

Tour Report

Indonesia – Raja Ampat's Birds of Paradise

18 November – 2 December 2022

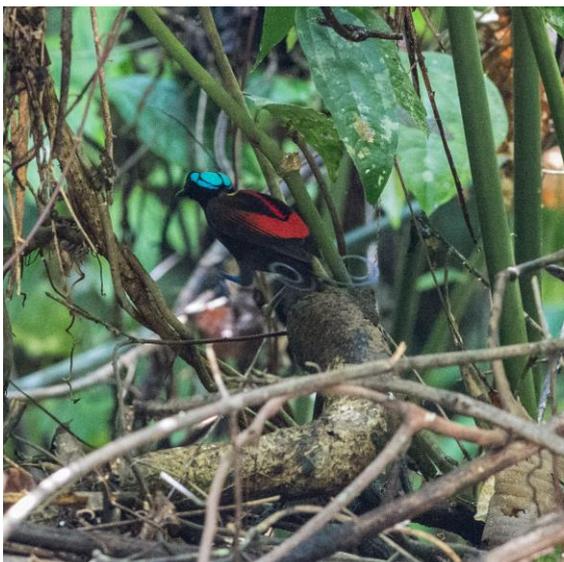
Black-crested macaque



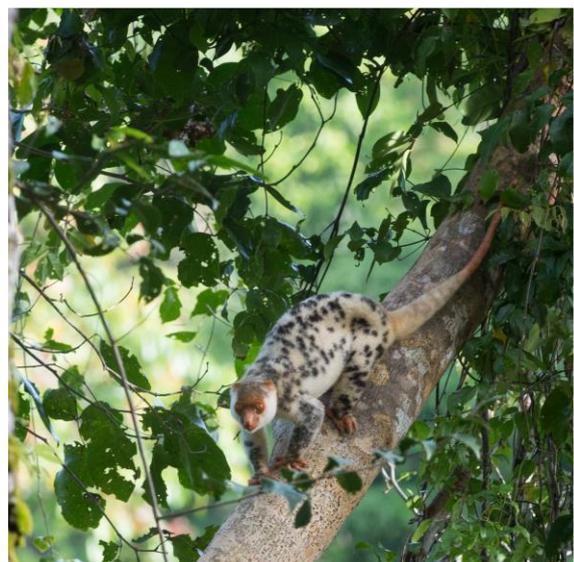
Blyth's hornbill



Wilson's bird of paradise



Spotted cuscus



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This trip aimed to see a sample of the amazing birds of paradise found within the islands of Raja Ampat and further east. We were successful in seeing all the species we set out to see. Undoubtedly the highlight was the spectacular Wilson's bird-of-paradise, a real gem of a bird, and the only one that leks on the ground. Seeing these birds is often tricky, and this tour did have its challenges. Patience was required to obtain good views of the higher canopy birds, and the trek to get there was often challenging in humid conditions.

Whilst the tour focused on the birds of paradise, there was also an emphasis on the snorkelling opportunities throughout the islands. The coral gardens at some locations were stunning, and the variety of fish and marine creatures was mesmerising.

There were also a few bonuses along the way, with everyone getting great views of the adorable spotted cuscus and enjoying the bottlenose dolphins playing around the boat were other highlights. Last but not least, some beautiful and fascinating butterflies and other invertebrates make this a genuine all-around tour.

Day 1: Heathrow to Dubai

Friday 18 November 2022

The flight from Heathrow departed on time and landed after a smooth flight in Dubai. The time difference meant we left a gloriously balmy Autumn afternoon in London to arrive at Dubai's modern and efficient airport in the middle of the night. Only a few of the group had arrived, as others were arriving from the far-flung corners of the UK.

Day 2: Dubai to Jakarta

Saturday 19 November 2022

The flight to Jakarta was a little bumpier as we encountered some turbulence, but nothing alarming, and it was generally an uneventful flight. We all eventually met up at Jakarta Airport and, after a delay, congregated at the Point Cellular site and boarded our shuttle bus to the hotel. All the group, apart from two meeting up later, checked in and went to their rooms to get some much-needed rest before the final leg of our journey.

We did note a few bird species en route to the airport and ticked off Javan pond heron, purple heron, Pacific swallow and the ubiquitous tree sparrow - a start at least!

Day 3: Jakarta to Sorong

Sunday 20 Nov 2022

The flight left promptly on the flight time scheduled, despite the board saying it had been delayed for an hour. The flight was again a little bumpy in parts as the turbulence continued. It was, however, only a three-and-a-half-hour flight and was generally calm. We landed at Sorong around 06:00, and once we had secured our luggage, we met up with Anastasia the local partner, who helped us load up into the taxis and drive the short distance to Kasuari Resort, where we were staying for the next two days.

We spoke with Anastasia about the trip for the afternoon, and she felt that due to the recent rains (it was raining as we discussed it!) we should just have a 'chill out' day around the resort. There was a pool and a restaurant with sea views, so most of the group just ate breakfast and relaxed. There was some wildlife to see with some spectacular butterflies fluttering around, including a lovely silky owlet and grass yellow among other large and small unidentified species. There were also a few spiders around including a curious 'thorn' spider and a large orb weaver species. Moving up from the bugs, there was a beautiful emerald tree skink, a few brown skinks, and a few gecko species. There were also a few birds, including willie wagtail, lesser frigatebird, sooty-headed bulbul, common sandpiper and Eurasian tree sparrow.

As the day wore on, the group began to flag, and some retired to get some much-needed sleep. Only two turned up for a walk around the vicinity, and not a great deal was seen. We all met at around 19:30 and were joined by Anastasia, who chatted with the group and helped arrange the outing tomorrow. We sorted out a few details with Charles and relayed the information to the group before settling down to our highly

anticipated and delicious first meal as a group. There was a chatty friendly atmosphere and spirits were high despite the growing fatigue among the group.

Eventually, our meal arrived, and we could all enjoy our freshly cooked meal. The food was delicious, and the portions generous. We all slowly drifted back to our rooms after lunch to get some sleep before our 05:00 start.

Day 4: Sorong

Monday 21 November 2022

We were all up at 04:00 to meet with Charles at 05:00. We then drove for about an hour and a half to a forest track at Batulubang. We began the walk as the light was beginning to brighten on a lovely morning. The birds came steadily as we walked the paved track and as the sun rose higher, birds and butterflies became more apparent. We were constantly accompanied by glossy and mountain swiftlets. The glossy occasionally gleamed in the strengthening sunlight. Some bird highlights included Papuan hornbill, helmeted friarbird and yellow-faced mynahs. The butterflies were also spectacular; the glint of deep blue from the mountain blue swallowtail and a multitude of vibrant colours: cobalt blues, fiery crimson brushfoots and sapphires of the flashing blues all added to the spectacle.

We had a brief coffee and snacks stop and added a few more species. Frustratingly a lesser paradise bird and an earlier magnificent riflebird could be heard but remained hidden from view. We finished the walk as the day became hot and humid. For a change of scene, we headed through a nearby village and onto the beach, where the tide line was full of ghost crab burrows, and the occasional crab was seen scuttling along the beach. Before heading back, we just had time to view a couple of new birds in the beach such as kingfisher and torresian crow.

