

# ConnectOcean **CITIZEN SCIENCE** expeditions



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# The forgotten Islands

## Banda Sea - Indonesia

### 13-25 September 2016

Join this ConnectOcean Citizen Science and Community Outreach Expedition to some of the remotest places in the Indonesian Archipelago.

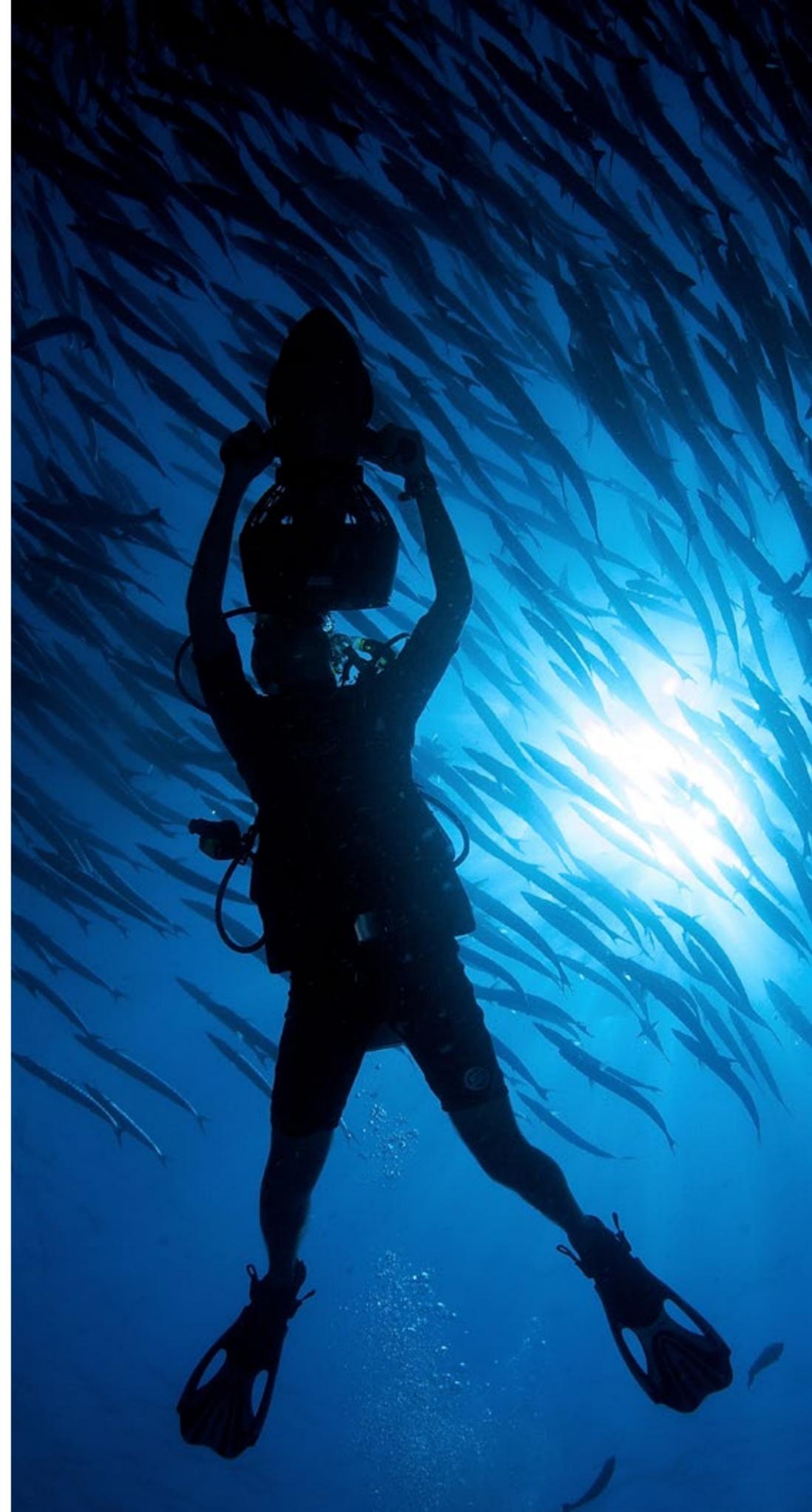
Unforgettable 12 days / 11 nights onboard MV Blue Manta from Maumere in Flores to Saumlaki in the Tanimbar Islands.

ConnectOcean Citizen Science Expeditions aim to inspire and create a life transforming experience to help you discover, connect and protect our planet.

