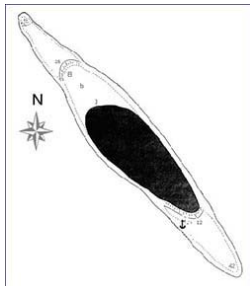


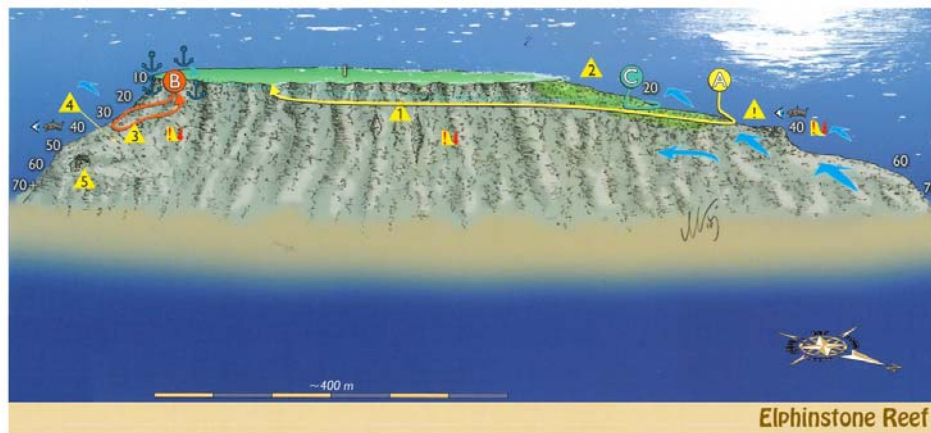


## Dive 73 - Elphinstone Reef - 13-04-2013



This reef is excellent for shark encounters, whitetips, hammerheads, grey reef sharks, thresher sharks and of course what Elphinstone is famous for longimanous! Oceanic Whitetips. Elphinstone is one of the more famous reefs dived out of Marsa Galib or Marsa Alam or on southbound liveaboards.

Essentially Elphinstone is a large rectangle reef around 180m long by 20m wide, and sits in very deep water. With a plateau at the south end beginning at 20m and running down to 35m at its southern most point and another plateau at the north end, this reef is an excellent dive.



The current here is somewhat unusual; it normally runs from south to north. Morning dives are best made by heading up the east side and afternoon dives up the west side. This takes maximum advantage of the position of the sun and therefore the light on the reef.