We arrived back at Kasuria Beach Resort and had some time to refresh and meet for lunch after a delightful morning. We spent some time refreshing after a very warm and humid walk - the temperatures were now beginning to soar on this beautiful sunny day. We gathered around 13:00 to have lunch, which was the breakfast we had pre-ordered but didn't eat as we were out all morning. We then pre-ordered and reserved a table for 19:00 in the hope we could avoid a long wait. The next few hours were spent relaxing around the pool and visiting Sorong for a little shopping.

We next met at 19:00 for dinner and to begin the checklist, where a large cane toad piqued interest. We were delighted that our pre-ordering had worked and that everyone had their food by 19:30. The dinner was taken in a relaxed setting, which wasn't matched by the weather as a lightning storm developed over the sea, giving spectacular views of forked lightning. After a pleasant dinner, we set off to reception to pay our bar bill and retire for the night. Just before we went to bed, a few of us managed to watch a large, white-lipped tree frog and then a second hopped into view. These bright emerald beauties were admired for a little while before we all returned to our rooms to rest!

Day 5: Katharina setting sail to Waigeo

Tuesday 22 November 2022

A slightly later start this morning saw us gathering in the lobby as the day dawned. The overnight storms had produced a downpour, but all was quiet and dry for now. The storm had brought out the toads that live around the pool, and we watched them lining up around the pool's edge.

It was soon time to set off to the harbour, which was about a 45-minute drive. We boarded a small motorboat at the harbour and ferried out to the outskirts to board the yacht. It was impressively clean and ordered when we arrived, and the cabins and upper deck were pleasantly spacious. We settled quickly and gathered for a buffet breakfast of fruits, meats, cereals and eggs.

After breakfast, we had a safety briefing and were soon underway, which meant we were on schedule to attempt our first trek for the red bird of paradise. As we left the harbour, we began to spot wildlife. Lesser

crested and common terns passed by regularly, and then red-necked phalarope and brown booby began to fly close to the yacht. Once out into more open seas, we spotted our first pods of common bottlenose dolphins. The excitement heightened when we saw at least three large baleen whales identified as fin whale, one of the largest whale species. After watching the whales for a few minutes, they departed, but then we were treated to another pod of common bottlenose dolphins, but these were in the mood to play. They swam close to and under the boat, bow wave riding, leaping and generally frolicking. We enjoyed these beautiful creatures for about 15 minutes until they gradually drifted off.

After this passage of wildlife excitement, the voyage was calmer, with a few flying fish, brown boobies and lesser frigatebirds to distract us. At midday, we gathered on the main deck for a buffet lunch of snapper and scallops (fried tofu for vegetarians). We all chatted in a relaxed environment. The sea was calm, the weather was very warm and sunny, and we plotted our course to Waigeo Island in idyllic conditions.

Approaching Waigeo, we added another bird as we saw two streaked shearwaters resting on the sea before they took off. We then stopped just off the island and weighed the anchor. We had planned to trek into the Sapokren Forest Reserve, so we gathered our optics and cameras and were ferried to the island across the shallow waters. After landing, we met the local guide, who would be leading us to the red bird of paradise site. Before we set off, a Blythe's hornbill and a few Pinon imperial pigeons caught our attention. We stopped to admire the birds and take photos before setting off along a boardwalk before turning into the forest. It was quite a steep climb on a difficult path, exacerbated by the hot and humid conditions. We were forced to take our time, but with a little teamwork and goodwill from the whole group, we all arrived safe and sound at the viewing site.

At the viewing site, we had an anxious 15-minute wait for any bird activity, then our target bird suddenly flew into view. It was very active and hopped around the tree, often obscured by leaves and branches. Everyone managed a sighting, even if it was only a glimpse for some. On occasion, it managed to appear in the right light to show its beautiful red tail and its contrasting yellow and green colours. As abruptly as it flew in, it left again, and despite efforts to see it, we only managed a very fleeting view from deep in the foliage.

We noted a few other birds while waiting for it to return. We saw the barred cuckoo shrike and claret-breasted fruit dove. We then had to set off as we needed to return before dark. Going downhill was much faster, and we made it down just before it became dark and ahead of the following storm that cracked and fizzed overhead. We were all relieved and a little weary. Some opted to go straight back to the boat, while others set out to look for the Papuan frogmouth. Initially, this was tough, and there were no signs of the bird. There were, however, plenty of bats of all shapes and sizes. We only recognised the giant fruit bat, flapping over with its almost metre-long wingspan.

Our luck suddenly changed, and not only did we get the frogmouth, but a young man approached us to say he had seen a cuscus in his garden! We went quickly to his house and sure enough, at the back of his garden was a Waiego spotted cuscus! We spent about half an hour photographing and admiring the beautiful creature before it was time to return to the yacht.

Day 6: Waiego & Gam

Wednesday 23 November 2022

Another early start and, unfortunately, also a wet one! The overnight storm had developed into a steady downpour. After a brief discussion, we decided to go to the Wilson's site and hope it cleared up. We ferried across to Warkesi and then drove to Waisai Forest Camp. When we arrived, the rain appeared heavier, and we thought about abandoning the idea. However, the forecast said the rain was due to ease in about an hour. We decided that as we were already up and about, we might as well trek to the hide and hope the rain ceases.

We trekked for about an hour along a good path (with a rail and steps in parts!) and arrived at the hide in reasonable light, and although it was still raining, it looked brighter. We waited patiently for Wilson's bird of paradise to show. Despite calling very close by, it stubbornly refused to show itself. We continued to be

patient, and as the rain was easing off, it eventually came into the lekking area. The bird was well worth the wait as it was a dazzling array of blue, red, yellow and green, capped by an iridescent blue crown. It really was a stunning bird. The only slight negative was that it only showed briefly and then returned to calling from the forest. After a while, most of the group returned to the boat to relax, but a couple stayed on and were rewarded with more extensive views.

We all met back on the boat in time for a superb buffet lunch and sat chatting happily whilst the crew prepared to sail to the first of many snorkelling sites. A delay in being able to set off meant a change in plan. We instead took the small boat to a nearby island and snorkelled from the boat. The coral was a little mixed as some areas were depleted, but plenty of rich corals were around with a bewildering array of fish, surgeon fish, Moorish idol pipefish, trumpetfish and a sea snake! (banded krait) to name a few of the myriad fish and creatures to be found. After an hour or so, we returned to the boat to make our way to Mioskon Island. Here we had a 'wet' landing and strolled around the beach. Plenty of giant fruit bats were hanging from the trees, and several spice imperial pigeons were seen too. Walking around the island, we noted several hermit crabs and a surprising amount of bird life to entertain us.

The sun was beginning to dip as we made our way back to Katharina, and looking back at the island, we saw several giant fruit bats leaving their roost whilst overhead, a dozen or so lesser frigatebirds drifted over. Back on board, we relaxed with a coffee and snacks and watched the sky turning evermore crimson until the beautiful sunset was lost to the night sky. Another glorious day was ending as we got ready for dinner. Thoughts of that stunning Wilson's still vivid in our minds!

