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Open water & Advance divers

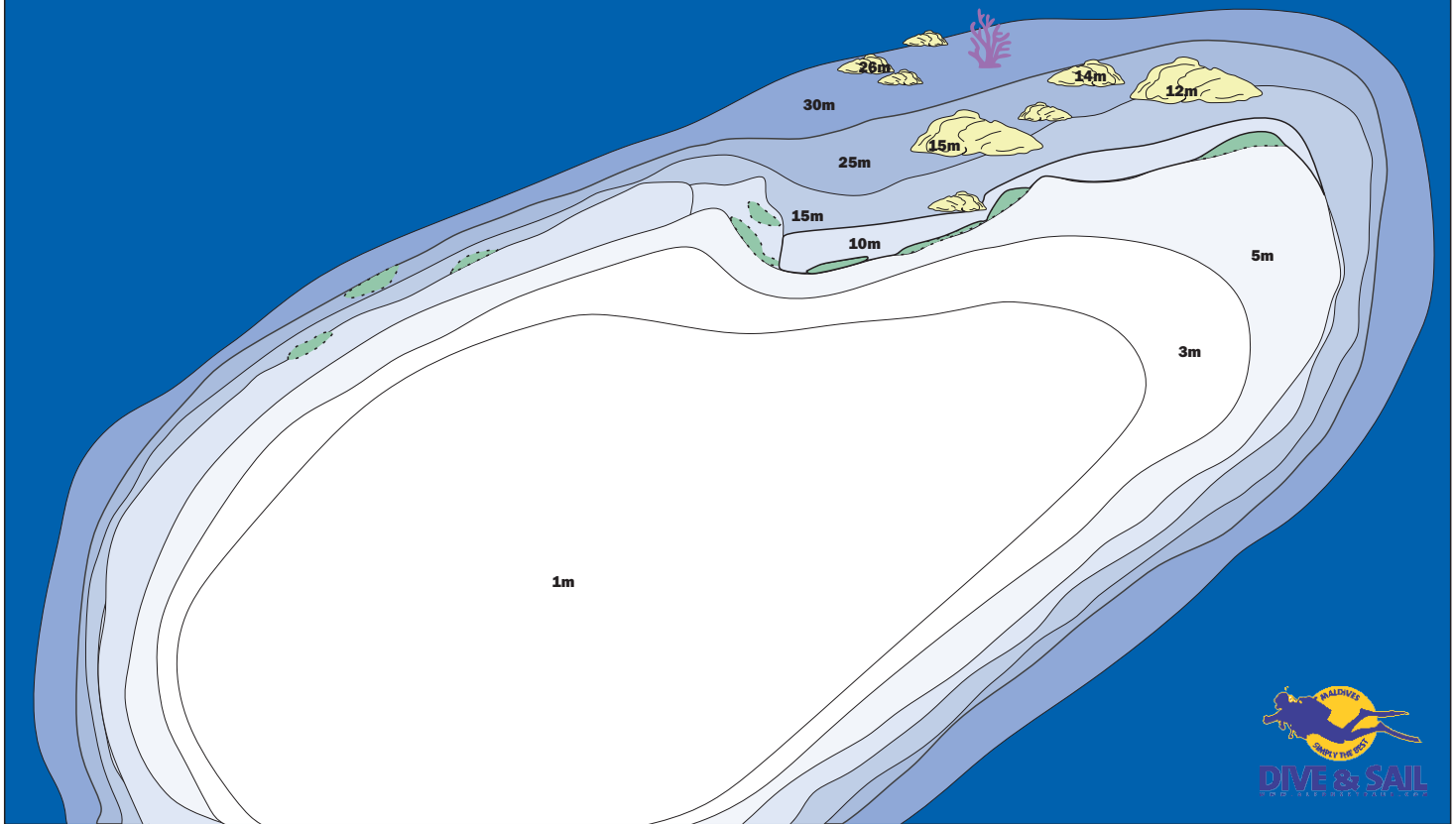
DEPTH:
5m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Manta rays

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
20 minutes

ABOUT:
South of Lhohifushi, the channel entrance features a long plateau with numerous blocks that provide refuge for wildlife. The channel bed and edges are at 30m, but diving can be done safely under 20m. Overhangs are located on the outer flank at around 25m, with additional ones at shallower depths along the inner wall.

BANANA REEF



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DEPTH:
1m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
40 minutes

ABOUT:
Located just over 1km northwest of Farukolhufushi (formerly Club Med), a large reef extends on a northeast-southwest axis. One of the Maldives' first discovered sites, it has been popular for over a decade. This reef attracts divers for its diverse architecture and abundant coral and fish, showcasing impressive soft and hard coral formations.



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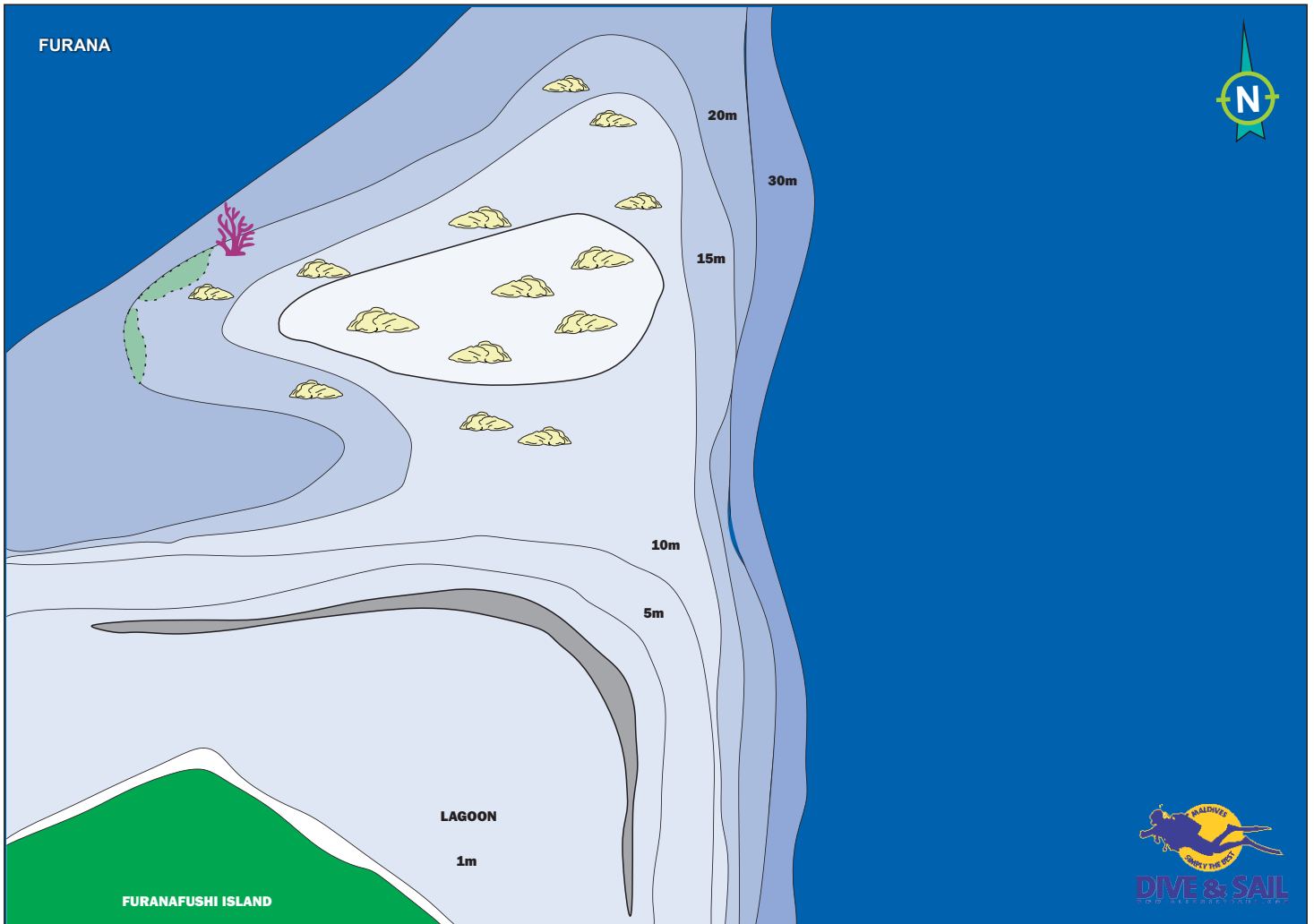
DEPTH:
1m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:
Barracuda, Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
40 minutes

ABOUT:

Located at the channel entrance north of Thulusdhoo, Colosseum provides a prime vantage point to view the blue ocean. The wall descends to a semicircular reef at around 25m, resembling a balcony for observing pelagic fauna during incoming currents. Common sightings include sharks, eagle rays, tunas, barracudas, and humphead whales.



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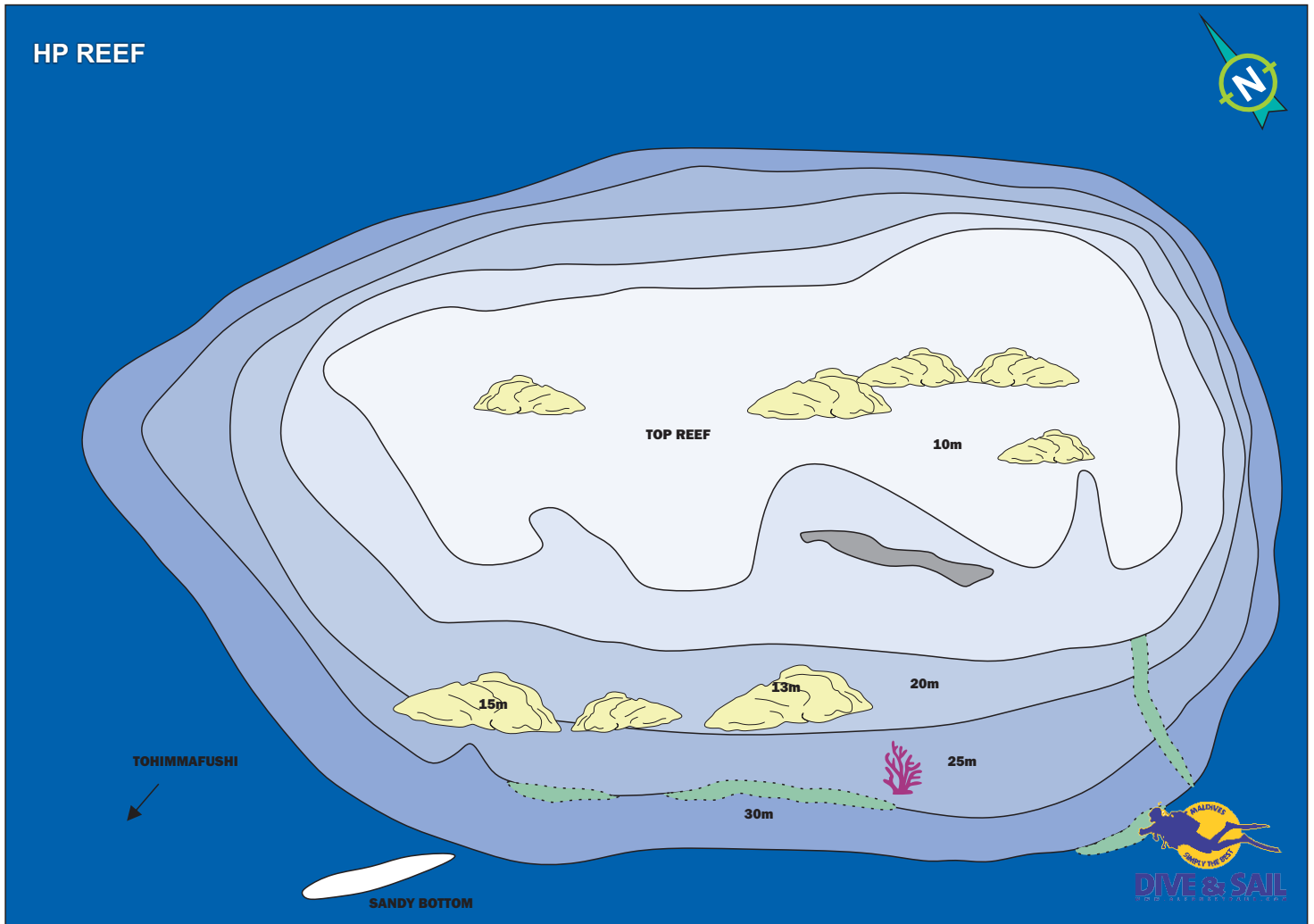
DEPTH:
10m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip.

