

Planetary Coral Reef Foundation

SV *Infinity* in the Anambas Islands, Indonesia

27th November - 11th December 2006



The Anambas Islands

The Anambas Islands are situated in the South China Sea, the closest major landmasses being peninsular Malaysia to the west and Borneo to the southeast. The closest major economic centre is Singapore. The islands are accessible by a plane which flies four times a week from Batam, Indonesia (itself a short ferry across the Singapore Straits from Singapore).

The Anambas Islands protrude from the sea floor of the South China Sea which, up until the end of the last Ice Age, was part of the south east Asian continent, a landmass twice the size of India. Three flooding events between 14,000 and 7,000 years ago drowned what has become known as the Sunda Shelf. The seas surrounding the Anambas are therefore shallow.

Anambas Islands have a large reserve of natural gas (estimated at 1.3 billion m³) which is currently exported to countries such as Singapore and Malaysia. Matak Island is the main base for oil exploration.



Expedition route

- 27th November arrived Anambas Islands, Tebu to Semut
- 28th November Semut
- 29th November Semut to Penjalin
- 30th November Penjalin
- 1st December Penjalin
- 2nd December Penjalin to Bajau
- 3rd December Bajau to Tebu
- 4th December Tebu and Terempah
- 5th December Tebu to Telibang
- 6th December Telibang and Dikar
- 7th December Telibang to Bawah
- 8th December Bawah
- 9th December Bawah
- 10th December Bawah
- 11th December departed Anambas Islands

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