Dinner was a relaxed and lighthearted event after a lovely sunny afternoon. The banter continued after the meal when we attempted the species list. A few people seemed to lose the will to live, whilst others enthusiastically clamoured for their sightings to be included. A list that vaguely represented the day's sightings was fashioned from the ensuing chaos! Then everyone decided that sleep was required in lieu of another early start and so we all headed to our respective cabins.

Day 7: Gam, Paiynemo & Salawati

Thursday 24 November 2022

We all gathered at 04:30 by the main deck to board the small boat to Gam and Sawingkrai village. We were pleasantly surprised to see a cuttlefish and bluefin trevally from the landing deck amongst other fish on arrival. We walked through the village, and it was warm, dry, and humid. Thankfully the path was flat and even for most of the walk; at the end, it banked steeply up and was a little more uneven. We all negotiated it safely and waited patiently at the lekking tree for the light to grow brighter and for the red bird of paradise to appear.

Finally, the bird did show but gave tantalising glimpses. At one point, some of the group were fortunate to get clearer views of the dancing male. After this, a game of cat and mouse ensued, and perhaps the best views were when it flew to and from the display tree. We also saw the very attractive rufous-bellied kookaburra. As attention began to wane and the bird appeared to have descended into the valley a cry of 'cuscus!' was heard. Unbelievably our second spotted cuscus was right out in the open, feeding up a tree. We all watched it as it descended and eventually was lost to view. It was a fantastic way to end our vigil, and we made our way back down.

On the way down the path, we admired the varieties of orchids and butterflies, adding vibrant colours. At the village, we also added red-cheeked parrot to our growing list of birds. All in all, it was a great morning's wildlife, and it was time for a cool drink and a late breakfast.

After breakfast, everyone relaxed, and some spent a little time photographing red-necked phalarope, greater crested tern and black-naped terns as we sailed towards Piaynemo. After three hours, we arrived at our destination, dropped anchor and got ready for lunch. Lunch, as usual, was a delicious buffet of salads, fish

and meat dishes and tempeh for the vegetarians. After a relaxing chatty lunch, we had a little time to prepare for our trip to Piaynemo for a snorkelling session.

We set off at 14:30 and headed for a sheltered spot surrounded by tiny but towering limestone islands. Here we jumped in off the small boat and admired the amazing underwater world of corals and fish. There were large brain corals, fan corals and gorgonian corals hosting a huge variety of fish and other sea creatures. Anastasia found some delightful nudibranchs, but everywhere were surgeonfish, parrotfish (including the large bumphead), angelfish and many others creating a kaleidoscope of colour. After exploring the area for around an hour, it was time to head back to the yacht and prepare for our last outing, the walk to the Piaynemo viewpoint.

We boarded the Katharina, rinsed off our salty equipment and changed for an afternoon walk. We set out again for a dry landing on the main island. Despite being a little 'touristy', it was an easy walk up the steps to the viewpoint. Up the top, we could admire the stunning scenery of a myriad of karst limestone islands dotted throughout the archipelago. We even managed to spot some fish and birdlife on the trip. We added half-beak fish species, osprey, shining flycatcher, and great-billed and striated heron.

We stopped on the way back to enjoy coconut milk and the creamy flesh of fresh coconut, which was a delicious end to the trip. Back on board, it was time to check photos, draft lists and prepare for dinner.

Dinner was the usual buffet, and after eating, Anastasia introduced the Katharina crew with their names and designation. They were warmly applauded, and a special cheer was given to the chef for his outstanding food. After dinner, some went to their rooms whilst others stayed up watching the fish as we saw a bizarre pennant adorned young trevally and a pack of barracuda. Once the fish interest had waned, everyone went to bed to enjoy their 'late' start tomorrow at 06:30.

Day 8: Salawati & on to Misool

Friday 25 November 2022

The day started a little later as we anchored at Salawati around 05:30. We all gathered on the main deck for breakfast and spotted a fin whale or two. This is apparently a known migration route for fin whale. A few people were convinced that they saw a dugong by the nearby beach ... not a bad start to the day. Several people in the group were keen to do more snorkelling today. The timing made accommodating a visit to the King bird of paradise site and a snorkelling session difficult. As a compromise, the group were offered a choice, and we split the group into two parties.

The BoP group went ashore and came to a lek site after a 20-minute walk. Despite hearing calls, the bird stubbornly refused to show itself, and eventually, we moved to another lek site. Here we could hear the bird calling and waited long in anticipation before it eventually showed. We all had fleeting but good views of the male bird as it popped into view and flitted off again. We attempted to follow the bird around the lek site getting partial or brief views. One of the group thought he could identify the lekking branch, so we moved to get better views. Unfortunately, despite calling and fast flight sightings, the bird did not show again and eventually fell quiet. We decided it was time to head back to the boat, noting several stunning butterflies on the route and a quick glimpse of a rufous-bellied kookaburra. Other birds seen included shining flycatcher, spot-wing monarch, palm cockatoo, Eclectus parrot, Blythe's hornbill and spangled drongo.

Back on the boat, the snorkelling team had had a great morning swimming with black and white-tipped reef sharks and many fish amongst pristine coral. It was time to refresh and prepare for dinner as we pulled anchor and set sail for Misool.

The journey to Misool was around 95 nautical miles and took approximately 14 hours. We spent the afternoon relaxing and keeping a vigil over the sea. The sea watching was slow, and only a few small rafts of red-necked Phalaropes kept us busy. Further into the journey, various species of terns appeared from all directions, heading for bait fish that were obviously near the surface. We hoped that cetaceans might be

driving the fish to the surface, but we only saw the terns. We recorded lesser crested, common, black-naped and a lone sooty tern. Our last sighting before the sunset was of a flock of shearwaters, which were most likely streaked, but we could not identify them before they disappeared into the distance.

It was now time to prepare for dinner. Dinner was delicious as ever, the chef being possibly the most popular man on the yacht! After dinner, we ran through the next day's itinerary and discussed the difficulty of the path to the lek. After we completed the checklist for the day, some of the group drifted off for an early night as tomorrow was an early start!

Day 9: Misool & on to Kofiau

Saturday 26 November 2022

There was an overnight storm, and when we woke at 03:30, the rain was still very heavy, and the local guide decided to postpone the lesser bird of paradise walk. Although this was disappointing, it was more than made up for by the chance to snorkel in these pristine waters. First, we had to negotiate breakfast.

We watched box-mouth mackerel chasing bait fish at breakfast, often leaping clear of the water. We also saw a couple of bottlenose dolphins, but they remained distant and elusive. Joining the fish chasing melee were a mixed flock of terns, including great crested and common tern, picking off the fish as they rose to the surface to avoid the mackerel.

It was soon time to board the small boat and motor to the snorkelling site. As expected, the seascape was stunning, with pristine corals and an explosion of colours in the corals and fish life. The highlights on this trip included green turtle, bumphead parrotfish, unicorn surgeonfish and a host of fish and sea creatures, including nudibranch and peacock mantis. After around an hour, it was time to get back to Katharina to get ready for dinner.

After another scrumptious lunch, we watched as the dark clouds hanging over the island hilltops gradually moved over the boat. A squall of rain moved in, followed by blustery winds. The canopy had to be removed to avoid damage, and everyone scrambled to get their washing in. However, we had some good news: the walk for the lesser bird of paradise was still going ahead.