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
35 minutes

ABOUT:
Multiple dives can be enjoyed at the resort island of Furanafushi. The northeast side features an outer reef and a thila where manta rays can be seen during outgoing currents in the southwest monsoon. While the walls and reefs here are somewhat eroded, the marine life is surprisingly diverse.

HP REEF



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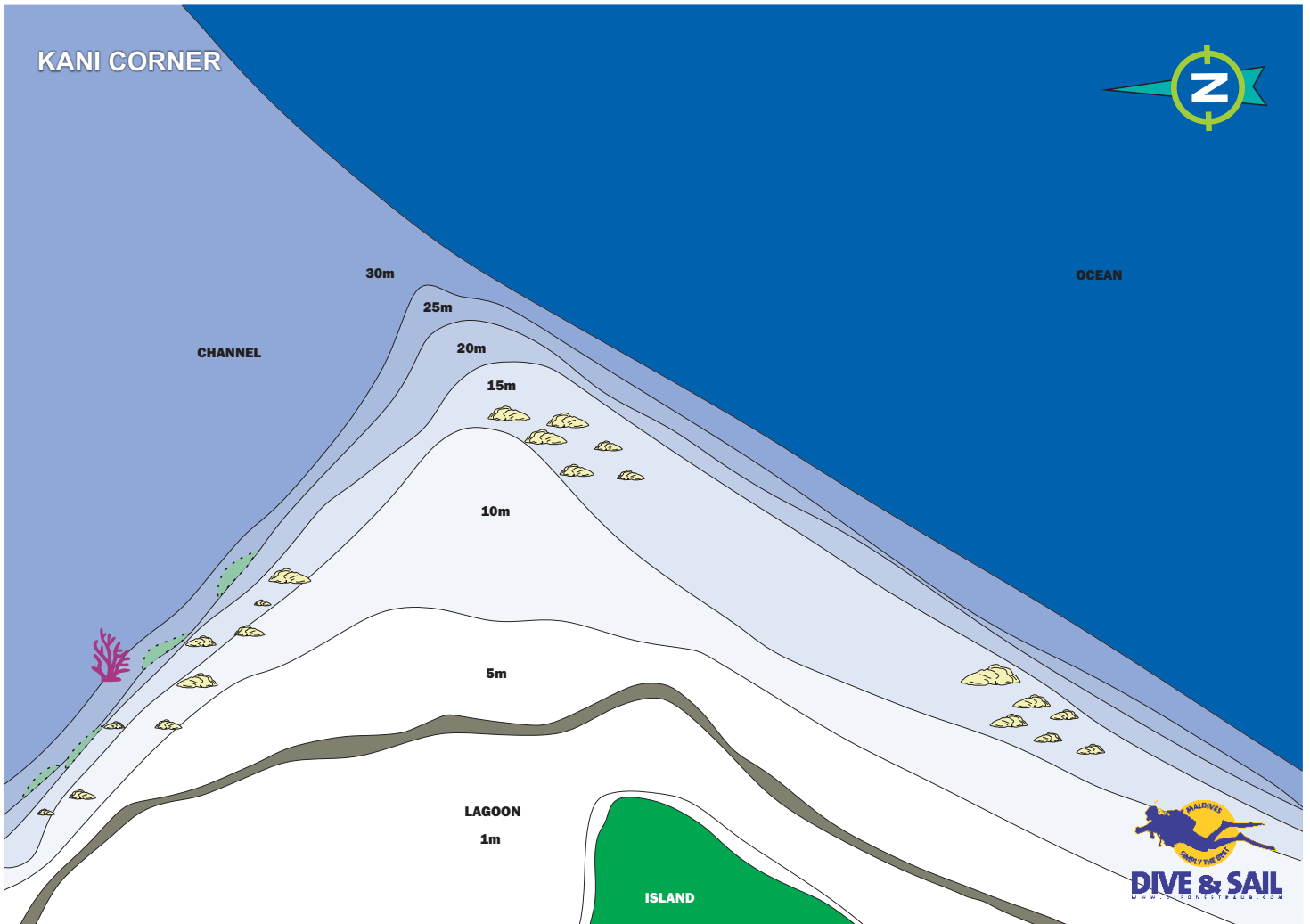
DEPTH:
10m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:
Giant groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip.

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
10 minutes

ABOUT:

Situated 300 meters south of Girifushi Island, HP Reef is a stunning medium-sized thila. Its top reef reaches about 10 meters, while the base lies at 30 meters. The western flank features unique architecture with large blocks on the slope and numerous overhangs and passages adorned with soft corals. Beautiful sea fans surround the pinnacle. Common sightings at this site include jacks, rainbow runners, tunas, eagle rays, sharks, and schools of snappers and fusiliers.



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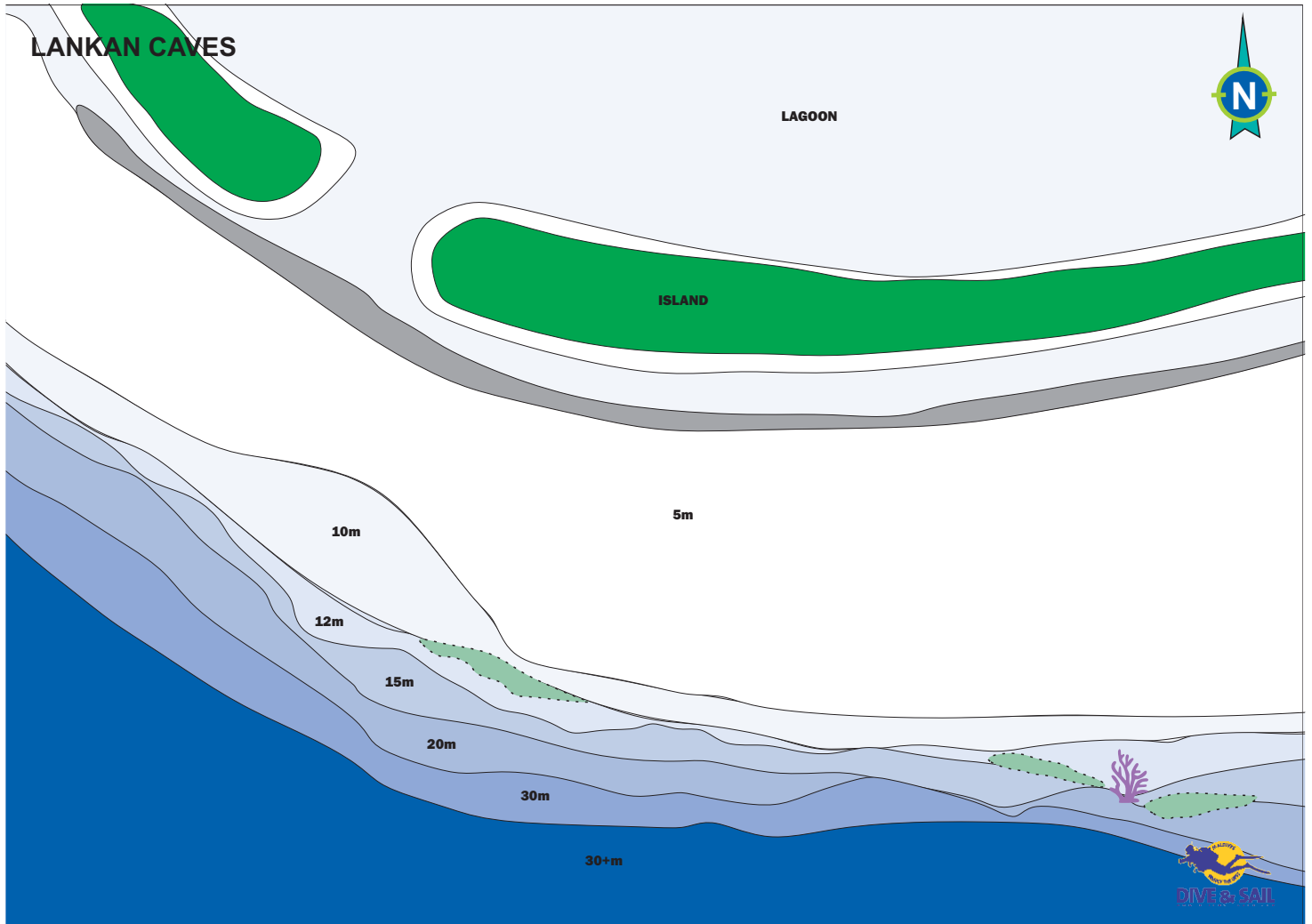
DEPTH:
8m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Manta rays

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
20 minutes

ABOUT:

North of Kanifinolhu Resort Island, a channel links the atoll to the ocean, rich in pelagic wildlife, especially during the northeast monsoon. It features a manta ray cleaning station in the southwest monsoon. The deep site offers pelagic encounters, while the upper plateau is home to schools of reef fish. Dive during incoming currents for optimal conditions and during outgoing currents to see manta rays.