ConnectOcean - not just a dive trip



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# What is Citizen Science?

Citizen Science is scientific research conducted, in whole or in part, by amateur or nonprofessional scientists...or in other words;

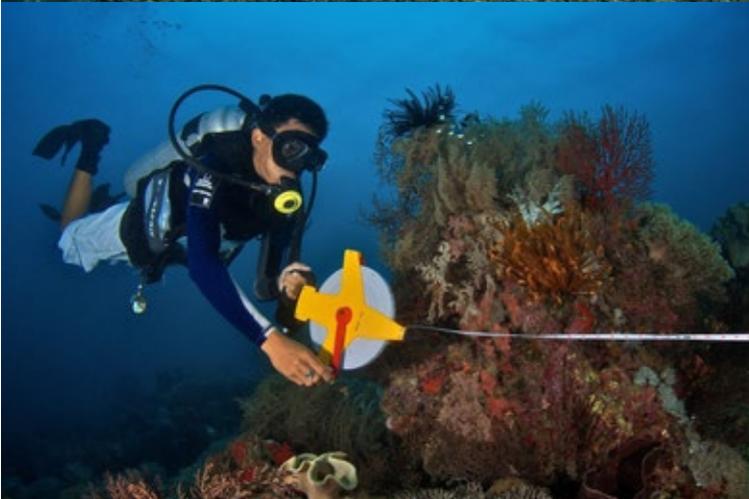
It's you having a fantastic time exploring our oceans, while supporting actual research and conservation efforts. Our experts will teach you the necessary knowledge and skills to take part in a wide range of marine science and conservation activities,

And here is the best of all: ConnectOcean Citizen Science activities are all based on a voluntary basis. So if you feel like just taking underwater pictures or enjoying your dives without being involved, feel free to do so. It is your choice on a daily basis.



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For more details on our Citizen Science modules please visit [www.connectocean.com](http://www.connectocean.com)





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# The Itinerary

## 13th September 2016

Expedition members meet in Bali, Indonesia. Welcome Dinner and overnight in Bali.

## 14th September 2016

Domestic Flight to Maumere in Flores where we board MV Blue Manta.

## 15th - 24th September 2016

10 days of exciting diving, up to 34 dives, large schools of fish, pristine reefs, sharks, large sea snake aggregations, world class critter dives, turtles, citizen science training, community outreach, live volcano eruptions (safe!) and much more....



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## 25th September 2016

Domestic flights back from Saumlaki to Bali or Jakarta via Ambon or dive holiday extension in Ambon or Raja Ampat.



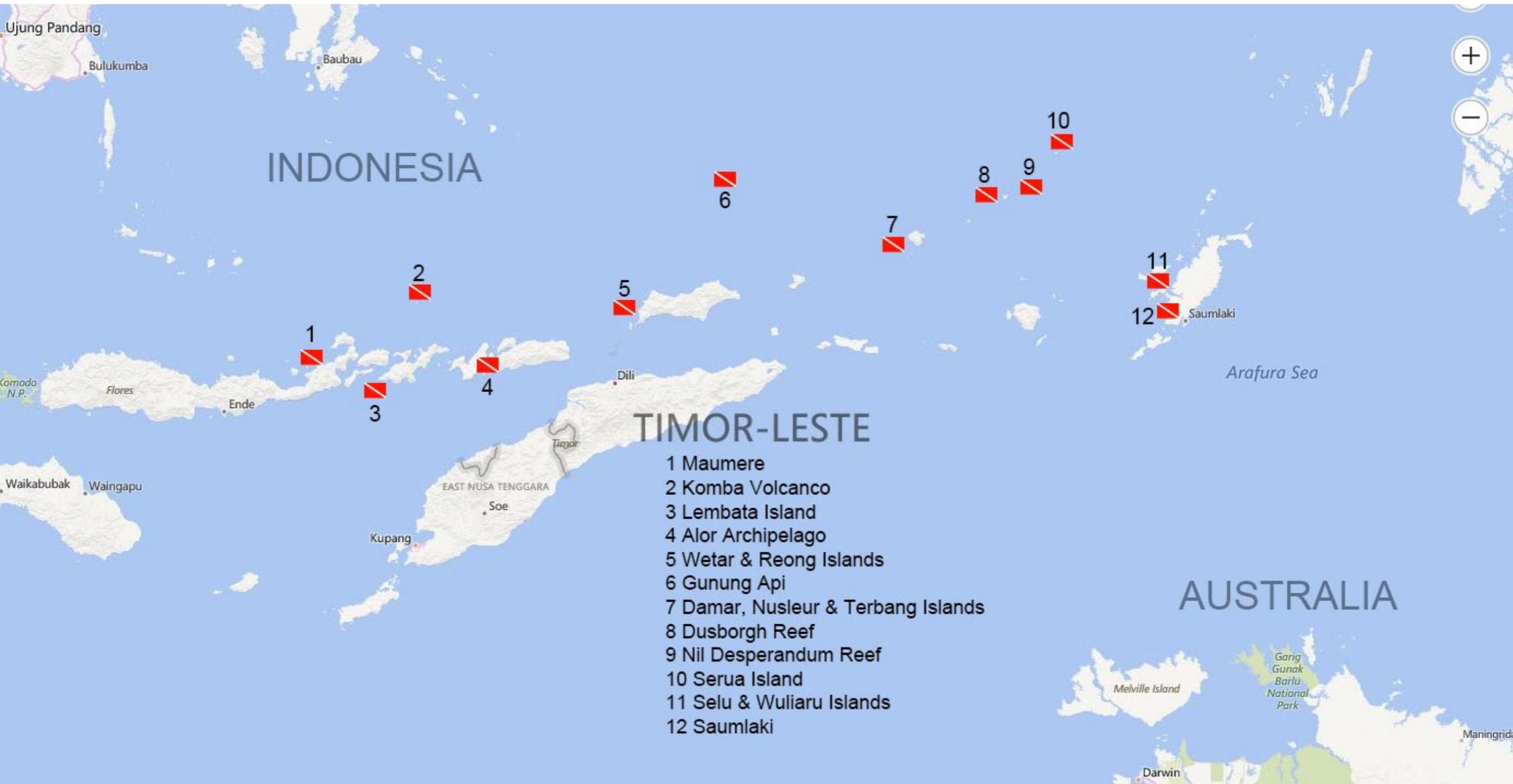
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# Expedition Map



