

Dear friends,

it was a marvellous season on Kuredu with very satisfied guests. Now it is time again to inform you about some new developments, and to update you on what has happened during the last few months...

The big, bold and the beautiful

We have been very lucky this last season with sightings spanning the entire size range. From the discovery of seahorses in the lagoon and harlequin shrimps on Madivaru Outreef, to huge numbers of Manta Rays in the south of the Atoll, to the even larger surprises such as Tiger Sharks and Sailfish at Zafari! Ornate Eagle rays, Sea Snakes, Grey Reef Sharks.....we have had it all!



New places to get wet

On an exploration mission, Frank and the Warmduscher group discovered some stunning new dive sites both in Lhaviyani and Noon Atoll. 'Anemonie Thila': a very appropriate name given that the tops reef is so densely covered with anemonie's there is barely room for anything else, 'Ismail Thila': where 'schools of fish' has a new meaning, and 'Oshivaru Giri' which boasts the largest table corals of any of our dives sites.

Dive shows

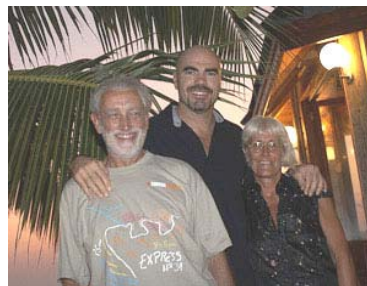
Staffan, Ray, Rosa and Petra were for 9 days in Duesseldorf at the Boat Show. They met many familiar faces but also made some new friends. The show was a big success. Ray and Josep represented Prodivers at the dive show in London, and here the huge interest in the Maldives was very evident.

Putting a name to a face

Sadly we had to say goodbye to two of our most long standing members of staff, Micha who has gone back to Germany, and Jean Marie who is starting a new adventure in Florida. But with smiling faces we have welcomed our new colleagues. Joining the Instructors we have Armin and Katrin from Germany and Willy from Guatemala. Behind the scenes in the office, Sanny from Germany and Nina from Denmark. Some of you might remember Nina from 4 years ago, they just can't stay away!

To those whose second home is Kuredu

Europe's 'Winter' time means 'Dive' time here on Kuredu, and our repeater guests have descended in droves. It is always a pleasure to see so many familiar faces, and to pick up the diving where we left off. A special mention goes out to our 10 times repeater guests Horst, Otto and Peter from Germany, Markus from Switzerland and of course to our very special guests Laurie and Terry from England who visited us for the 20th time. It is so lovely to have you come back year after year and we hope to see you again in November.



Watch this space

The renovation and construction work on the Island is due to be finished by the beginning of October, taking Kuredu to new heights as far as service and shine are concerned. Prodivers are also investing in 3 Evolution Rebreathers from 'Ambient Pressure' and will be offering them for rental as well as for courses which will be taught under 'ANDI' standards. For the diver who wants to try the new underwater craze, 10 powerful scooters from Seadoo will also be available for use.



A venture taken is a venture gained

Prodivers will shortly be taking over the running of the Water Sports Centre. Of course the setup and facilities will be of the same 5* Prodivers standard and will include, for the more adventurous: Wake Boarding, Water Skiing, Kite Surfing and Wind Surfing. Also available on a some what more leisurely basis will be the use of Canoes and Pedalos, as well as Parasailing.