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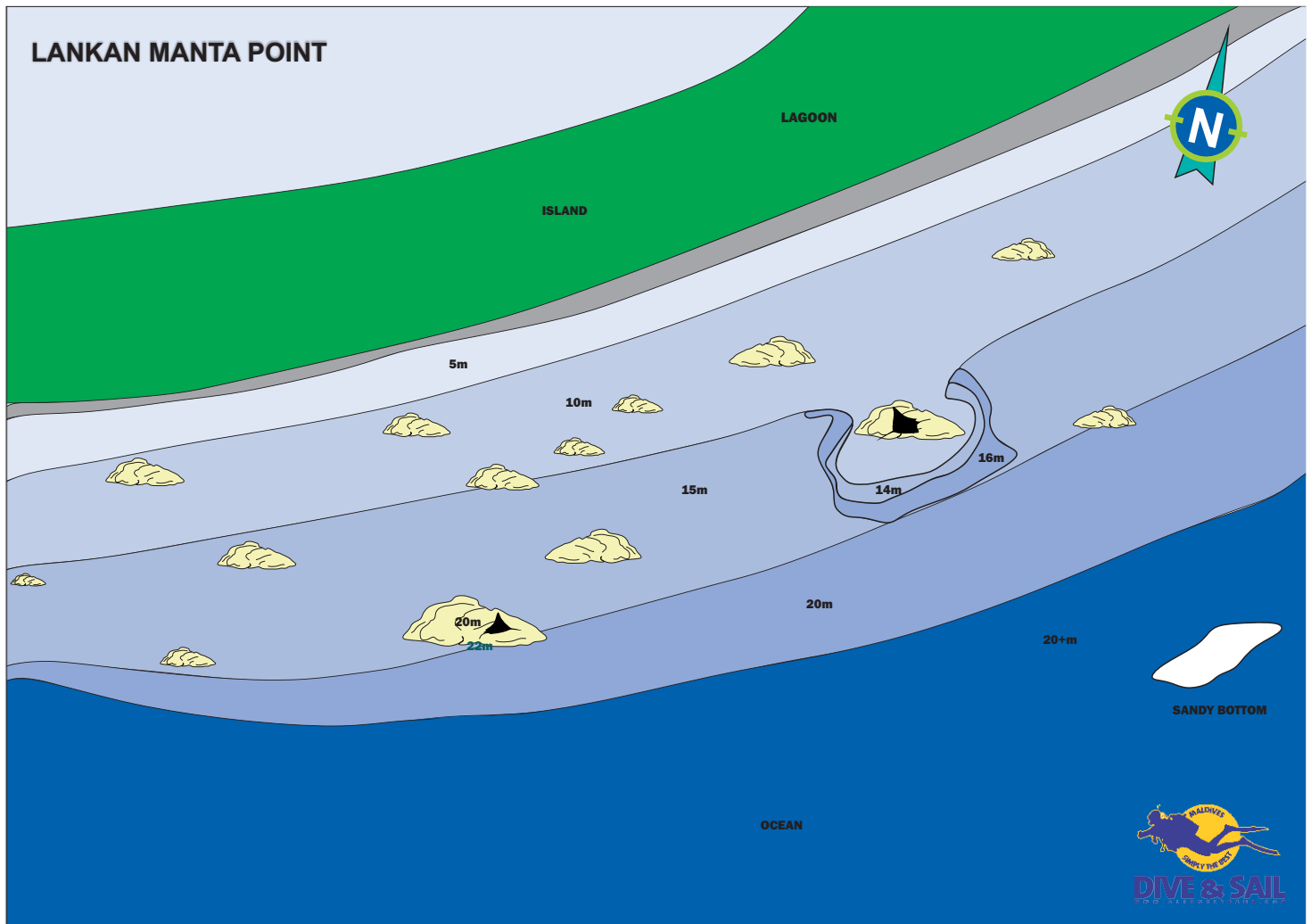
DEPTH:
5m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Manta rays

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
30 minutes

ABOUT:

Just south of Lankan Manta Point, the gently sloping reef transforms into a vertical wall with overhangs. It's a good alternative for divers if the current isn't favorable for manta rays. While not very colorful, the reef is teeming with life, including eagle rays, leopard sharks, turtles, stingrays, humphead wrasses, groupers, jacks, tunas, octopuses, fusiliers, and white tip sharks.



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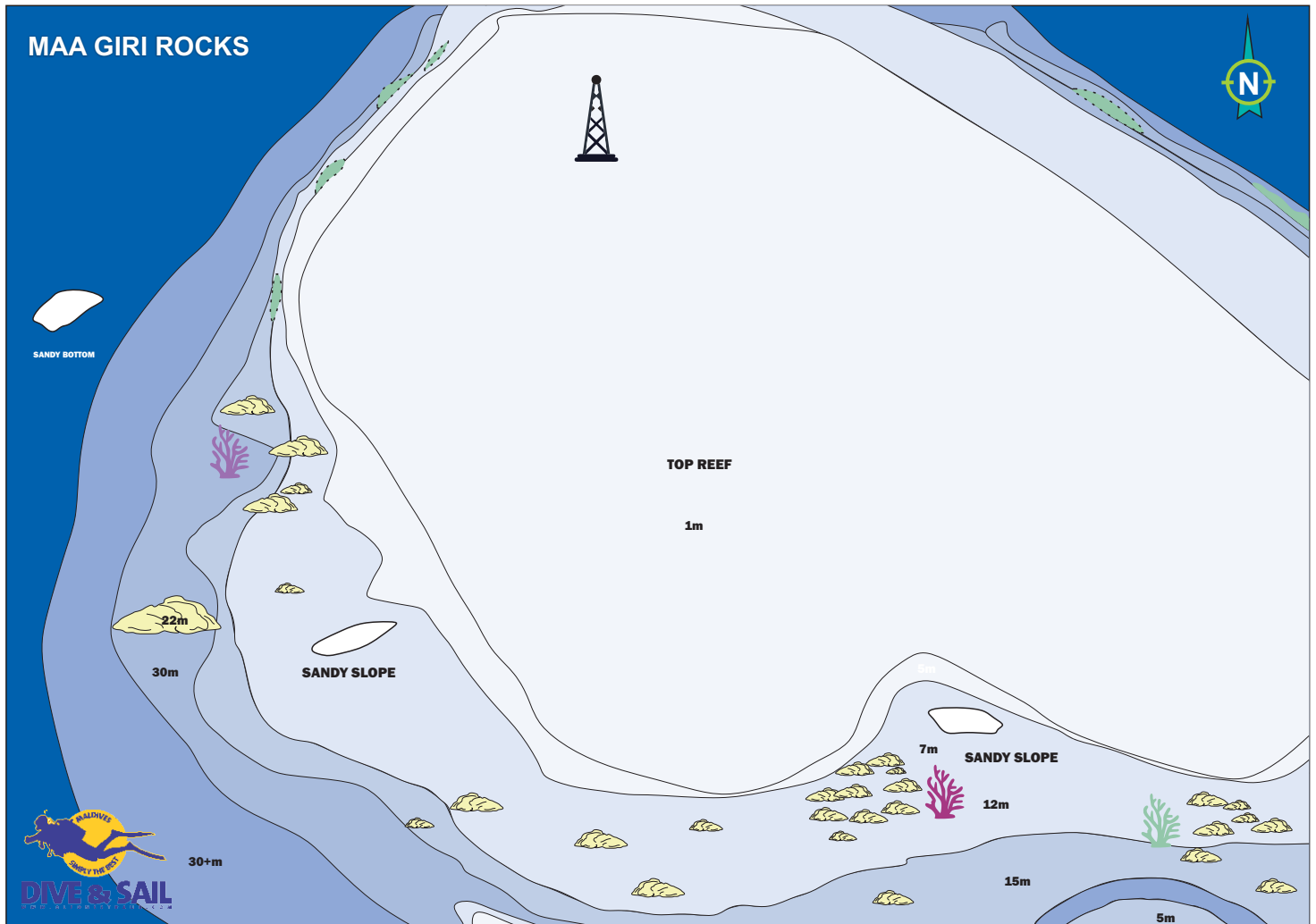
DEPTH:
8m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Manta rays, Oriental sweetlips.

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
30 minutes

ABOUT:

The outer reef southeast of Lankanfinolhu is a popular cleaning station for manta rays, especially during the southwest monsoon and outgoing currents. The main cleaning station, a large coral block at 10-18m, is surrounded by smaller blocks favored by mantas. The site is easily accessible, near the capital, with many resorts and cruise ships nearby in the Hulhumale lagoon.



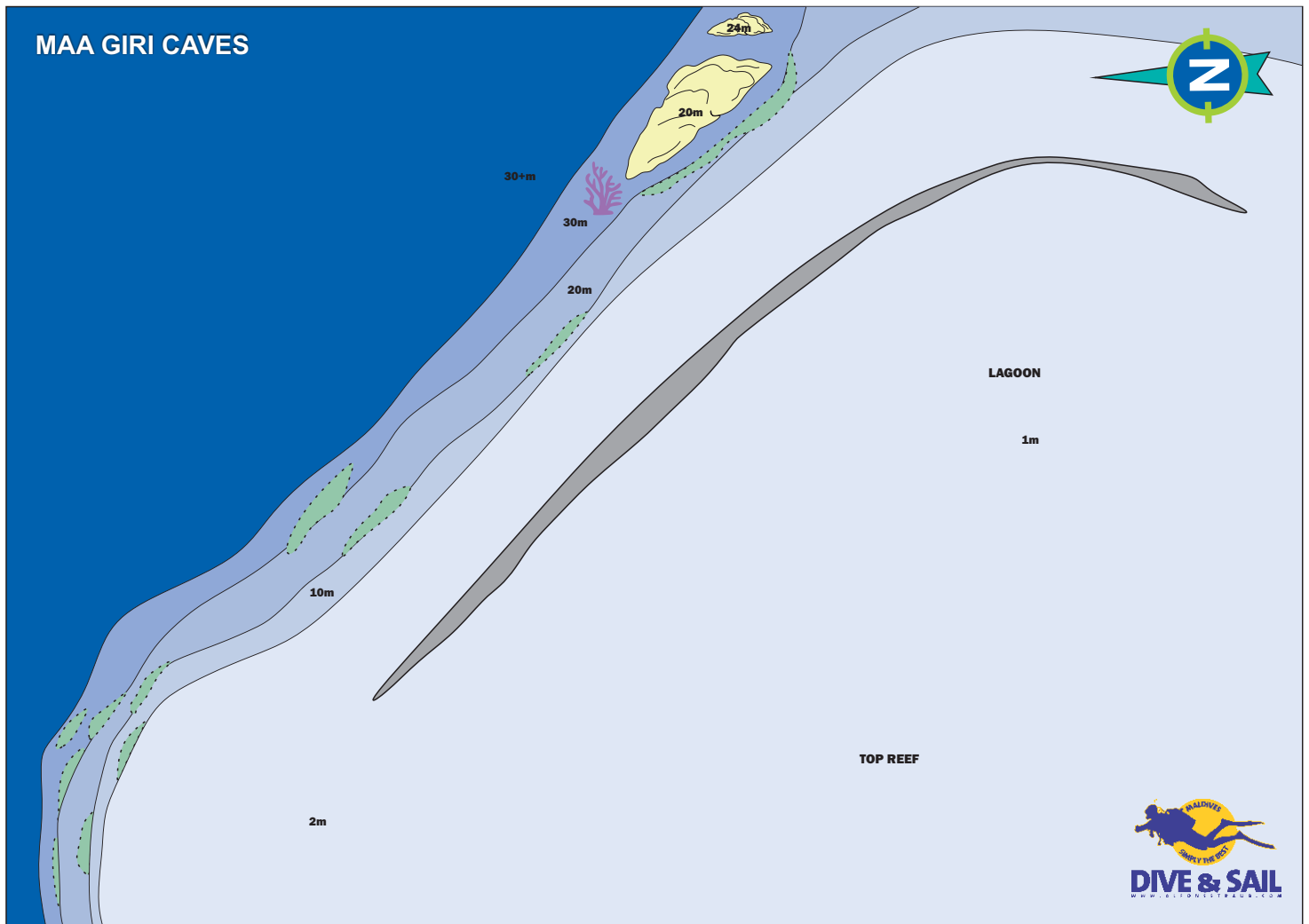
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DEPTH:
1m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips.