A sudden downpour delayed both the snorkelling and the trip on land, but thankfully it cleared up quickly, and we had a fine afternoon and evening. The snorkellers had sightings of a giant moray eel, blue-spotted stingray, lionfish and many others. The birders had to ford fast-flowing streams due to the heavy rain, and the path was quite muddy. We did have a great view of a palm cockatoo and a few other birds overhead. We soon headed up and wound our way to the lekking site. There was a long and patient wait until we finally heard the call of the lesser bird of paradise (on route, we had heard King bird of paradise). We had to wait a little longer to get glimpses of the male bird and, later, a few flight views. It was soon time to leave, and we stopped briefly for the king bird, but it only showed very briefly, and it was time to make our way back to Katharina. The streams were much lower on the way back, and we also picked up a few more birds, including, black-capped lory, hooded butcherbird and sulphur-crested cockatoo.

We boarded the small boat and returned in glorious evening light as the sun started to set. Katharina was illuminated in golden light set against a backdrop of pristine emerald forest, and beautiful scenery, showers, and dinner were waiting! We had a welcome drink back on board, and the snorkellers shared their sightings and experience and sounded like they had a great time.

Once refreshed, it was time for dinner. We all gathered on the main deck and eagerly anticipated our evening meal.

Day 10: Kofiau & on to Bacan

Sunday 27 November 2022

A very welcome lie-in! Although we arrived a little later than expected, that was exacerbated by arriving on a Sunday and the local guide being absent! It finally came together only to hit another hurdle as the outgoing tide meant that landing was difficult in very shallow water, and we had to have two separate landings. We finally gathered on the shore and took the short walk to the kingfisher site.

Unfortunately, the kingfisher did not show despite being heard and moved away. A spotted kestrel was some compensation for some of the group. We then moved to another site across a dilapidated set of planks through a swampy area. However, we had a similar experience on arrival as the kingfisher called and then moved further back into the forest.

Our last chance did finally produce some good sightings of this very attractive bird. Unfortunately, it did fly off before everyone got a view, and to compound matters, we had gone substantially over the time set aside to find the bird. We then returned to the coast and had to wade into the shallow water to get on board and back to Katharina. Once on board, it was clear there was no time to snorkel, but we did jump overboard and swim around the boat for a compromise. Although this didn't make up for missing the coral and fish, it was still very welcome and helped relax the group. Soon after, it was time for lunch and to set sail.

We had a long journey to Bacan of around 22 hours. We relaxed around the boat and spent time scouring the sea for cetaceans and birdlife. No cetaceans were seen, but there was a steady flow of birds, including flocks of phalaropes, brown boobies, streaked shearwaters and frigatebirds. It was soon time for dinner and the usual routine of going through the species list and the next day's itinerary. After dinner, it was time to relax, enjoy the starry skies and drift off to our cabins. We did have a late visitor before we all retired as a Bulwer's petrel landed on the deck. We then went off to get some sleep, which was interrupted by a storm. Thankfully it blew through, and the rest of the night was peaceful.

Day 11: Bacan

Monday 28 November 2022

The morning was overcast and the sea slightly choppy, but generally, conditions were good as we sailed towards Bacan.

We all gathered for breakfast just after 07:00 on the main deck. The group relaxed around, chatting and scanning the sea for wildlife. We did see a cetacean briefly, but other than it being a dolphin species, we didn't see it well enough to identify it. There was little bird activity, with frigate birds and phalaropes seen.

Due to a counter-current, we arrived a little late to our snorkelling destination, but oh boy, was it worth it! We jumped off the small boat into a beautiful coral garden fed by a warm and sometimes hot thermal vent. The highlights were an enormous seahorse and flying gurnard, both found by Anastasia.

After a shower and a quick break, we assembled for lunch on the main deck. During another delicious buffet, the heavens began to open, and we had a downpour that was fairly short but heavy and returned even heavier a few minutes later. We delayed the walk to see the birdwing and macaque for as long as we could, hoping the rain would ease. Although it was still raining heavily, we could see brighter sky in the distance and decided to set off anyway.

We had a dry landing on the dock, jumped into the waiting cars, and drove for a few minutes to start our walk. What would normally have been a quite easy flat walk was made more difficult by the flooding caused by the heavy rain. As we walked along, the rain began to ease, and the sun appeared and, with it, a few butterflies and dragonflies. A giant millipede was seen along the track, and we also had a pair of blue and white kingfishers to add to the list.

After walking for about 25 minutes, we encountered a netted area where Wallace's golden birdwing is bred. Around the cage, a few birdwings were flying among the palms. Inside were the enormous and colourful caterpillars of the birdwing and a few adults. There were also a couple of other swallowtail species. Once we admired the butterflies and took a few photographs, we returned to the cars, where we spotted three goliath coucals and a flock of red-cheeked parrots on the route. Back at the airfield, we returned to the cars and drove off to see the macaques, noting that the airfield contained a few waders, including Pacific golden plover.

We arrived at the macaque site a few minutes later, but there was no sign of the monkeys! The locals told us they were seen in another area. We explored the grounds of a nearby resort to no avail and then returned to the original site and were relieved to see a troop of black-crested macaques feeding out in a clearing. We enjoyed watching the young play and the adults feed, and one large dominant male appeared and gave close and slightly intimidating views. The light soon faded, and it was time to return to the boat.

Back at the boat, the group were in good spirits after a successful day and chatted happily, enjoying a lovely beef and red snapper dinner. The next day's agenda and the species list were complete for another day, and we relaxed for a while before retiring for the night.

Day 12: Makian Island & then to Dodinga

Tuesday 29 November 2022

We sailed overnight towards Makian Island, which would be our snorkelling destination. We met on the main deck for our 07:00 breakfast and kept a watch over the seas as we neared the island. The glorious sunny morning was enhanced by the emerald islands we were approaching.

At around 08:30, we reached our destination and slowly motored along the coast to find the coral reef. Having located the reef and ascertained which direction the tide was flowing we dropped in off the small boat and drifted along the reef in the current.

The reef was not as beautiful as some of the other coral gardens we have snorkelled over, but it was one of the most interesting, with a range of marine habitats: sandy beds, rocky outcrops, coral gardens and a nice drop-off to deeper waters. We discovered various fish and some fascinating marine creatures such as banded krait, lizard fish, trumpet fish, nudibranchs and pipefish, among some of the colourful regulars. This turned out to be one of the longest snorkelling sessions, as we stayed out for around one and a half hours before finally making our way back to Katharina.

Back on board, we had a welcome drink of fresh coconut milk and then the creamy flesh. We washed with freshwater and relaxed in the sunshine heading towards our next destination. We arrived in the afternoon and decided to walk along the road at Sidangoli. It was a pleasant end to the day, and we saw a few birds including red-cheeked parrot and black sunbird.

Back on the boat, we got ready for our buffet evening meal and relaxed. Some went to bed early as we had a very early morning ahead.

