

The Mergui Archipelago

This archipelago stretches over 10,000 square miles and contains over 800 islands the majority virtually untouched. The gateway to the archipelago is Kawthong (Victoria Point) on the south tip of Burma, a 15 minute boat trip from the Thai port of Ranong.

We had the whole area almost to ourselves for a many months, exploring the Mergui Archipelago where no one else went, but inevitably a few others have followed in our footsteps (not yet to the far north), although no other operator has anywhere near the same level of experience and knowledge of the area as Scuba Quest and MV Faah Yai's permanent cruise director Alain Merrett.

The newly opened Mergui Archipelago in Burma (Myanmar).



The best choice to explore the unknown world of the Burma Archipelago is by our live-aboard [Faah Yai](#) the first boat wich did cruises only in Burma waters

High lights include the Three Stooges, Black Rock, Burma Banks, N.E.Little Torres islands and West Canister in the very north of the Mergui Archipelago.

One of the highlights of the more inshore islands is north of Clara Island at North Sentinel. Though there is not a lot of color on the reef itself, but a lot of sharks. Gray reef sharks are the most common.

The Mergui has something to offer for everyone.

Bottomline Mergui:

Reef type:	Limestone cliffs, coral gardens, walls, pinnacles, canyons, tunnels.
Visibility:	Variable from 10-50 metres
Current:	Variable, often strong
Coral:	Varies from excellent to good
Fish:	Fantastic, very exciting; everything Silvertip sharks, bull sharks, gray reef sharks, big nurses harks, mobula rays, great top-side wildlife and jungle; be ready for anything.

On board Faah Yai exploration diving i s part of each trip, besides diving the already known dive sites we will explore sites nobody has ever gone before.

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