

Orange Rock

Location:

between Hayes island and Sergeant island in the North area.

The Ultimate dive site! a "pyramid" style pinnacle in a middle of a pass. Again, currently only MV Faah Yai visits this area.

Conditions: divable only by slack tide.

The pinnacle is lying 5 meter beneath the surface. Often strong currents but a lot of fishes.

The entry point takes you as close as possible to the summit of this huge rock, over a 40 meter depth extensive field of orange and white gorgonian seafans. This configuration let you find some black blotched rays or blue spotted stingrays. By moving up you will discover a huge sandy place on the East, circle by rumbles stones. Here is erecting the last part of the pinnacle, from 25 meter depth to the surface in a kind of sugar loaf cutted vertically in 2 parts. Fish life is really more stuffed than the other dive sites around. The main reason is the current, sometime streaming to more than 3 knots, which bring oxygen and nutrients.

The top is covered by multicolor alcyons and soft corals sheltering a enormous population of antias, wrasse, blennies, cowries, scorpionfish. The highlight are these mobular rays turning around the "Orange Rock" feeding from plancton and investigating the divers by 15 or 10 meter depth.

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| Reef type: | Submerged pinnacle |
| Access: | Live-aboard boat from Phuket or Ranong |
| Visibility: | Variable from 20-50 metres |
| Current: | Variable, often strong. |
| Coral: | Good and colorful, orange and yellow seafans. |
| Fish: | Chevron barracuda, fusilier, jackfish, big size grouper, pipefish, gobbie, orange antias |
| Highlights: | School of "mobular" rays. A lot of cowries shell and nudibranches and seafans. |

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