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
40 minutes

ABOUT:
Located 2 km northwest of Furanaufushi, a wide reef with a shallow plateau offers two distinct dives. The northern pinnacle (Maa Giri Caves) features a vertical wall, while the south has sandy slopes and coral terraces down to 15-20m. The outskirts have beautiful formations, and the southern flank is accessible for all skill levels, making it ideal for a check dive.



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DEPTH:
5m to 30m

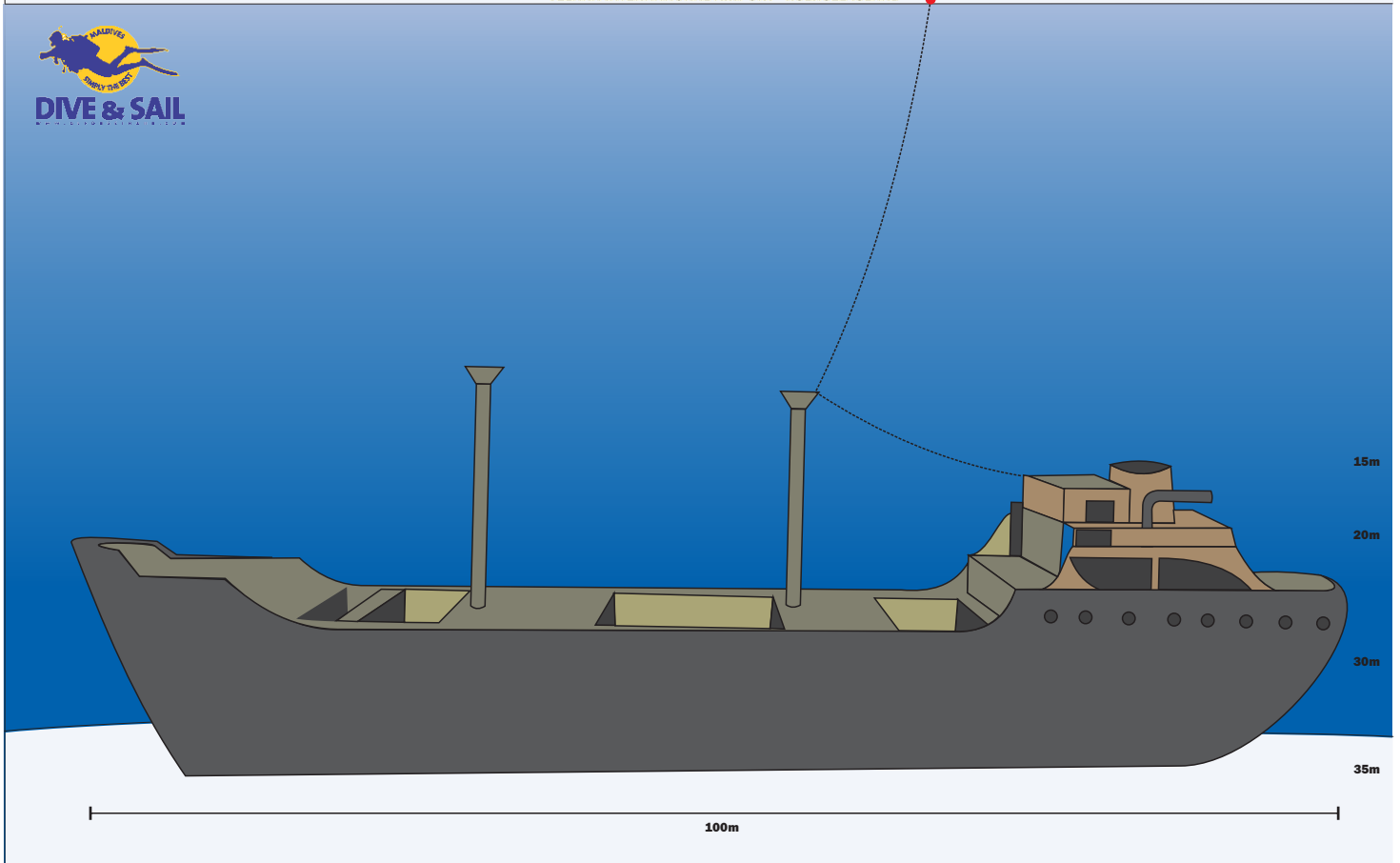
EXPECT TO SEE:
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Tuna

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
20 minutes

ABOUT:
Located 2 km northwest of Furanaafushi, a wide reef with a shallow plateau offers two distinct dives. The southern part of the pinnacle (Maa Giri) provides an easier dive, while the northern section features a long break in the reef with a wall extending from the surface to about 20m, showcasing many overhangs.



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DEPTH:
15m to 30m

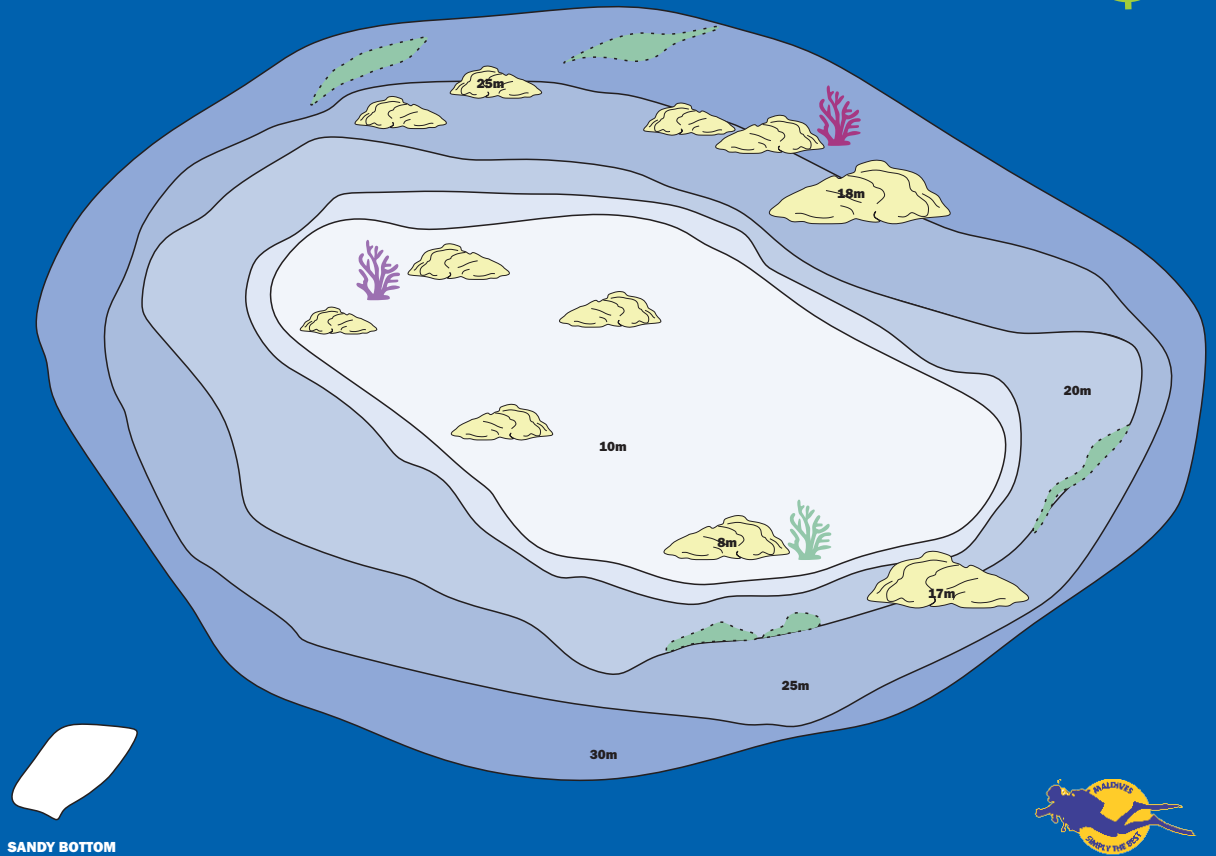
EXPECT TO SEE:
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips.

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
60 minutes

ABOUT:

On the evening of February 12, 1981, the Maldives Victory cargo ship struck the reef of Hulhule Island at full speed and sank early on February 13. The 1,420-ton, 100-meter vessel was carrying goods for the capital and resorts, but the entire crew was rescued. The wreck lies parallel to the airport runway on a sandy bottom at about 35 meters, partially covered in corals, with its metallic structures still visible after years of exposure to strong currents.

NASSIMO THILA



SUITABLE FOR:
Advance divers

DEPTH:
10m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:

Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Turtle

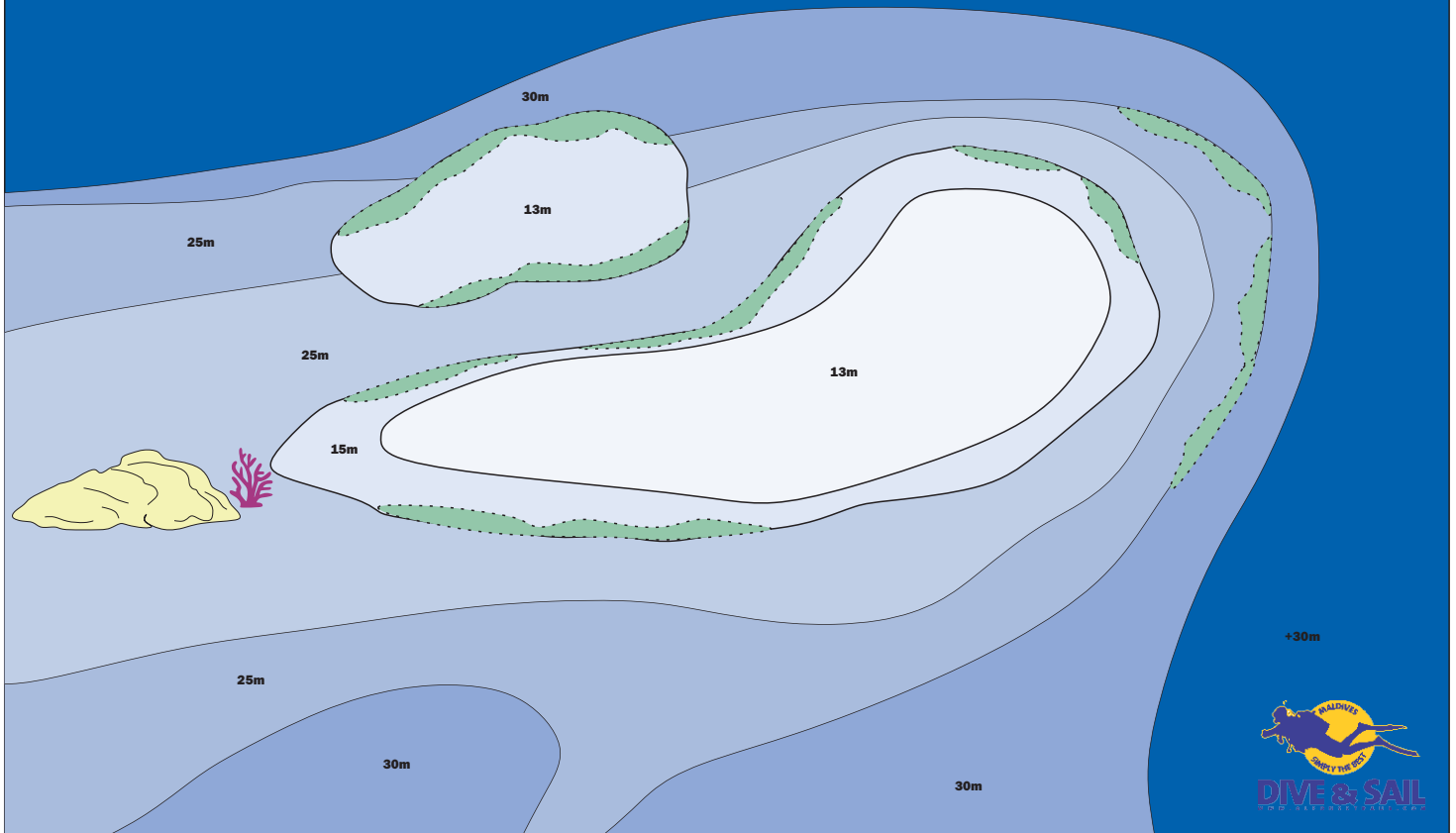
TIME FROM DHONVELI:

