative to illegally removing the critter.

So, if ever you think that you have stumbled onto something new in the water then show it to your dive guide. The dive guides based in the Lembeh Strait are very experienced and there is no better expert to direct your questions to. Their knowledge of the critter life in Lembeh Strait is second to none.

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Many visitors travel through Gorontalo on the way to the Togeian Islands or spend days exploring Gorontalo's fantastic marine environment. But visitors soon discover that one of their favorite activities here is, well, eating. All the ingredients are fresh. Local prices are extremely reasonable.



Seafood is especially good. At the many street side cafés that spring up after sundown, you can inspect the day's catch. Pick your fish, shrimp, squid or crab. The big decision then becomes how to have it cooked: grilled, batter fried, sweet-and-sour or basted with hot red chili peppers. Grilled fish are typically served with a raw chili garnish on the side called dabu dabu. It is made of little

red chili peppers, little red tomatoes, little purple onions, sometimes a tangy, green-skin fruit called be-limbing, a pinch of salt and a bit of cooking oil. Spoon a bit onto a chunk

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of steaming, grilled fish and eat it with some white rice. Lovers of spicy food soon find this almost addictive. Since dabu dabu is served on the side, you can eat as little – or as much – as you like. Another regional delicacy is ikan woku or woku-style fish, in which the fish of your choice is steamed in herbs for a delicious result.

In addition to abundant seafood, Gorontalo has its own special corn chowder called milu siram. In the local language it is called binte biluhuta. The words “milu / binte” mean “corn” and “siram / biluhuta” mean “poured.” This hearty soup’s main ingredients are shaved corn and grated coconut meat. Into the boiling mix goes freshly chopped green onions and a few cilantro-like leaves. According to the preference of the customer, either tiny whole shrimp or pieces of tuna fish are placed in a bowl and then the steaming corn and coconut broth is poured on top. Finally, browned baby onions are sprinkled as a garnish. At the table you can add three side ingredients according to taste. Squeeze some sliced lime, stir in some red chili paste and sprinkle in monosodium glutamate as a salt substitute. (We won’t tell your doctor about the MSG!) This filling soup is a favorite of Gorontalo’s lunch crowd but also is available in the evening.

Around the time of the new moon, minnows found only in northern Sulawesi migrate by the millions from the ocean into rivers. These centimeter-long nike (NEE-kay) fish are caught traditionally by net in river estuaries and are available to eat as perkedel ikan nike or nike minnow patties. Gorontalo people also call this tiny fish du’o. Mixed in a batter then fried by the spoonful, these fish patties make a tasty side dish to that corn chowder. If you are really lucky, yilepa’o will also be available. For this delicacy, the nike minnows are mixed with sago palm flour, herbs and spices and steamed in banana leaves. Truly tasty!

For breakfast, Gorontalo people often eat nasi kuning, literally “yellow rice.” The rice is cooked in milk squeezed from shaved coconut meat along with minced garlic, chopped baby onions, lemongrass and saffron. Over the yellow rice is sprinkled a tasty, dry Indonesian condiment called ambon, whose main ingredient is bits of tuna fish. Over this is sprinkled scrambled eggs cut into long thin strips with a garnish of browned baby onions on top. This traditional breakfast is widely available in many eateries. However, in the early mornings off an otherwise deserted street and 25 meters down a narrow alley is Gorontalo’s most famous place to sample nasi kuning: RM Sabar Menanti, which name that means “Waiting Patiently.” It has been operating continuously for over 50 years in a traditional wooden house over 100 years old. Locals on the way to the airport will take large orders to relatives in Jakarta and other places who are longing to taste nasi kuning the way grandma used to make it. The secret is to cook the yellow rice over a wood fire, something still done at this tiny restaurant.

Although these are certainly not the only foods available in Gorontalo, they are traditional, local foods that visitors will surely want to try. Bon appetite! Silakan makan! Ma toduwolo morijiki!