Day 13: North of Ternate

Wednesday 30 November 2022

The Wallace's standard wing group was up and left at 01:30, and the general birding group followed at 07:00. Finally, the snorkelling group later after breakfast, snorkelling around 11:00. The snorkellers enjoyed sightings of green turtle, a large group of squid and the seascape was a little different. Among the coral gardens, there were basalt rock formations from historical volcanic eruptions.

The general birding group enjoyed their morning watching ivory-breasted pitta among spotting other birds, including common paradise kingfisher. The standard wings were very well behaved, and at least three males were lekking and displaying for about half an hour after first light and then fell quiet around 07:00, although

they were still viewable. On route, we had seen common paradise kingfisher and Moluccan scops owl and later had glimpses of pitta species.

We all met back on the boat after a long drive and speed boat journey to the north of Ternate. Some enjoyed a late lunch, and we all caught up and shared stories of our mornings. Some then went to get some sleep, whilst others went on a city tour, visiting a vegetable market and a fort with Anastasia.

We all gathered for our final meal, which was a very special treat to eat with the crew. Anastasia spoke about the traditions and history of their prepared food, and we all enjoyed our meal in good spirits. Later the team disappeared only to re-emerge as a band and serenade the group. Everyone got to their feet and danced to the music until we were all a little tired and sat down to listen to Anastasia sing a rendition of 'leaving on a jet plane', which was warmly received. It was a great end to a trip that had sometimes been sensational but also had difficulties, a great note to end on.

Some did their flight check-in with the tour leader, but most went to bed as we were due to leave at 05:00.

Day 14: Depart Raja Ampat

Thursday 1 December 2022

We were all up by 05:00 and preparing to leave for the airport. We said farewell to the crew and boarded the dinghy for the short trip to the shore. Here we quickly found our taxis and headed for the airport. Along the route, we could see the Sultan's Palace and were perplexed by the world cup celebrations enjoyed by the local people. They seemed to have fully embraced the competition and were riding scooters and motorcycles in large numbers, mostly waving Argentinian flags!

Despite the world cup traffic, we arrived in good time at the airport. Here we said goodbye to Anastasia and the rest of the crew and continued through to departures.

The flight was smooth, with occasional turbulence, but we landed safe and sound at Soekarno-Hatta airport in Jakarta. Here we said farewell to our guests heading to Bali and Singapore, respectively. The rest of the group went to their hotel for a rest, and one guest went out for a relaxing boat and birding trip around the shores of Jakarta accompanied by the tour leader and local guide.

We all then met again for our flight to Dubai, which departed on time and, after a smooth flight, landed the next day in Dubai.

Day 15: Arrive UK

Friday 2 December 2022

The group further split as some flew back to Glasgow and some to Heathrow. Both flights left and landed on time. The tour, at this point, came to an end.

Checklist



	Common Name	Scientific Name	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11
	BIRDS	<i>AVES</i>											
1	Dusky scrubfowl	<i>Megapodius freycinet</i>				✓							
2	White-throated pigeon	<i>Columba vitiensis</i>				✓							
3	Spice imperial pigeon	<i>Ducula myristicivora</i>					✓						
4	Pinon's imperial pigeon	<i>Ducula pinon</i>		✓	✓								
5	Pied imperial pigeon	<i>Ducula bicolor</i>				✓							
6	Spectacled imperial pigeon	<i>Ducula perspicillata</i>								✓			
7	Asian emerald dove	<i>Chalcophaps indica</i>										✓	
8	Claret-breasted fruit dove	<i>Ptilinopus viridis</i>			✓								
9	Wompoo fruit dove	<i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>							✓				
10	Stephen's fruit dove	<i>Chalcophaps stephani</i>										✓	
11	Red-necked phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓			
12	Common sandpiper	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	✓	✓		✓				✓			



13	Grey-tailed tattler	<i>Tringa brevipes</i>								✓			
14	Pacific golden plover	<i>Pluvialis fulva</i>									✓		
15	Lesser crested tern	<i>Thalasseus bengalensis</i>			✓	✓						✓	✓
16	Greater crested tern	<i>Thalasseus bergii</i>			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
17	Black-naped tern	<i>Sterna sumatrana</i>					✓	✓				✓	✓
18	Common tern	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>			✓			✓	✓				
19	Streaked shearwater	<i>Calonectris leucomelas</i>			✓			✓		✓	✓	✓	
20	Lesser frigatebird	<i>Fregata ariel</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
21	Brown booby	<i>Sula leucogaster</i>			✓			✓		✓	✓		
22	Striated heron	<i>Butorides striata</i>					✓		✓				
23	Little egret	<i>Egretta garzetta</i>	✓								✓		
24	Pacific reef heron	<i>Egretta sacra</i>				✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		
25	Great-billed heron	<i>Ardea sumatrana</i>								✓			
26	Moluccan owlet	<i>Aegotheles crinifrons</i>											H
27	Papaun frogmouth	<i>Podargus papuensis</i>			✓								
28	Muloccan scops owl	<i>Otus magicus</i>											✓
29	Eastern osprey	<i>Pandion cristatus</i>					✓			✓			
30	Brahminy kite	<i>Haliastur indus</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓		✓

31	White-bellied sea eagle	<i>Haliaeetus leucogaster</i>					✓		✓	✓		✓	
32	Spotted kestrel	<i>Falco moluccensis</i>								✓			
33	Blyth's hornbill	<i>Rhyticeros plicatus</i>		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓				
34	Goliath coucal	<i>Centropus goliath</i>									✓		
35	Shinning bronze cuckoo	<i>Chalcites lucidus</i>							✓				
36	Glossy swiftlet	<i>Collocalia esculenta</i>		✓					✓	✓	✓		
37	Uniform swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus vanikorensis</i>					✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
38	Mountain swiftlet	<i>Aerodramus hirundinaceus</i>		✓									
39	Beach kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus saurophagus</i>		✓								✓	
40	Kofiau paradise kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera ellioti</i>								✓			
41	Common paradise kingfisher	<i>Tanysiptera galatea</i>											✓
42	Yellow-billed kingfisher	<i>Syma torotoro</i>		✓									
43	Blue and white kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus diops</i>									✓		
44	Sombre kingfisher	<i>Todiramphus funebris</i>											✓
45	Rufous-bellied kookabura	<i>Dacelo gaudichaud</i>		✓			✓	✓					
46	Ivory-breasted pitta	<i>Pitta maxima</i>											✓
47	Sulphur-crested cockatoo	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>		✓	✓				✓				
48	Moluccan palm cockatoo	<i>Probosciger aterrimus</i>		✓				✓					✓