30 minutes

ABOUT:

Located about 15 km west of Lankan Finolhu resort, this large formation sits on a sandy bottom at around 30 meters. The oval-shaped thila has its top reef at about 10 meters deep, with overhangs on the east side at various depths and separate blocks on the slope. During incoming currents, clear water flows through these formations, causing erosion of many blocks. The colorful wall is adorned with gorgonians and soft corals, attracting large schools of fish in turbulent areas.

OKOBE THILA



SUITABLE FOR:

Open water & Advance divers

DEPTH:

13m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:

Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers, Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Tuna, nepoleon

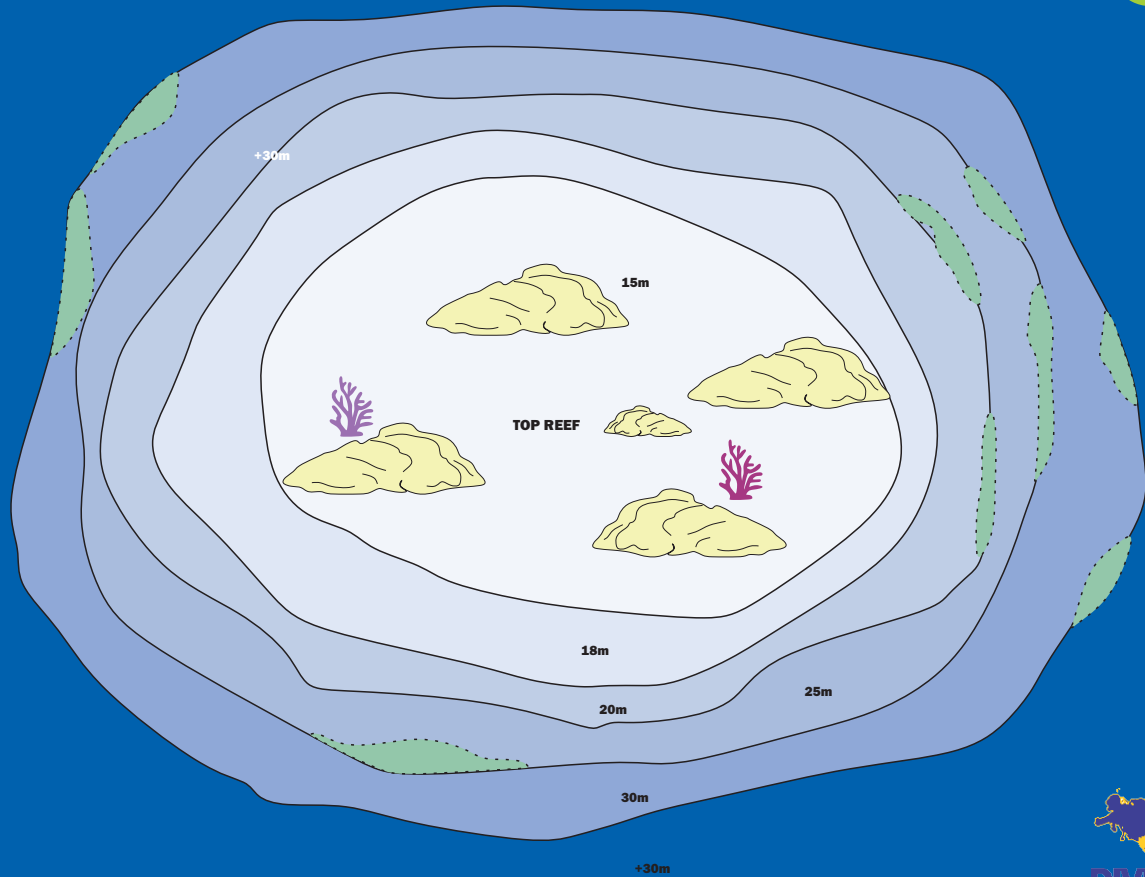
TIME FROM DHONVELI:

40 minutes

ABOUT:

Located about 5km west of Lankanfushi, this medium-sized thila sits on a sandy bottom at 25-30m. It features three formations: a main block (50m long) with a descent rope, an intermediate block to the east, and a smaller block to the north. Overhangs covered with bushes and oysters are common throughout the site.

VOSHIMAS THILA



SUITABLE FOR:

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DEPTH:

15m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:

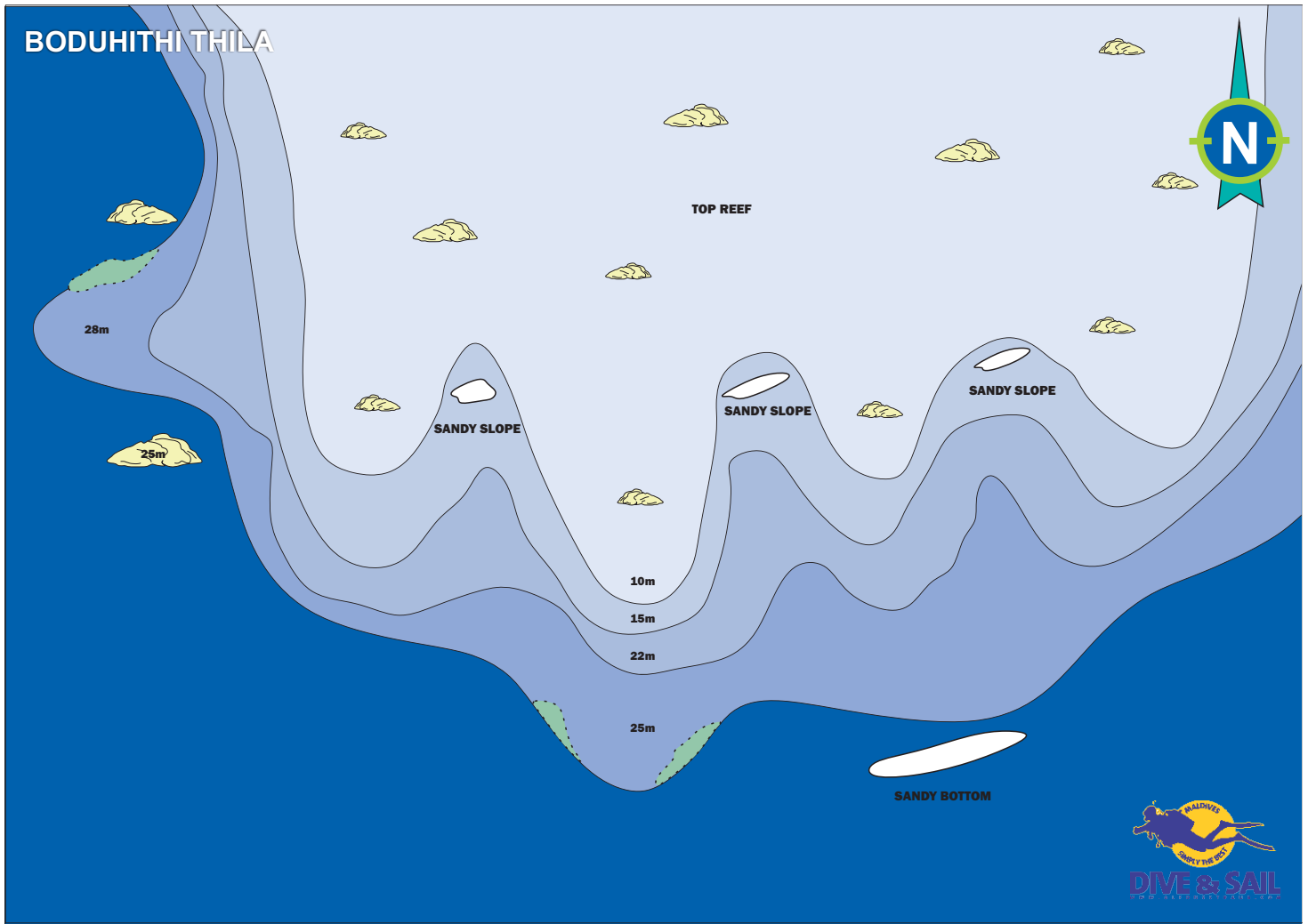
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers, Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Tuna, nepoleon

TIME FROM DHONVELI:

1:45 minutes

ABOUT:

Located a few kilometers southwest of Enbadhoo, this dive site features a relatively deep top reef with overhangs on its western side. The main attractions are visiting whitetip and grey reef sharks, along with eagle rays when conditions are favourable. Incoming currents are best for a good dive.