Article by: **Jansen Allen**

Suggested Locations

Milu siram (Binte biluhuta) & Perkedel Ikan Nike
RM Ci Kia, Jl. Tribrata

Nasi Kuning
RM Sabar Menanti, Jl. Pertiwi

Helpful Food Words

Restaurant-----Rumah Makan (RM)
Beef -----daging
Chicken -----ayam
Crab -----kepiting
Fish -----ikan (EE-kan)
Shrimp-----udang

Squid ----- cumi (CHOO-mee)
Batter fried ----- tepung goreng
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Pulutan Pottery Village Repositioned or...

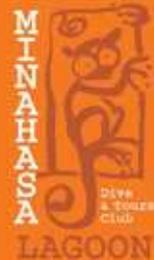
I remember about ten years ago, I first went to the village of Pulutan in the Minahasan Highlands.



I was amazed at the simple "equipment" the people used for fabricating nice pots and other objects for local consumption. Even then (10 years ago), I was sure that tourists coming to North Sulawesi would love to see this on their Highland Tour and naturally would like to purchase a souvenir pot or handicraft. One problem that needed to be addressed was that the pots being produced were huge (not suitable for transport back to one's home country) and most were glazed with hideous shades of pink, light green and bright yellow colors, not exactly the taste of the average tourist.

In June 2007 the Australian Ambassador came to Pulutan to launch the first pottery training centre in North Sulawesi. Shortly after this, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) took over the task to train local villagers new techniques to produce high quality pottery and glazes hence the products became much more attractive as souvenirs. The natural "terracotta" color became the new style and replaced "multi color rainbow" style.

At approximately the same time the training centre opened up, our resort decided to build our own "pottery village" in Minahasa Lagoon. At the beginning, the idea was to produce all kind of useful products



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Our management decided to go to Pulutan and look for two or three young men who would be willing to leave their families and the village and relocate near the sea. The guys (we found) were very excited and soon our simple pottery center with its own "forno" (furnace) was finished and ready to start production. To our surprise it wasn't long, before we realized how talented these guys really were. Each week they became more and more creative and the things produced became more detailed and soon a simple flower pot is decorated with a small lizard or flower.

Our guests of course just love the pottery center located at the resort. Some guests are even taking part in pottery lessons, trying their luck at the "wheel" and ending up with their own, hand-made souvenir!

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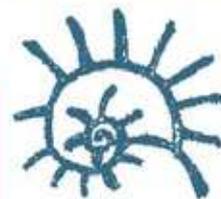
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around the islands, the idea being that these activities co-exist in harmony. (There's even a third category of zone called the "core zones", where no fishing or tourism is allowed, to allow fish stock to regenerate.) This project has been recently approved by the Director General of The Nature Conservancy.

It's clear that Mrs. Batuna-Charlton will have her hands full in the short five months she'll be in that seat at the Secretariat. But with her obvious talent, enthusiasm and natural love of Bunaken National Park, we're confident she will be able to get the whole community behind her and make a real difference to all of our lives and those of our children. We wish her every success!

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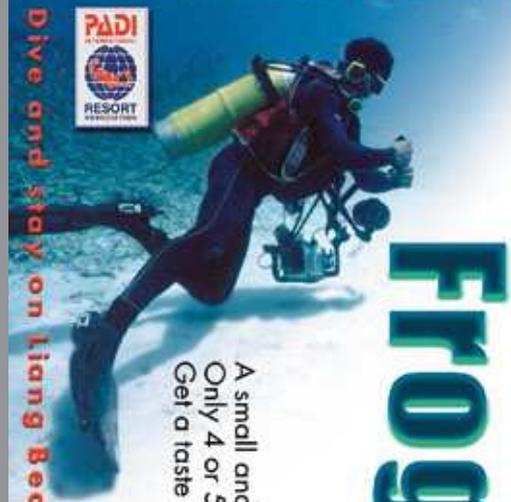


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