49	Eclectus parrot	<i>Eclectus roratus</i>		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			✓	✓
50	Moluccan king parrot	<i>Alisterus amboinensis</i>				✓							
51	Red-cheeked parrot	<i>Geoffroyus geoffroyi</i>					✓				✓	✓	✓
52	Yellow-capped pygmy parrot	<i>Micropsitta keiensis</i>		✓									
53	Black-capped lory	<i>Lorius lory</i>							✓				
54	Black lory	<i>Chalcopsitta atra</i>		✓									
55	Coconut lorikeet	<i>Trichoglossus rosenbergi</i>		✓									
56	Red-flanked lorikeet	<i>Charmosyna placentis</i>							✓				
57	Tawny-breasted honeyeater	<i>Xanthotis flaviventer</i>				✓							
58	Spotted honeyeater	<i>Xanthotis polygrammus</i>					✓						
59	White-bellied cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>								✓			
60	Barred cuckooshrike	<i>Coracina lineata</i>			✓								
61	Hooded butcherbird	<i>Cracticus cassicus</i>			✓				✓				
62	Black cicadabird	<i>Edolisoma melas</i>		✓		✓							
63	Black-browed triller	<i>Lalage atrovirens</i>		✓									
64	Rusty pituhoi	<i>Pseudorectes ferrugineus</i>						✓					
65	Willie wagtail	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	✓				✓				✓	✓	✓
66	Spangled drongo	<i>Dicrurus bracteatus</i>		✓			✓	✓					✓

67	Shinning flycatcher	<i>Myiagra alecto</i>					✓						
68	Spot-winged monarch	<i>Symposiachrus guttula</i>						✓					
69	Glossy-mantled manucode	<i>Manucodia ater</i>		✓									
70	Wallace's standardwing	<i>Semioptera wallacii</i>											✓
71	Magnificent riflebird	<i>Ptiloris magnificus</i>		H									
72	Wilson's bird-of-paradise	<i>Diphyllodes respublica</i>				✓							
73	King bird-of Paradise	<i>Cicinnurus regius</i>						✓	✓				
74	Lesser bird-of -Paradise	<i>Paradisaea minor</i>							✓				
75	Red bird-of-paradise	<i>Paradisaea rubra</i>			✓		✓						
76	Grey crow	<i>Corvus tristis</i>		✓									
77	Torresian crow	<i>Corvus orru</i>		✓		✓	✓			✓			
78	Helmeted friarbird	<i>Philemon buceroides</i>		✓	✓	✓							
79	White-breasted woodswallow	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>				✓	✓					✓	
80	Barn swallow	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>			✓						✓	✓	✓
81	Pacific swallow	<i>Onychoprion anaethetus</i>	✓	✓	✓	✓							
82	Metallic starling	<i>Aplonis metallica</i>		✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
83	Yellow-faced myna	<i>Mino dumontii</i>		✓	✓								
84	Olive-backed sunbird	<i>Cinnyris jugularis</i>			✓								



85	Black sunbird	<i>Leptocoma sericea</i>										✓		
86	Eurasian tree sparrow	<i>Passer montanus</i>	✓	✓	✓							✓	✓	✓
87	Black-faced mannikin	<i>Lonchura molucca</i>										✓		✓
	MAMMALS	MAMMALIA												
1	Spinner dolphin	<i>Stenella longirostris</i>			✓									
2	Common bottlenose dolphin	<i>Tursiops truncatus</i>			✓	✓			✓					
3	Fin whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>			✓			✓						
4	Dugong	<i>Dugong dugon</i>					✓							
5	Giant flying fox	<i>Pteropus neohibernicus</i>			✓	✓	✓							
6	Waigeo spotted cuscus	<i>Spilocuscus papuensis</i>			✓		✓							
7	Black crested macaque	<i>Macaca nigra</i>										✓		



	BUTTERFLIES	<i>PAPILIONES</i>
	PAPILIO	
1	Wallace's golden birdwing	<i>Ornithoptera croesus</i>
2	Common birdwing	<i>Troides helena</i>
3	Ulysses swallowtail	<i>Papilio ulysses</i>
	PIERIDAE	
1	Common grass yellow	<i>Eurema hecabe</i>
2	Caper gull	<i>Cepora perimale wallacena</i>
3	The Red banded Jezebel	<i>Delias mysis</i>
	LYCAENIDEA	
1	Marbled blue	<i>Jameela palmyra</i>
2	Bright oakblue	<i>Arthropala madytus</i>
3	Large Green-banded Blue	<i>Danis danis ssp</i>
4	Dark ciliate blue	<i>Anthene seltuttus</i>
5	NCN	<i>Hypolycaena phorbas dictaea</i>
	NYMPHALID	
1	Autumn leaf	<i>Doleschallia bisaltide</i>
2	Small brown crow	<i>Euploea tulliolus</i>
3	Blanchard's wood nymph	<i>Ideopsis vitrea</i>
4	Grey glassy tiger	<i>Ideopsis juvena</i>
5	Dark tiger	<i>Tirumala hamata</i>
6	Yoma yoma	<i>algina netonia</i>
7	The cruiser	<i>Vindula arsinoe ada</i>
8	Common jester	<i>Symbrenthia hippoclus hylaeus</i>
9	Dark-bar bushbrown	<i>Mycalesis discobolus</i>
10	NCN	<i>Taenaris schoenbergi</i>
11	Eastern red lacewing	<i>Cethosia cydippe damasippe</i>

12	Smooth-eyed bushbrown	<i>Orsotriaena medus</i>
	HESPERIIDAE	
1	Yellow palm dart	<i>Cepphrenes trichopepla</i>

	FISH AND MARINE WILDLIFE	
1	White-tipped reef shark	<i>Triaenodon obesus</i>
2	Black-tipped reef shark	<i>Carcharhinus melanopterus</i>
1	Panda butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon adiergastos</i>
2	Dotted butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon semeion</i>
3	Speckled butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon citrinellus</i>
4	Raccoon butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon lunula</i>
5	Eastern triangular butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon baronessa</i>
6	Saddled butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon ephippium</i>
7	Lined butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon lineolatus</i>
8	Black-backed butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon melannotus</i>
9	Spot-tail butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon ocellicaudus</i>
10	Ornate butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon ornatissimus</i>
11	Latticed butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon rafflesii</i>
12	Oval-spot butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon speculum</i>
13	Chevroned butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon trifascialis</i>
14	Pacific double-saddled butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon ulietensis</i>
15	Teardrop butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon unimaculatus</i>
16	Brown-banded butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon modestus</i>
17	Indian teardrop butterflyfish	<i>Chaetodon interruptus</i>
18	Pyramid butterflyfish	<i>Hermitaurichthys polylepis</i>
19	Pennant bannerfish	<i>Heniochus chrysostomus</i>
20	Humphead bannerfish	<i>Heniochus varius</i>
21	Big longnose butterflyfish	<i>Forcipiger longirostris</i>