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DEPTH:

10m to 25m

EXPECT TO SEE:

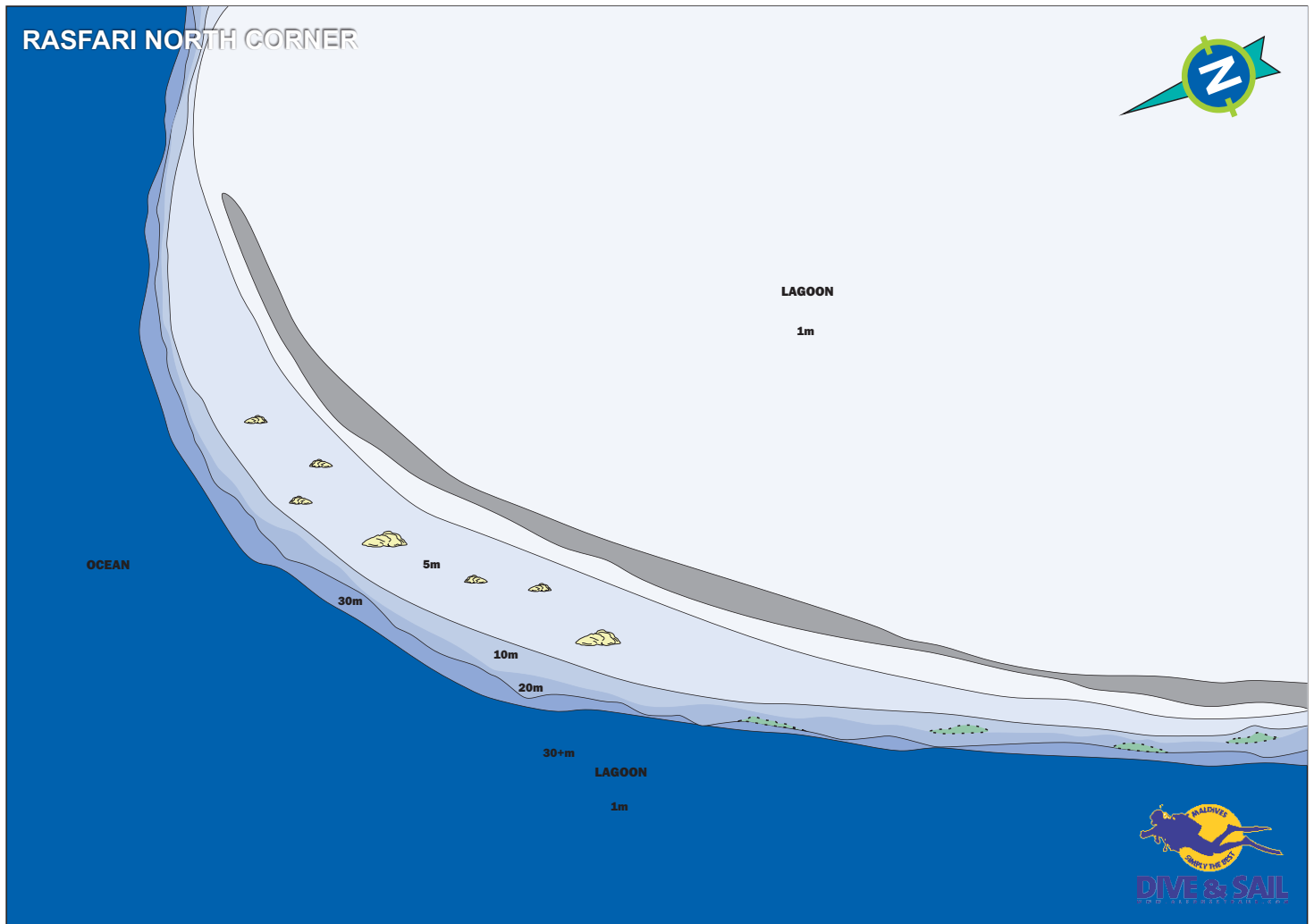
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers, Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Tuna, Napoleon, Manta ray

TIME FROM DHONVELI:

1:50 minutes

ABOUT:

About 3 km northwest of Boduhithi, a 10m deep plateau hosts a large manta ray cleaning station during the northeast monsoon. The top is covered in coral blocks, with sandy slopes and cavities on the southern flank and corals on the west side. Dive during outgoing currents for a chance to see manta rays.



SUITABLE FOR:

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DEPTH:

5m to 25m

EXPECT TO SEE:

Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers, Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Tuna, nepoleon

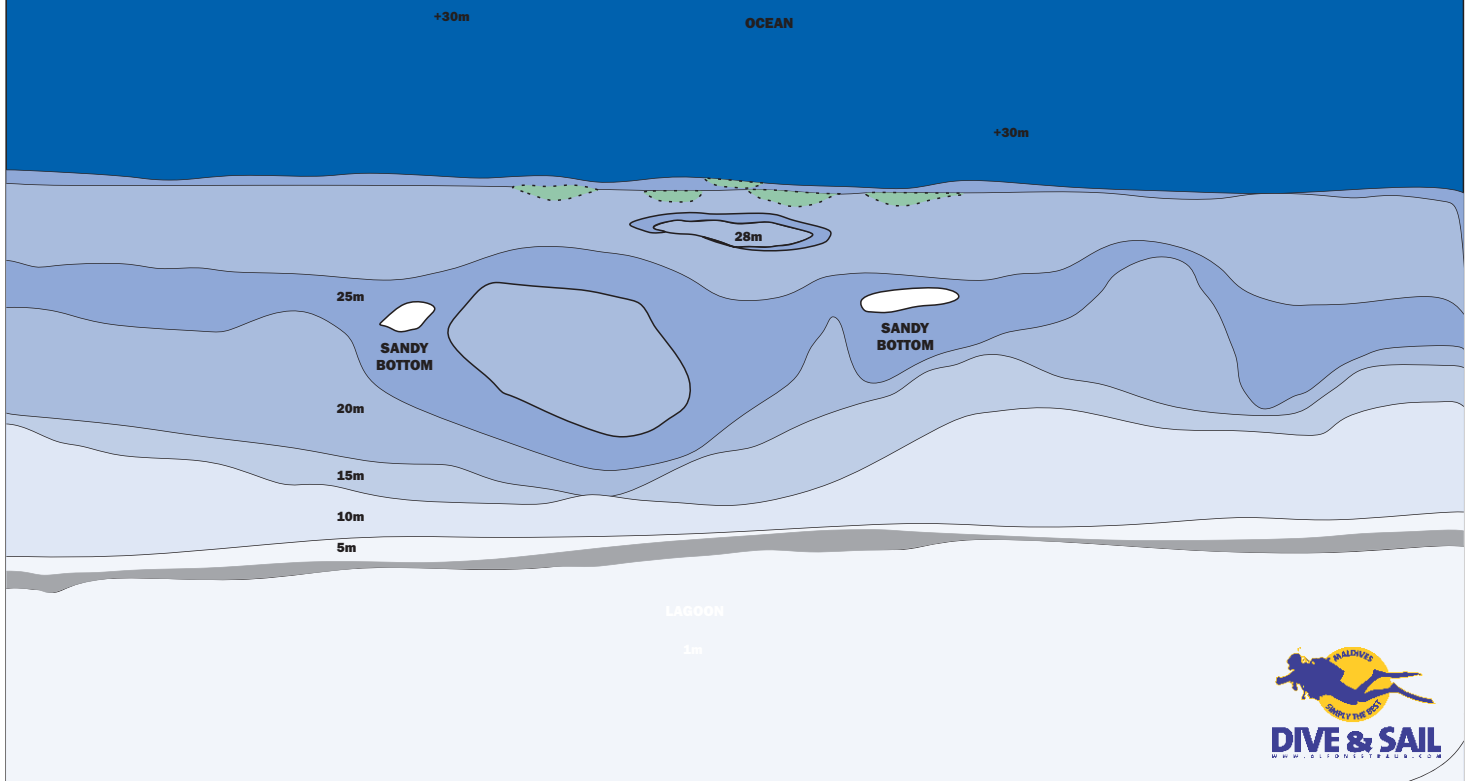
TIME FROM DHONVELI:

1:50 minutes

ABOUT:

The reef northwest of Rasfari's lagoon features a shallow plateau with steep slopes on the northern and western sides. Covered in beautiful hard corals, it hosts a cleaning station during the northeast monsoon with outgoing currents. The surrounding walls are rich in corals and algae, attracting diverse species like leaf fish, halimeda ghost pipefish, lobsters, turtles, and various moray eels.

RASFARI BEYRU



SUITABLE FOR:

Open water & Advance divers

DEPTH:

10m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:

Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers, Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Tuna, nepoleon

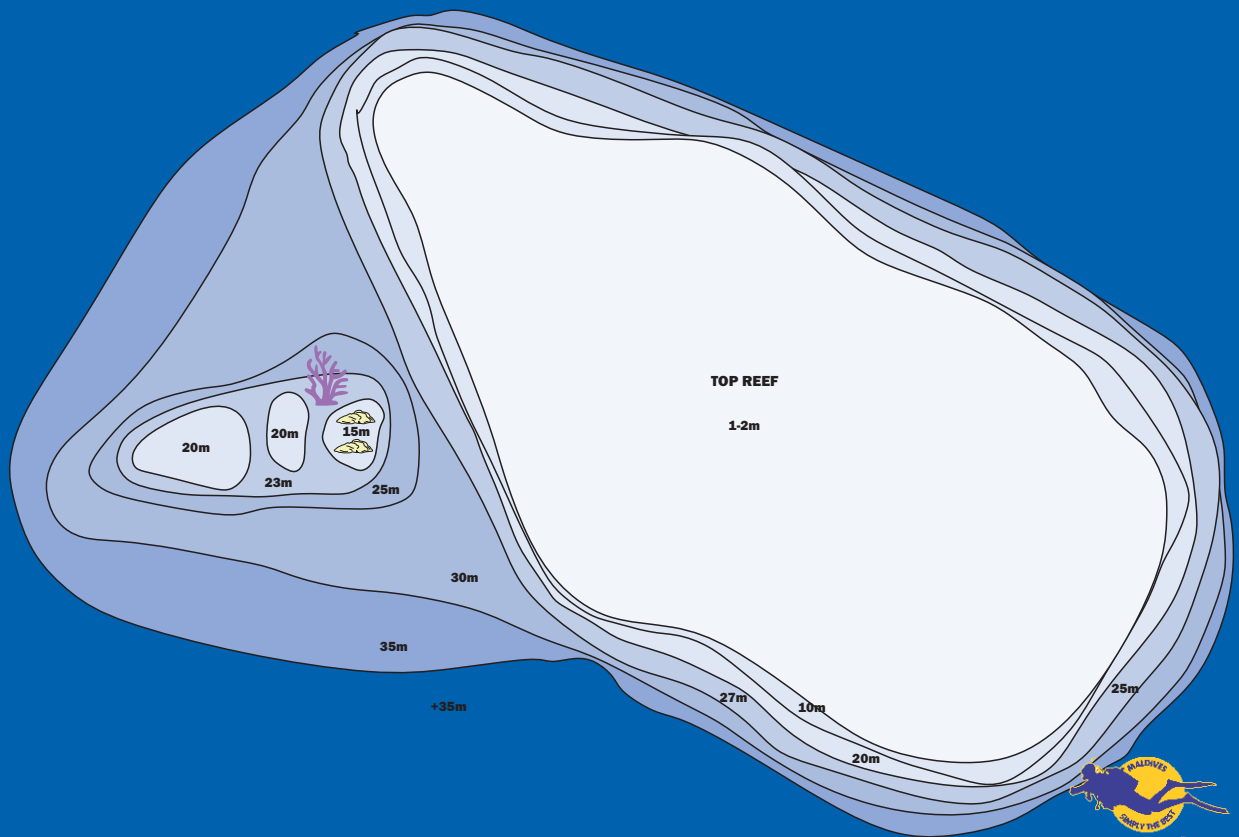
TIME FROM DHONVELI:

1:50 minutes

ABOUT:

The outer reef of Rasfari Island is a great dive site for all experience levels. The upper reef at about 10m slopes down to 20-25m, leading to a sandy bottom. This sloped area provides protection from currents, featuring a pinnacle and overhangs at 25-40m. Marine life varies with current strength and orientation; divers may see sharks, eagle rays, stingrays, turtles, and schools of snappers and fusiliers, with occasional manta rays.

