

**1429409571**  
Filigree black coral at a colorful overgrown steep drop. There are sun corals, ascidians and sponges. A Comet Starfish is there too. Palau 7°8'14.72 N 134°13'19.09 E at 28m depth

**1421712002**  
Pink Anemonefish Amphiprion perideraion occurs in the tropical Western Pacific in lagoon and seaward reefs in a depth range from 1-38m, max. length 10cm. This fish species is associated with several anemones, but usually, like this specimen, with Heteractis magnifica. This anemone species occurs in the tropical Indo-Pacific in a depth range from 1-50m. Ulong Channel, Palau, 7°17'11.484 N 134°15'41.748 E at 10m depth

**1420835078**  
This seascape looks bizarre, unreal. A colorful biodiversity with hydroids, ascidians, sponges, sun corals Tubastraea faulkneri, black sun coral Tubastraea micrantha, featherstar and a large Soft Coral Fan Siphonogorgia godeffroyi dominating the scenery. Siphonogorgia godeffroyi is a soft tree coral with a gorgonian like appearance, but there is no skeleton in the coral stem, it is stabilized just by the inner pressure. Frequently encountered inhabitant of reef slopes, vertical surfaces, and overhangs. Depth: 10 to 20 m. Palau 7°7'38.52 N 134°17'22.272 E at 17m depth

**1214756613**  
Gorgonian Seafan and Wire Coral Cirrhipathes anguina. A school of Blue Streak Fusiliers (= Neon Fusilier) Pterocaesio tile under a deep ledge. Pterocaesio tile occurs in tropical Indo-Pacific too, in a depth range from 1-60m, max. length 30cm. Southwest Peleliu Island, Palau, 6°59'7.83" N 134°13'25.3" E at 17m depth

**1436223484** (cropped)  
Black Turret Coral or Black Sun Coral Tubastreaa micranthus occurs in the (sub)tropical Pacific Ocean from the Red Sea to the Fiji Islands. Unlike most other members of the family which grow under overhangs and in caves, specimens of Tubastreaa micranthus were also found from 4 to 50 m depth growing fully light-exposed as other reef corals. This species do not contain zooxanthellae and derive nourishment not from the sun but from capturing different forms of plankton. Palau 7°6'7.42" N 134° 15'0.22" E at 8m depth by night

**1420972829**  
This seascape looks bizarre, unreal. A colorful biodiversity with hydroids, ascidians, sponges, featherstar, sun corals Tubastraea faulkneri, black sun coral Tubastraea micrantha (the silhouette on top), and a large Soft Coral Dendronephthya sp. dominating the scenery. Some Scaly Chromis Chromis lepidolepis: the species occurs in coral-rich areas of lagoon and seaward reefs, max. length 9cm. Palau 7°7'38.52 N 134°17'22.272 E at 17m depth

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**1419584355**  
The Biodiversity at this vertical reef is amazing. Many different species of corals, hydrozoans, sponges, ascidians and fishes. Palau 7°20'14.5428 N 134°27'25.6428 E at 29m depth

**1206044744**  
Because of their black and very solid skeleton, black coral have been worked into amulets (Greek: anti pathes = against disease) for thousands of years in the Arabian regions of the Red Sea and the Eastern Mediterranean Sea. This specimen of Black Coral Antipathes sp. is from Palau, Micronesia, 7°6'12.97" N 134°15'3.63" E at 21m depth

**1200470667**  
A Magestic Gorgonian Seafan at the Big Dro Off. Some Scaly Chromis Chromis lepidolepis at the right side of the Seafan and two Magenta Dottyback Pictichromis porphyria. Magenta Dottyback occurs in tropical Western Pacific in a depth range from 0-65m, usually 0-15m on steep outer reef slopes and channel walls, solitary or in small groups, max. length 6cm. Some Thompson's Surgeonfishes Acanthurus thompsoni and several Damsel fish species in the background. Southwest Palau, Micronesia, 7°6'26.479" N 134°15'15.659" E at 10m depth