22	Three-spot angelfish	<i>Apolemichthys trimaculatus</i>
23	Vermiculated angelfish	<i>Chaetodontoplus mesoleucus</i>
24	Bicolour angelfish	<i>Centropyge bicolor</i>
25	Pearl-scaled angelfish	<i>Centropyge vrolikii</i>
26	Black-tailed angelfish	<i>Centropyge heraldi</i>
27	Keyhole angelfish	<i>Centropyge tibicen</i>
28	Emperor angelfish	<i>Pomacanthus imperator</i>
29	Regal angelfish	<i>Pomacanthus diacanthus</i>
30	Yellow-mask angelfish	<i>Pomacanthus xanthometopon</i>
31	Two-spot angelfish	<i>Apolemichthys trimaculatus</i>
32	Black-striped angelfish	<i>Genicanthus lamarck</i>
33	Black-spot angelfish	<i>Genicanthus melanospilos</i>
34	Moorish idol	<i>Zanclus cornutus</i>
35	Masked bannerfish	<i>Heniochus monoceros</i>
36	Golden batfish (spadefish)	<i>Platax boersii</i>
37	Longfin batfish (spadefish)	<i>Platax teira</i>
38	Striped surgeonfish	<i>Acanthurus lineatus</i>
39	Indian mimic surgeonfish	<i>Acanthurus tristis</i>
40	Japanese surgeonfish	<i>Acanthurus japonicus</i>
41	White-freckled surgeonfish	<i>Acanthurus macuiliceps</i>
42	Whitecheek surgeonfish	<i>Acanthurus nigricans</i>
43	Orange-socket surgeonfish	<i>Acanthurus auranticavus</i>
44	Achilles tang	<i>Acanthurus achilles</i>
45	Bushtail tang	<i>Zebrasoma scopas</i>
46	Pacific sailfin tang	<i>Zebrasoma velifer</i>
47	Sleek unicornfish	<i>Naso hexacanthus</i>
48	Orange-spine unicornfish	<i>Naso litturatus</i>
49	Foxface rabbitfish	<i>Siganus vulpinus</i>

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50	Coral rabbitfish	<i>Siganus corallinus</i>
51	Blackeye rabbitfish	<i>Siganus puelloides</i>
52	Masked rabbitfish	<i>Siganus puellus</i>
53	Frigate rabbitfish	<i>Siganus sp</i>
54	One-spot rabbitfish	<i>Siganus unimaclatus</i>
55	Scissortail sergeant	<i>Abudefduf sexfasciatus</i>
56	Indo-pacific sergeant	<i>Abudefduf vaigiensis</i>
57	Bengal sergent fish	<i>Abudefduf bengalensis</i>
58	Orange anemonefish	<i>Amphiprion sandaracinos</i>
59	Pink anemonefish	<i>Amphiprion perideraion</i>
60	Clark's anemonefish	<i>Amphiprion sandaracinos</i>
61	Red & black anemonefish	<i>Amphiprion melanopus</i>
62	False clown anemonefish	<i>Amphiprion ocellaris</i>
63	Tomato anemonefish	<i>Amphiprion frenatus</i>
64	Saddleback anemonefish	<i>Amphiprion polymnus</i>
65	Spine-cheeked anemonefish	<i>Premnas biaculeatus</i>
66	Bi-coloured chromis	<i>Pycnochromis margaritifer</i>
67	Green chromis	<i>Chromis cinerascens</i>
68	Black-vent damselfish	<i>Dischistodus melanotus</i>
69	Staghorn damselfish	<i>Amblyglyphidodon curacao</i>
70	Golden damselfish	<i>Amblyglyphidodon aureus</i>
71	Speckled damselfish	<i>Pomacentrus bankanensis</i>
72	Goldback damselfish	<i>Pomacentrus nigromanus</i>
73	Neon damselfish	<i>Pomacentrus coelestris</i>
74	Blackspot damselfish	<i>Abudefduf sordidus</i>
75	Jeweled damselfish	<i>Microspathodon chrysurus</i>
76	Yellow-tailed damselfish	<i>Chrysiptera parasema</i>
77	Talbot's damselfish	<i>Chrysiptera talboti</i>

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78	Cross's damselfish	<i>Neoglyphidodon crossi</i>
79	Black damselfish	<i>Neoglyphidodon melas</i>
80	Javanese damselfish	<i>Neoglyphidodon oxyodon</i>
81	Yellow-tailed demoiselle	<i>Neopomacentrus azysron</i>
82	Reticulated dascyllus	<i>Dascyllus reticulatus</i>
83	Squarespot anthias	<i>Pseudanthias pleurotaenia</i>
84	Threadfin anthias	<i>Nemanthias carberryi</i>
85	Purple anthias	<i>Pseudanthias tuka</i>
86	Magenta slender anthias	<i>Luzonichthys waitei</i>
87	One-spot snapper	<i>Lutjanus monostigma</i>
88	Red snapper	<i>Lutjanus bohar</i>
89	Midnight snapper	<i>Macolor macularis</i>
90	Blue-striped snapper	<i>Lutjanus kasmira</i>
91	Checkered snapper	<i>Lutjanus decussatus</i>
92	Lowfin drummer	<i>Kyphosus vaigiensis</i>
93	Brindled monocle bream	<i>Scolopsis bilineata</i>
94	Pearly monocle bream	<i>Scolopsis margartifera</i>
95	Longfin emperor	<i>Lethrinus erythropterus</i>
96	Orange-striped emperor	<i>Lethrinus obscletus</i>
97	Bluefin trevally	<i>Caranx melampygus</i>
98	Orange-spotted trevally	<i>Carangoides bajad</i>
99	Yellow-spotted trevally	<i>Carangoides fulvoguttatus</i>
100	Big-eye trevally	<i>Caranx sexfasciatus</i>
101	African pompano trevally	<i>Alectis ciliaris</i>
102	Blackfin barracuda	<i>Sphyræna qenie</i>
103	Long-jawed mackerel	<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i>
104	Yellowfin tuna	<i>Thunnus albacares</i>
105	Lunar fusilier	<i>Caesio lunaris</i>

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106	Blue and yellow fusilier	<i>Caesio teres</i>
107	Scissortail fusilier	<i>Caesio caerulaurea</i>
108	Narrowstripe fusilier	<i>Pterocaesio tessellata</i>
109	Yellowtail fusilier	<i>Caesio cuning</i>
110	Slender grouper	<i>Anyperodon leucogrammicus</i>
111	Peacock grouper	<i>Cephalopholis argus</i>
112	Blue-spotted grouper	<i>Cephalopholis cyanostigma</i>
113	Saddle grouper	<i>Cephalopholis semaculata</i>
114	Longfin grouper	<i>Epinephelus quoyanus</i>
115	Foursaddle grouper	<i>Epinephelus spilotoceps</i>
116	Honeycomb grouper	<i>Epinephelus merra</i>
117	Starry grouper	<i>Epinephelus labriformis</i>
118	Highfin grouper	<i>Epinephelus maculatus</i>
119	Panther-fish grouper	<i>Cromileptes altivelis</i>
120	Yellow-edged lyretrail	<i>Variola louti</i>
121	Freckled hawkfish	<i>Paracirrhites forsteri</i>
122	Diagonal banded sweetlips	<i>Plectorhinchus lineatus</i>
123	Oriental sweetlips	<i>Plectorhinchus vittatus</i>
124	Ribbon sweetlips	<i>Plectorhinchus polytaenia</i>
125	Giant sweetlips	<i>Plectorhinchus albovittatus</i>
126	Bumphead parrotfish	<i>Bolbometopon muricatum</i>
127	Bleeker's parrotfish	<i>Chlorurus bleekeri</i>
128	Roundhead parrotfish	<i>Chlorurus strongylocephalus</i>
129	Bower's parrotfish	<i>Chlorurus bowersi</i>
130	Darkcapped parrotfish	<i>Scarus oviceps</i>
131	Yellowbar parrotfish	<i>Scarus dimidatus</i>
132	Spotted parrotfish	<i>Cetoscarus ocellatus</i>
133	Blue-barred parrotfish	<i>Scarus ghobban</i>