ASDHOO ROCK



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DEPTH:

10m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:

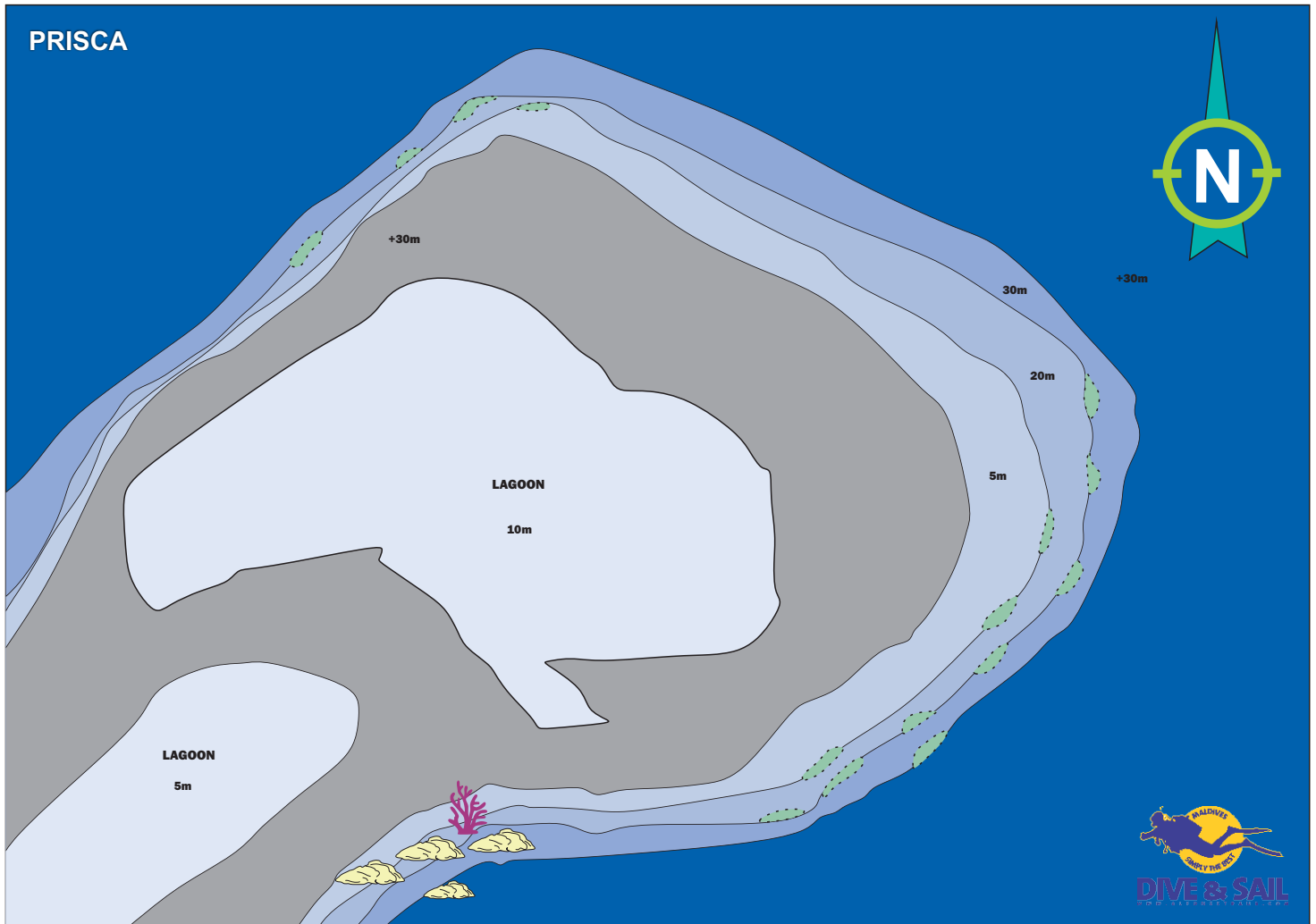
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers, Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Tuna, nepoleon

TIME FROM DHONVELI:

1:50 minutes

ABOUT:

A large formation with a shallow top reef makes it suitable for all diver levels and enjoyable for snorkelers. Located 16 km south of Asdhoo, the reef features table corals and diverse marine life. Divers can spot schools of surgeonfish, while the vertical sides have small overhangs. North of the main pinnacle, two stalactites indicate the reef extension starting at around 20m, which is the most interesting area to explore.



SUITABLE FOR:

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DEPTH:

10m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:

Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers, Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Tuna, nepoleon

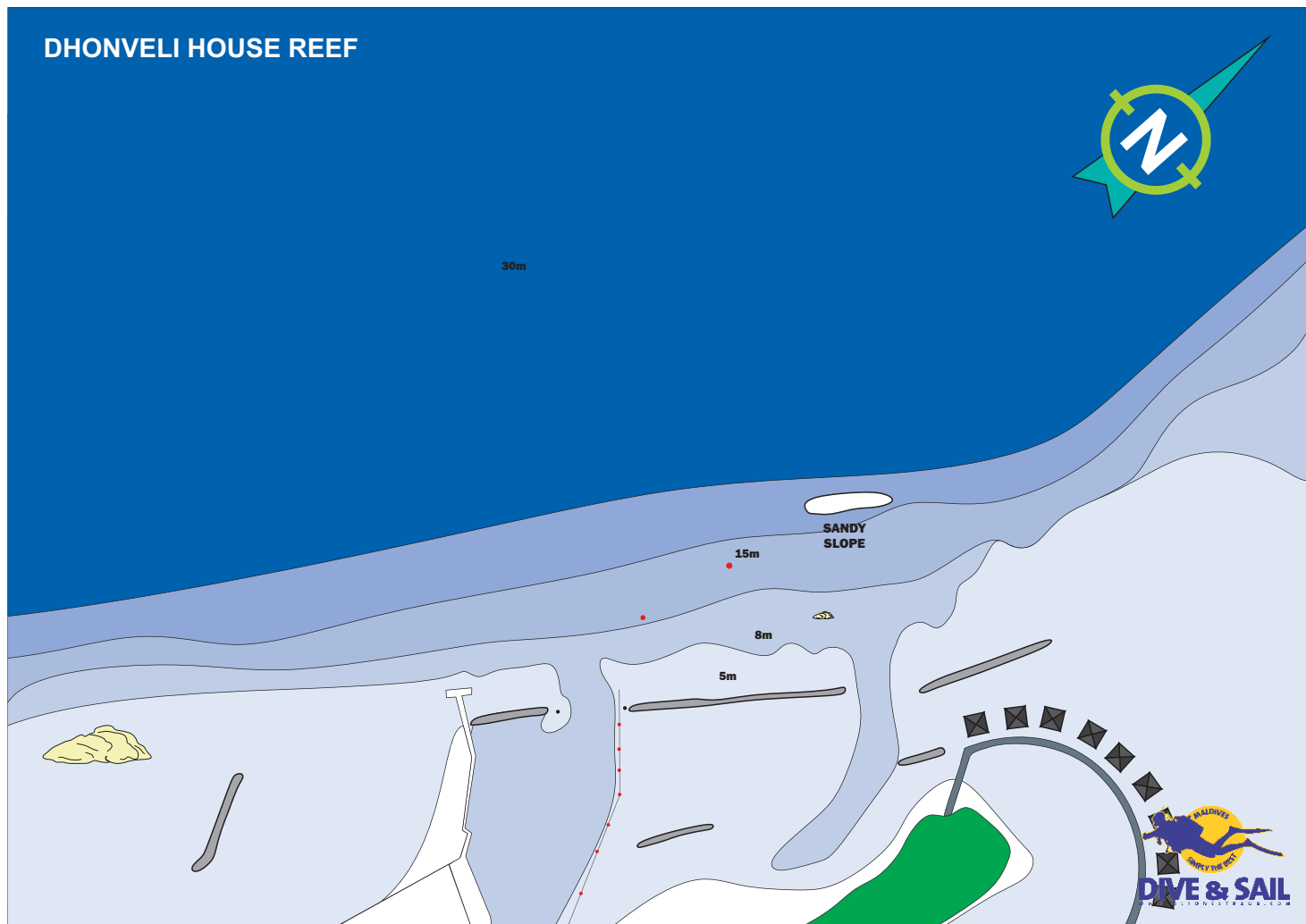
TIME FROM DHONVELI:

60 minutes

ABOUT:

Northwest of Meeru, a 5 km long reef shaped like a bottle opener hosts various dive sites with diverse environments and wildlife. The northeast end features overhangs rich in marine life during incoming currents, especially during the northeast monsoon, and manta rays during outgoing currents of the southwest monsoon. A tunnel connects depths from 30m to 15m. The area is home to dense wildlife, with squirrel fish and groupers hiding among the coral blocks at the overhangs.

DHONVELI HOUSE REEF



SUITABLE FOR:

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DEPTH:

2m to 20m

EXPECT TO SEE:

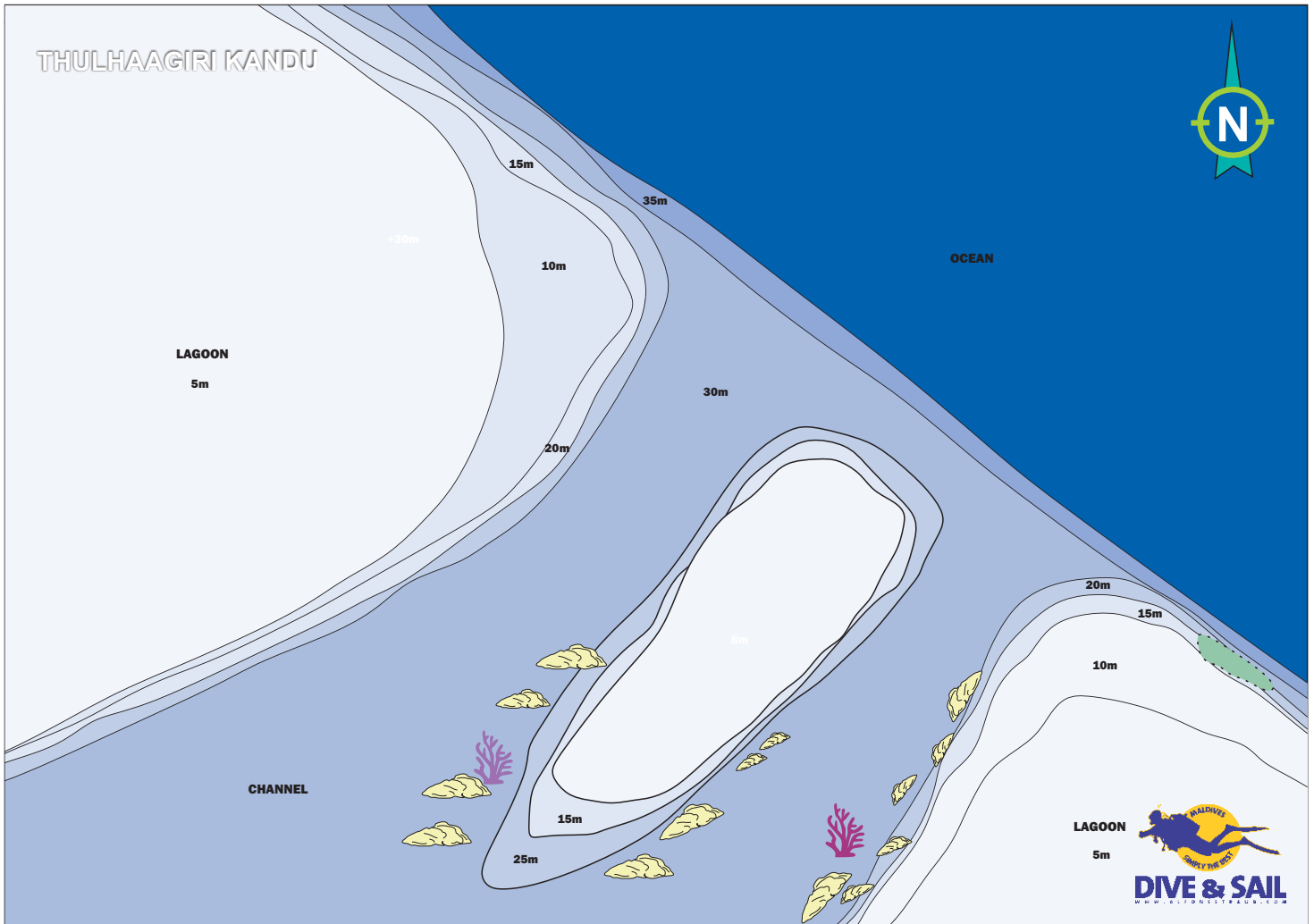
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers, Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, nepoleon

