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Photo by Dr. Matt Curnock

Research Projects

Marine Life Activity Marine life sightings cannot be guaranteed.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Giant potato cod	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Sharks	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
Minke Whales						•	•					
Sea Snakes	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Turtles	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••	••
Manta Rays	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Hammerheads				•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
Many Lined Sweetlips (aggregation at the Cod Hole)									•	•	•	
Nautilus (Approximately 6 expeditions a year depending on research)												

• Coral Sea • Great Barrier Reef

Weather

Coral Sea, Australia		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Least Rain					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Least Wind		•	•	•					•	•	•	•	•
Best Visibility					•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Water Temp	C	28	28	29	28	26	25	24	24	26	27	26	28
	F	82	82	84	82	79	77	75	75	79	81	79	82
Land Temp	C	30	30	29	28	26	25	24	25	26	28	29	30
	F	86	86	84	82	79	77	75	77	79	82	84	86

Cancellation: Tropical storms (cyclones) can occur between December and April. Statistically 1 week of diving is affected every 2 years. If a cyclone threatens the safety of an expedition it will be cancelled. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

Alteration: Itineraries will be altered in adverse weather conditions. This effects 9% of Coral Sea Itineraries.