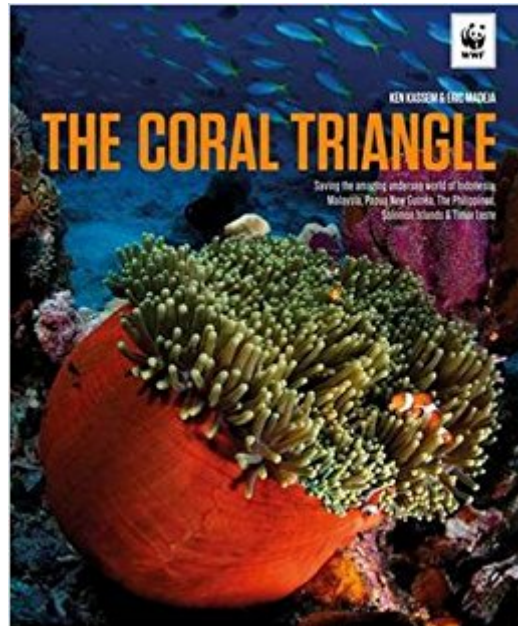




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# The Coral Triangle



## Synopsis

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A BEAUTIFULLY PRODUCED coffee-table book... an impressive round-up of marine biodiversity and conservation efforts in the world's richest reef-diving region. ... a handsome picture-book, illustrated by the excellent photography of Eric Madeja. Both he and Ken Kassem are marine conservationists and divers based in Malaysian Borneo... The Coral Triangle makes a very good reference book for someone visiting ... South-east Asia and in need of a sound briefing - not so much on the diving opportunities but the measures being taken to overcome them. Diver Magazine - Steve Weinman After the explanation of the Coral Triangle you will read much detailed information

by country. In this information lies the strength of this impressive book.Â - Carlo Vreugde Duiken Magazine June 2015

The Coral Triangle, the area between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, is one of the greatest centres of biodiversity on Earth. Deep sea basins, shallow continental shelves and warm, shallow waters support the largest concentration of coral reefs in the world, along with their abundance of marine life. Published in association with WWF-Malaysia, this important book describes the uniqueness of the Coral Triangle region's marine biodiversity, its conservation importance and the stories, successes and struggles of the drive to maintain its rich marine life. The book gives a big-picture overview of threats and solutions as well as personal experiences from the people in the region affected by conservation. The stories come from the work that the world's largest conservation organizations - World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Conservation International and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) - as well as governments of the region, local communities and the private sector are carrying out. As the earth's single greatest repository of marine life, the Coral Triangle is also a great draw for SCUBA divers. Chapters cover an introduction to the region; the rich habitats of the Coral Triangle and a survey of each country within it - Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, The Solomon Island and Timor Leste - describing the endangered species and the status of conservation work. Eric Madeja's photographs capture the majesty of the underwater life, the magnificence of the corals and the vibrancy of the people who make their living from the seas.

This is the best book on the coral triangle I know of, I'm very very very glad I have it. But it doesn't seem to capture the overwhelmingly bewildering diversity, vitality... what I would call ludicrous improbable insanity of the coral triangle I got from an (I think from memory) a 1/2 hour Animal Planet doco on it.... like being 'wasted' in Rio during Mardi Gras, truly seems like the most compelling, 'intoxicating' wild intensely beautiful mad place on earth. This book is an important, intelligent, responsible, valuable book but educational, sensible & sober in tone, could be complemented with some more unscrupulously seductive work that reflects the insane sexiness of the triangle if TV stuff I've seen is anything to go on. Perhaps it's harder to convey the nuttiness of the triangle with still photos than moving pictures, but still possible I'm sure. To be specific one thing that occurs to me is in the TV doco the Triangle came across as incredibly crowded & busy ( hence having the same hypnotic magnetism cities hold over people (perhaps unfortunately) , the photos in this book, excellent & totally professional as they are, tend to show a single species at a time without much

going on around it, perhaps this is more honest & representative of the region but it is less captivating.

One of the most beautifully photographed and laid out books on the reefs in the coral triangle. Easy to read and informative about what can be done to protect the reefs.

I would rate this book not as a coffee table book just because it is that size. I purchased three copies, two of which went as gifts to young people who need to know about this important work by Ken Kassem. The pictures are very good, but what is written in the book is what really matters. Ken gives special case studies on how and what caring individuals and governments did, to protect or revive their reefs. This book can be used as a textbook too for there is that much serious areas discussed which students could study to expand on and try to put into action. I would like to think, and do hope, this book will be a tipping point for many readers to fully grasp the problems faced by the reefs as well as the positive solutions that have been successful to preserve and protect reefs and thus, making a giant step in ultimately saving the oceans. Terry Little, naval architect.

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