

Dear Friends,

Well, summer's gone and it's time again to bring you up to date with what has happened during the last season here at Kuredu Prodivers!

**Critters** Frogfish have been found at three of our divesites: Miaruvani Thila, Kahlifushifaru Corner and the Shipyard. Ghostpipe fish have been sighted at Caves, Zafari, Felivaru Outreef and Bodu Giri. Three ribbon eels are resident at Nakolhu Giri and two harlequin shrimps have made Miaruvani Thila their home. They are all waiting to be photographed!



**IDC Success!** Six instructor candidates were successful in completing their Instructor Examination in October. Congratulations! Two of the candidates, Shaun and Colin, have already been recruited and are now working on for Prodivers on Komandoo Island. The next IDC will take place in April 2006.

**Digital Cameras** Our digital camera rental section has been expanded to keep up with increasing demand. We now have 6 cameras to rent.

**Coffee & Cake!** We are all enjoying the tea, coffee and banana cake on our morning and afternoon dive boats.

### 'Cybershot of the Week' Competition

Anyone renting one of our Sony Cybershot digital cameras can now enter our 'Cybershot of the Week' competition. Each weeks lucky winner will receive an A4 size print of their winning entry and a free half day snorkel tour. Results are published on our website.

**Dive site map book** We have updated our list of dive sites and produced a small booklet of maps and descriptions. The books are on sale in our dive shop.

**Clean up the World** On 17<sup>th</sup> September more than 130 people – guests and staff participated in the clean up event on Kuredu Island. 48 bags of rubbish were collected – thank you to all of you that helped!

### New Course: Digital Photography

A new PADI Specialty course will be launched in January and Prodivers will be one of the first centres to offer it. Divers will be able to improve their digital photography skills and gain a specialty certification. Snorkellers will also be able to take part and gain a 'non-diving' certification.

**New Staff** We have a new snorkel team here on Kuredu – Cameron from Australia, Kirsty from Wales and Liam from Switzerland. They have replaced Eric and Sandy who are now part of the dive team. Behind the scenes we also have two new office staff – Penny from Australia and Ellinor from Sweden.

**Rebreathers** Our rebreather facility has been upgraded and we now have two brand new Dolphin rebreathers for rental and course use.

### Birmingham Dive Show

Staffan and Marc from Prodivers attended the Birmingham dive show in October - thanks to everyone who came along to say hello.

### Manta Luck for Open Water Course

Eight students completing the final dive of their Open water course couldn't believe their eyes when a manta put in an appearance on Bodu Giri. It stayed with the group for 15 minutes – thankfully our videographer Jean-Marie was on hand to capture it all on film! It was a dive they will not forget.



### Decompression Chamber

The chamber on Kuredu is due to open in December and recently we had the pleasure of welcoming representatives from DAN Europe, DAN Southern Africa and the Health Ministry of Maldives to strengthen relations and look at our facilities. They were able to offer valuable advice on the successful running of the new chamber.