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## What's New at SCUBA Travel?

### Marine Life Riches in Timor-Leste



At the southwest corner of the coral triangle, Timor-Leste has nearly 600 different species of reef-building corals, six of the world's seven marine turtle species and more than 2000 species of reef fish.

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### Swim with Humpbacks in the Dominican Republic



This protected sanctuary sees the entire North Atlantic Humpback Whale population arrive from January to April.

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### Best Places to Dive in the World



We've updated our list of the top ten dives in the world, as voted for by our readers. Choose where to go for your next trip and tell us about your favourite dive sites at

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## Featured Liveboards - Black Friday Promotions

Up to 50% Off Selected Liveboards

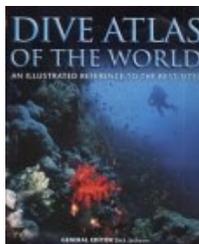


Deals on liveboards to Truk Lagoon, Sudan, Cocos Islands, Socorro Islands, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Bahamas, Indonesia, Palau, French Polynesia and the Maldives.

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## The SCUBA Diving Bestsellers of 2019

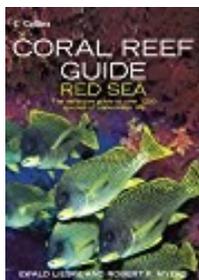
Stuck for a gift for a diving friend? What about a diving book? These are the best sellers on SCUBA Travel in 2019. Figures in brackets show the previous year's position.



1. **[Dive Atlas of the World: An Illustrated Reference to the Best Sites](#)**

by [Jack Jackson](#)

300 pages detailing some of the world's best dive sites. (3)

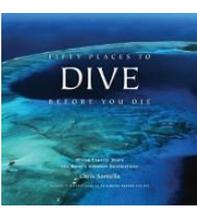


2. **[Coral Reef Guide Red Sea](#)**

by Ewald Lieske, Robert Myers

Another from Lieske and Myers, excellent guide to the fish and invertebrates of the Red Sea. (5)

3. **[Fifty Places to Dive Before You Die: Diving Experts](#)**

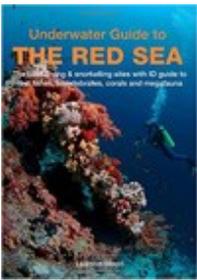


### **Share the World's Greatest Destinations**

by Chris Santella

The fifth in Santella's bestselling "Fifty Places" series.

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### **4. Underwater Guide to the Red Sea**

by Lawson Wood

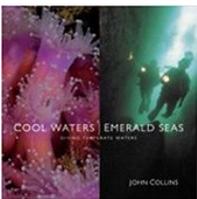
Covers both the best dive sites and gives a photographic identification guide to the sealife of the Red Sea. A good introduction. (1)



### **5. Red Sea Wrecks - Northern Egypt : Site-by-site Dive Guide and Logbook Combined**

by Rik Vercoe

The loose leaf guide manages to pack loads of information into a small space and covers most of the dives you will do on a week's holiday.(-)

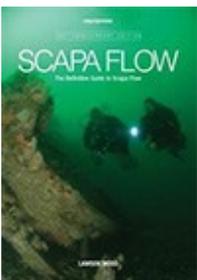


### **6. Cool Waters, Emerald Seas : Diving Temperate Waters**

by John Collins

Beautiful photographic portrait of our ocean world - the culmination of twenty years of diving the seas around Ireland, Scotland, Canada, South Africa and Tasmania.

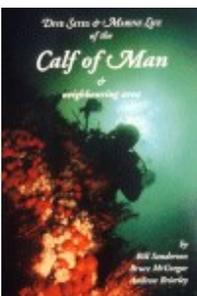
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### **7. Scapa Flow : The Definitive Guide to Scapa Flow**

by Lawson Wood

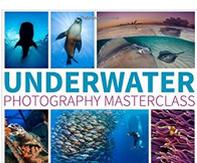
Another by Lawson Wood. This time a comprehensive guide to diving Scapa Flow covering over 75 wrecks and 9 reefs. (-)



### **8. Dive Sites and Marine Life of the Calf of Man and Neighbouring Area**

by Bill Sanderson, Bruce McGregor, Andrew Brierley

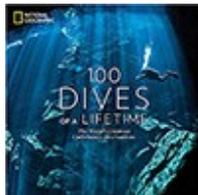
The Isle of Man boasts some excellent diving and this book describes some of the best dive sites in the south of the island. It is written by three marine biologists, based on their extensive personal experience of diving the area. (-)



### **9. Underwater photography masterclass**

by Alex Mustard

Learn all you need to know to photograph the amazing creatures and landscapes that lie beneath the surface.



10. **[100 Dives of a Lifetime: The World's Ultimate Underwater Destinations](#)**

by Carrie Miller and Brian Skerry

From National Geographic, includes some beautiful photographs plus marine life guides, travel tips and expert diving advice from world-famous National Geographic divers and explorers like Brian Skerry, Jessica Cramp and David Doubilet. (7)

We've interviewed several of the authors featured in this list, including [Jack Jackson](#) and [Bill Sanderson](#). See also our [diving book reviews](#) and other [interviews with authors](#).

**Diving News From Around the World**

Our round up of the best underwater news stories of the past month. For breaking news see our [Twitter page](#) or [RSS feed](#)



**[UK lifts restrictions on flights to Sharm El-Sheikh](#)**

The first flights will resume in February 2020 - good news for many British Divers, and the Egyptian diving industry.



**[Saudi Arabia makes tourist visas available to divers once more](#)**

For several years international dive tourism ceased in Saudi Arabia after the Kingdom withdrew tourist visas. Now though, a new tourist visa has become available which can be applied for online.



**[20% off Travel Insurance with SCUBA Diving](#)**

For diving down to 30 or 40 m. Offer ends 2 December.



**[Iceland accused of putting mackerel stocks at risk by increasing its catch](#)**

Leaked document says fishing surge in international waters poses long-term risks.



**[A blue whale's heart beats just twice a minute when it dives for food](#)**

This is well below the rates the large animals



were calculated to have. Previous predictions were that the whales would have a resting heart rate of 15 beats per minute.



### **Plan for three metre sea level rise, warns Institute of Mechanical Engineering**

Current policies for coastal adaptation to heightened sea levels may not be adequate.



### **Galapagos sea life study highlights importance of biodiversity in the face of climate change**

Study of wave turbulence suggests that highly mobile species and more diverse ecological communities may be more resilient to the effects of changing environmental conditions.



### **How to save the oceans at home and whilst travelling**

Top tips to help save the oceans:



### **Underwater robotic gliders measure ocean sound levels**

Ocean sound can also be measured from a research ship, but they are expensive to operate. They also create a lot of noise themselves, which disturbs marine animals and fish that are sensitive to sound. New underwater glider solves these problems.



### **New danger for sea fans in warming seas: Metal pollution**

Metals like copper from agricultural runoff and marine paint leaching from boat hulls poses a threat to soft coral sea fans, especially in warming seas.

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