# HAKURAA AT MEEMU ATOLL

Hakuraa Island is surrounded by aquamarine waters with white sandy beaches offering an exotic tropical island experience in the remote atoll of Meemu.

Diving in this atoll is a luxury due to its remote location and an extensive barrier reef offering diving to all levels of divers.

Nearly almost every dive you can be spoiled by friendly turtles and shoals of fish in the inner lagoon of the atoll with relaxed and shallow dives perfect for learning and to be able to make your training dives from the boat on your Open Water Course. The out side reefs are teeming with big fish life and Manta Rays all year around even with diving sites for divers seeking a thrill of a life time.

The diving spots are beautiful, and you can always be alone when you go diving as the atoll have few resorts and the feeling of every dive site as your own aquarium. Below are a few highlights worth mentioning.

# Hakuraa Thila (Marine Protected Site)

Hakuraa Thila is in a marine protected area and is stunning. This small pinnacle which rises from the atoll basing is peppered with small cavities and overhands with an abundance of hard coral life. The west of the reef features a very interesting feature with deep canyons and blocks which is a nursery for gray reef sharks.

## Hakuraa Express

This is the only opening of the barrier reef in the vast atoll to the east where waters of the atoll and the ocean meets which is a magnet for all sorts of large pelagic oceanic inhabitants. The dive site is a channel dive considered the best in the atoll and varies with tides and current from what you can expect to see.

The diving with an easterly oceanic current one can expect to see lots of pelagic species with rare sightings such as bull sharks and silver tip sharks and with a westerly out going current lots of plankton congregate and the usual suspects show up such as Manta rays and Mobula Rays,

### Muli Out

An ocean out reef dive where one can consider the perfect definition of a good gentle drift dive in the open ocean. The reef starts in a large plateau which harbors a cleaner station for manta rays and often large groupers as well. The edge of the reef top drops to the ocean depths and with a clear visibility you will be awestruck. The fish life is abundant with Snappers and Oriental Sweetlips and even for macro life with chance encounters with rare critters.

#### Veyvah

Beautiful and Unique landscape which boasts various formations of large crevices and blocks at various depths along the slope of this out reef which ends in the eastern channel of the barrier reef of the Atoll. Here the dive is a mix between a drift and current dive and promises some of the best diving throughout the year.

#### Kurali Kandu

This is a channel dive which is at the Sothern tip of the atoll which opens in to the ocean where encounters with all sorts of pelagic oceanic species. This is a known Manta point with a Cleaning station in the channel. This a special trip we organize as full day trips to enjoy a day out diving the beautiful isolation of Meemu atoll with the gentle giants.