**1420782402**  
The Red Whip Coral Ellisella sp. dominates the overhang which has an amazing biodiversity: hydroids, algae, sponges, sun corals Tubastraea faulkneri. Many fish species like Shadowfin Soldierfish, Regal Angelfish, Moorish Ideol, Magenta Dottyback, Thompsons Surgeonfish, Bluestreak Fusilier Palau 7°5'56.047 N 134°14'32.424 E at 20m depth

**1428776289**  
The color of Gorgonian Seafan Annella mollis varies and ranges from cream-colored to pink and orange. The close-meshed skeleton of the species in the family Subergorgiidae consists of fused sclerites and gorgonin, so it is extraordinarily flexible and thus perfectly adapted to strong currents. This orange specimen lives near the famous Blue Holes of Palau, Micronesia 7°7'59.0452 N 134°13'23.9039 E at 30m depth

**1174631326**  
This Gorgonian Coral grows at a fully encrusted rock overhang. There are sponges, ascidians, soft and hard corals, black corals, Hydrozoans and several little fishes like Pygmy Goby and Magenta Dottyback. Palau, Micronesia, 7°6'12.97" N 134°15'3.63" E at 13m depth

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**1423050730**  
A colorful biodiversity with hydroids, ascidians, sponges, sun corals Tubastraea faulkneri and a large Soft Coral Fan Siphonogorgia godeffroyi dominating the scenery. Siphonogorgia godeffroyi is a soft tree coral with a gorgonian like appearance, but there is no skeleton in the coral stem, it is stabilized just by the inner pressure. Frequently encountered inhabitant of reef slopes, vertical surfaces, and overhangs. Depth: 10 to 20 m. Palau 7°18'41.09 N 134°13'36.83 E at 19m depth

**1186708779**  
This pristine hard coral reef seems to be untouched, but during World War II, the Battle of Peleliu was fought here from September 15 to November 27, 1944. There are still a lot of artefacts to see inbetween the corals like anchors and bullets. This Hard Coral looks like a piece of art. Southwest Peleliu Island, Palau, 6°59'34.5" N 134°12'56.19" E at 10m depth

**1421653568**  
Pink Anemonefish Amphiprion perideraion in a Magnificent Sea Anemone Heteractis magnifica on Lettuce Coral Turbinaria mesenterina. This Anemonefish species occurs in the tropical Western Pacific in lagoon and seaward reefs in a depth range from 1-38m, max. length 10cm. This anemone species occurs in the tropical Indo-Pacific in a depth range from 1-50m. Heteractis magnifica is the 2nd largest of all sea anemones. The oral disc reaches 100cm, but typical is 30-50cm. Ulong Channel, Palau, 7°17'11.484 N 134°15'41.748 E at 12m depth

**1190506982**  
Pristine hard coral reef dominated by Montipora sp. corals. On top a school of Bicolor Chromis Chromis margaritifer. Southwest Peleliu Island, Palau, Micronesia, 6°59'12.079" N 134°13'6.019" E at 13m depth

**1183459300**  
This pristine hard coral reef seems to be untouched, but during World War II, the Battle of Peleliu was fought here from September 15 to November 27, 1944. There are still a lot of artefacts to see inbetween the corals like anchors and bullets. Palau, Micronesia, 6°59'34.5" N 134°12'56.19" E at 13m depth

**1172960409**  
The color of Gorgonian Seafan Annella mollis varies and ranges from cream-colored to pink and orange. The close-meshed skeleton of the species in the family Subergorgiidae consists of fused sclerites and gorgonin, so it is extraordinarily flexible and thus perfectly adapted to strong currents. At the base of this large specimen a White-spotted Wrasse Anampses melanurus, young and/or female, max. length 12cm. Palau, Micronesia, 6°59'7.83" N 134°13'25.3" E at 29m depth