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134	Yellow coris	<i>Coris gaimard</i>
135	Red-breasted wrasse	<i>Cheilinus fasciatus</i>
136	Napoleon (humphead) wrasse	<i>Cheilinus undulatus</i>
137	Checkerboard wrasse	<i>Halichoeres hortulanus</i>
138	Bluestreak cleaner wrasse	<i>Labrodies dimidiatus</i>
139	Pacific bird wrasse	<i>Gomphosus varius</i>
140	Crescent wrasse	<i>Thalassoma lunare</i>
141	Cigar wrasse	<i>Cheilio inermis</i>
142	Razorfish	<i>Iniistius sp</i>
143	Crescent wrasse	<i>Thalassoma lunare</i>
144	Slingjaw wrasse	<i>Epibulus insidiator</i>
145	Ringtail wrasse	<i>Oxycheilinus unifasciatus</i>
146	Yellow-tailed wrasse	<i>Anampses meleagrides</i>
147	Clown coirs wrasse	<i>Coris aygula</i>
148	White-spot soldierfish	<i>Myripristis woodsi</i>
149	Blotcheye soldierfish	<i>Myripristis murdjan</i>
150	Brick soldierfish	<i>Myripristis amaena</i>
151	Tailspot squirrelfish	<i>Sargocentron caudimaculatum</i>
152	Orbicular cardinalfish	<i>Sphaeramia orbicularis</i>
153	Pajama cardinalfish	<i>Sphaeramia nematoptera</i>
154	Clouded lizardfish	<i>Saurida nebulosa</i>
155	Reef lizardfish	<i>Synodus variegatus</i>
156	Cheek-streaked goby	<i>Echinogobius hayashi</i>
157	Long-finned goby	<i>Valenciennesa longipinnis</i>
158	Blue-streaked goby	<i>Valenciennesa strigata</i>
159	Blue-tailed Stirup goby	?
160	Shrimp Gopy sp	<i>Gobiinae sp</i>
161	Banded goby	<i>Amblygobius phalaena</i>

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162	Spotted sandperch	<i>Parapercis hexophtalama</i>
163	Yellow-barred jawfish	<i>Opistognathus randalli</i>
164	Bi-coloured blenny	<i>Ecsenius bicolor</i>
165	Red lionfish	<i>Pterois volitans</i>
166	Spotfin lionfish	<i>Pterois antennata</i>
167	Painted scorpionfish	<i>Parascorpaena picta</i>
168	Papuan scorpionfish	<i>Scorpaenopsis papauensis</i>
169	Tassled scorpionfish	<i>Scorpaenopsis oxycephala</i>
170	Doublebar goatfish	<i>Parupeneus crassilabris</i>
171	Many-barred goatfish	<i>Parupeneus multifasciatus</i>
172	Dot-dash goatfish	<i>Parupeneus barberinus</i>
173	Cornet fish	<i>Fistularia commersoni</i>
174	Trumpet fish	<i>Aulostnus chinensis</i>
175	Half Beak sp	<i>Hemiramphidae sp</i>
176	Reef needlefish	<i>Strongylura incisa</i>
177	Redfin flyingfish	<i>Hirundichthys rufipinnis</i>
178	Golden sweeper	<i>Parapriacanthus ransonneti</i>
179	Vanikoro sweeper	<i>Pempheris vanicolensis</i>
180	Titan triggerfish	<i>Balistoides viridescens</i>
181	Clown triggerfish	<i>Balistoides conspicillum</i>
182	Pink-tail triggerfish	<i>Melichthys vidua</i>
183	Orange-lined triggerfish	<i>Balistapus undulatus</i>
184	Blackpatch triggerfish	<i>Rhinecanthus verrucosus</i>
185	Wedgetail triggerfish	<i>Rhinecanthus rectangulus</i>
186	Black-patch (belly) triggerfish	<i>Rhinecanthus verrucosus</i>
187	Redtooth triggerfish	<i>Odonus niger</i>
188	Cross-hatch triggerfish	<i>Xanthichthys mento</i>
189	Blue triggerfish	<i>Pseudobalistes fuscus</i>

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190	Yellow-margin triggerfish	<i>Pseudobalistes flavimarginatus</i>
191	Scrawled filefish	<i>Aluterus scriptus</i>
192	Dwarf hawkfish	<i>Cirrhichthys falco</i>
193	Star puffer	<i>Arothron scriptus</i>
194	Blackspotted puffer	<i>Arothron mappa</i>
195	Black-saddled toby	<i>Canthigaster valentini</i>
196	Papaun toby	<i>Canthigaster papua</i>
197	Porcupinefish	<i>Diodon hystrix</i>
198	Spotted boxfish	<i>Ostracion meleagris</i>
199	Yellow boxfish	<i>Ostracion cubicus</i>
200	Network pipefish	<i>Corythoichthys flavofasciatus</i>
201	Messmate pipefish	<i>Corythoichthys haematopterus</i>
202	Giant moray	<i>Gymnothorax javanicus</i>
203	Helmet gurnard	<i>Dactylopterus volitans</i>
	OTHER MARINE LIFE	
1	Hawksbill turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>
2	Green turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>
1	Banded krait sea snake	<i>Laticauda colubrina</i>
1	Painted spiny lobster	<i>Panulirus versicolor</i>
2	Blue-spot hermit crab	<i>Dardanus guttatus</i>
3	Peacock mantis shrimp	<i>Odontodactylus scyllarus</i>
1	Boring giant clam	<i>Tridacna crocea</i>
2	Crown of thorns starfish	<i>Acanthaster planci</i>
3	Blue star	<i>Linckia laevigata</i>
4	Pacific star	<i>Fromia pacifica</i>
5	Christmas tree worm	<i>Spirobranchus sp.</i>
6	Pale spaghetti worm	<i>Terebellidae sp.</i>
7	Broadclub cuttlefish	<i>Sepia latimanus</i>

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8	Yellow-spotted sea cucumber	<i>Bohadschia sp.</i>
9	Robust sea squirt	<i>Atrium robustum</i>
10	Gold-mouth sea squirt	<i>Polycarpa aurata</i>
11	Red vase sponge	<i>Clathria basilana cf.</i>
	OTHER INVERTIBRATES	
1	Giant armoured millipede	
2	Jewel spider sp	<i>Gasteracantha sp</i>
3	Orb weaver spider sp	
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5	Katidid sp	<i>Tettigoniidae sp</i>
6	Rose chafer sp	
7	Cricket sp	<i>poss brachypterous sp</i>
8	Javanese grasshopper	<i>Valanga nigricornis</i>

	REPTILES	<i>REPTILIA</i>
1	Emerald tree skink	<i>Lamprolepis smaragdina</i>
2	Common sun skink	<i>Eutropis multifasciata</i>
3	Pacific blue-tailed skink	<i>Emoia caeruleocauda</i>
4	House gecko	<i>Hemidactylus frenatus</i>
	AMPHIBIANS	<i>AMPHIBIA</i>
1	White-lipped tree frog	<i>Nyctimystes infrafrenatus</i>
2	Cane toad	<i>Bufo marinus</i>