



# KOMANDOO PRODIVERS

PADI 5 STAR DIVE CENTER

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Dear Friends

It is time again for the latest news from Komandoo. The months since our last newsletter have passed at warp speed and once again we've entered the last week of the year with Christmas and New Year knocking on our doors.

The tree is already in the dive center and the palm trees and bushes around the island are beautifully decorated with lights.

Even the weather is finally co-operating with blue skies and sunshine and a mild breeze to keep everyone cool.

Like every year we like to take this opportunity to thank all our guests and friends for all the visits and e-mails. It is always nice to hear from you and we are always looking forward to the good times with you above and below water.

Meanwhile Prodivers has also entered the digital age and is offering two new SONY Cybershots 4.1 cameras for rental. As you can imagine they are very popular with divers and snorkelers alike, especially since you can immediately look at the results on the TV in the dive center. Afterwards we burn everything on a CD for you to take home. It is a lot of fun and so easy to do.

In addition we also offer a download service for all of you that like to take a lot of pictures, but don't have a big enough memory card. Simply bring the card to the dive center and we'll download them for you. At the end of your vacation we burn them all on a CD for you to take home.

Our water sports center is still looked after by Ibrahim "Tudde" who most of the time can be seen standing in the lagoon teaching the art of windsurfing. Those that have never snorkeled before also find a patient teacher in "Tudde" during one of his snorkel introduction courses.

The hotel also keeps on improving and now offers 10 beautiful Jacuzzi bungalows. The bathrooms of Manta 1-9 and Marlin 1 have been extended and a Jacuzzi along with a resting area has been added. They have turned out rather nicely and offer the perfect spot to read a book and relax during a very hot or windy day. Try it, they're great.

Melida, our hotel manager, has already had her first anniversary on the island and keeps doing her magic. Tirelessly she is patrolling the island and finding new ways to make your stay a more pleasant one.

But it's not all happy news on Komandoo.

Not too long ago we reported on our new feathery crew member Monika, who put a smile on everybody's face when desperately trying to fly and score some food.



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However, it seems that our flying lessons paid off at last. For a couple of weeks now we haven't seen her around and therefore assume that she finally realized what those wings were for. Good luck

But birds we still have. Our aviary now includes 2 budgies and 2 zebra finches. The budgies entertain the divers and snorkelers with a lot of chirping while the finches are busy making little finches. At the moment we are counting five chicks screaming for food. It looks like we'll have to extend the cage soon.

Talking about extension. Surely you have heard the latest rumor about Komandoo building water bungalows. Well it's not a rumor. On 18<sup>th</sup> April 2005 we will close the island for construction until the end of July.

Fifteen water bungalows will be built on the far side of the island where the sandbank used to be. That's the eastern tip. We are all excited about it and will of course keep you posted on any new developments.

Three and a half months is a long time and you are probably asking yourself what we will do during this time.

There will be quite a bit of work around the dive center renovating and expanding. And with a bit of vacationing, suddenly the 3 ½ months are gone.

Saizuddin and Aslam are still part of our team and responsible for a smooth operation behind the scenes.

This concludes another newsflash from Komandoo.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2005.

With sunny greetings from Komandoo  
Your Prodivers Team

Tom, Barbara, Darren, Sabine  
Aslam, Saizuddin and Tudde