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Chevalier Rock



Location: Immediately south of Chevalier Island. Two rocky pinnacles break the surface, With a shallow reef running southeast-northwest between them.

Again, currently only MV Faah Yai visits this area.

Conditions: In calm conditions drift diving is possible, but strong surge can make things difficult.

Visibility is good.

Average depth: 20m (66ft) Maximum depth: 34m (113ft)

Heading northwest from the entry point takes you over an extensive field of gorgonian seafans in varying shades of orange, all regimentally standing in rows perpendicular to the wall so as to filter nutrients from the flowing waters. This configuration continues through a gorge which leads up to 24m (80ft). Fish life here consists mainly of small Checkerboard and Lunar Wrasse, with seafans swaying to and from in the swell as the current passes up and over the wall. At this depth the south of the rocky structure seems fairly barren, but ascending to a depth of 11m (36ft) brings you to "Maurice Ledge", a rocky plateau, with shelves at varying depths all interconnected by a matrix of slopes, steps and caverns. This area is much more radiant than the others, and features a high presence and diversity of marine life, plus large patches of orange and yellow encrusting sponges.

Reef type:	Sloping reef, pinnacles
Access:	Live-aboard boat from Phuket or Ranong
Visibility:	Variable from 20-50 metres
Current:	Variable
Coral:	Fan some soft corals, sponges
Fish:	Abundant
Highlights:	

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