TIME FROM DHONVELI:

5 minutes

ABOUT:

Dhonveli House Reef is ideal for beginner divers and is situated next to a channel to the ocean, offering high chances of spotting marine animals like Napoleon turtles and various reef fish. The house reef is about 8m deep and continues into a sandy slope.



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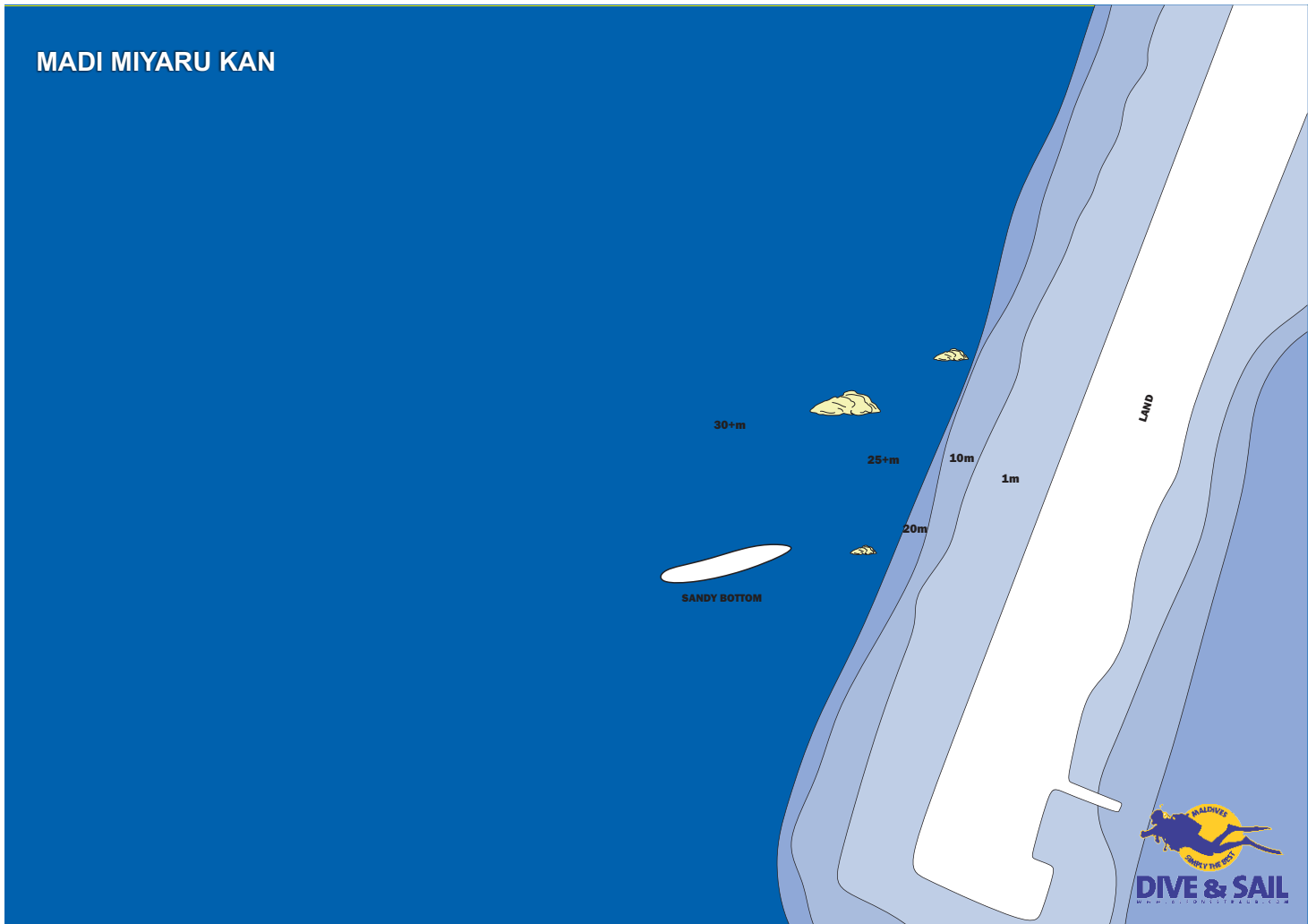
DEPTH:
10m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:
Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers, Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Tuna, nepoleon, Barracuda

TIME FROM DHONVELI:
50 minutes

ABOUT:
Located about 7 km north of Asdhoo, this 500m channel features a large thila at its center. Divers favor the corners of the entrance and the eastern end of the thila for high chances of encountering sharks and eagle rays during incoming currents. A large cavity at the southern corner reaches about 30m. Pelagic fauna are present throughout, with likely sightings of barracudas and tunas.

MADI MIYARU KAN



SUITABLE FOR:

Open water & Advance divers

DEPTH:

2m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:

Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Tuna, Napoleon

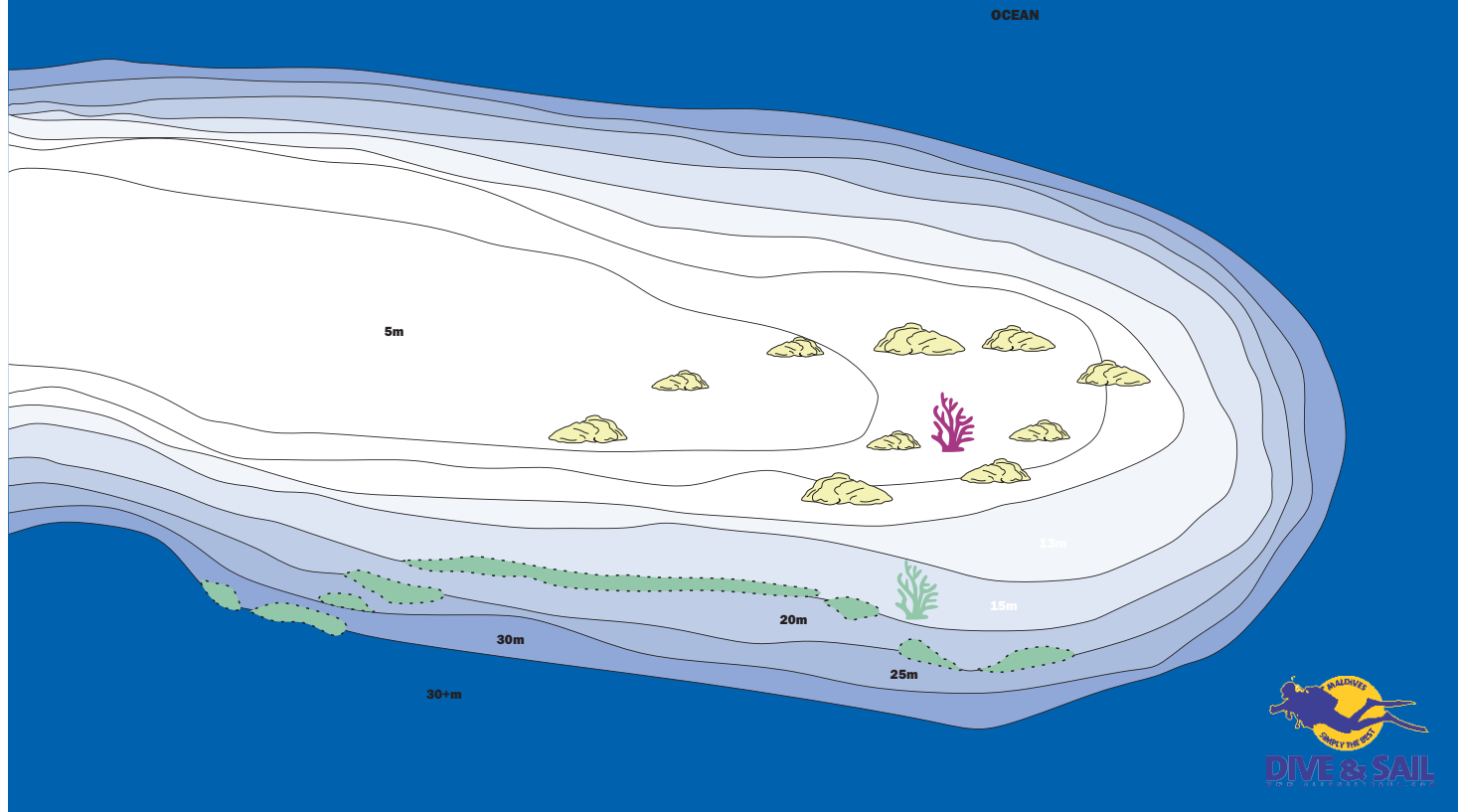
TIME FROM DHONVELI:

50 minutes

ABOUT:

Madimiyaru Kan is a vibrant fish haven situated at the right corner of Hulhumale' harbor entrance. Here, divers can encounter an array of marine life, including bull sharks, hammerhead sharks, blacktip and whitetip sharks, as well as stingrays. The area predominantly features a sandy bottom, but at depths of 25 meters and beyond, rocky structures provide a habitat for numerous smaller marine species. This diverse ecosystem makes it an exciting spot for underwater exploration.

TRIXIES CAVES



SUITABLE FOR:

Open water & Advance divers

DEPTH:

5m to 30m

EXPECT TO SEE:

Groupers, Fusiliers, Jack fish, Snappers, Eagle ray, Sting ray, White tip, Black tip, Oriental sweetlips, Tuna, nepoleon

TIME FROM DHONVELI:

1:30 minutes

ABOUT:

A few kilometers southeast of Helengeli, a 1 km long underwater reef runs northeast-southwest. Its top is just a few meters below the surface, with sides sloping to a sandy bottom at 30m. The northern end features vibrant soft corals on walls and overhangs, with passages on the south flank. Whether the current is incoming or outgoing, this site offers pleasant drifting and often showcases beautiful schools of fish.