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# MV Blue Manta

The Blue Manta is one of the newest purpose-built dive vessels in the region.



- Launched in 2015
- 14 beautifully furnished ensuite cabins
- Stable and safe (2 engines)
- 22 Crew Members
- Satellite Internet WiFi
- Massage service onboard
- 5 meals a day
- Camera Room
- 3 dive boats
- Small dive groups (4 divers : 1 guide)



For complete vessel specifications please visit [www.connectocean.com](http://www.connectocean.com)



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# Community Outreach

Many of the islands we will visit are very remote and far from urban centres. The villagers on these islands often rely on passing boats for medical supply, food items and building materials. Fresh water is an enormous problem in these locations, mostly relying on rain water only. The villagers practice sustainable fishing and a little bit of agriculture, but their reefs often get exploited by commercial fishing fleets from far away islands.

ConnectOcean will allow you to spend some of your time during the expedition to get to know these villagers. Part of your payment for this expedition will be used to finance our outreach projects in support for these communities. Thank you very much!



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# Rates

## ConnectOcean - The Forgotten Islands Expedition 13-25 September 2016

USD 7300 - Lower Deck - Twin

USD 7550 - Main or Upper Deck - Twin or Double

USD 8015 - Lower Deck Cabin - Single

USD 8290 - Main or Upper Deck - Twin or Double

### Includes

- Airport pick-up and transfers
- 1 night at a 4-star resort in Bali / Welcome Dinner
- All domestic flights in economy class including excess luggage fees up to total 35kg
- 12 days / 11 nights on board MV Blue Manta
- Marine park and harbour fees
- 24 hour WiFi Internet and Laundry onboard
- 1 hour complimentary massage service onboard
- Up to 34 guided dives, 6 dive guides
- All meals snacks, hot beverages, soft drinks onboard
- Participation and sponsorship of the Community Outreach initiatives
- Voluntary participation on Citizen Science projects



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### *Forgotten Islands of the Banda Sea Expedition*

**Location:** From Maumere in Flores to Saumlaki in the Moluccas, some of the best diving in the Coral Triangle

**Date:** 13-25 September 2016 (13 Days)

**Boat:** MV Blue Manta (launched 2015)

**Participants:** max. 17 divers

**Skills required:** certified and confident diver

**Assembly Point:** Bali, Indonesia (DPS)

**Highlights:** Up to 34 dives, pristine reefs, big fish, large sea snakes aggregations, turtles, sharks (possibility of schooling hammerheads), world class critter dives, traditional whale hunters, community outreach, citizen science training, life volcano eruptions (safe!) and more....

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