

## **Quick Guide to Diving in the Kerama Islands**

There are around 30 islands in the Keramas group with over 150 dive sites, offering a rich variety of underwater scenery. Because the islands form a natural barrier from wind and waves, the majority of dive sites offer excellent conditions even in winter, making the Keramas a year-round favorite with the diving community. Many of the dive sites are located a 15-minute boat ride (or less) from the harbor.

## **Dive operators in the Keramas**

The quality of the local dive tour operators is uniformly high, with experienced staff familiar not just with the local dive sites, but with the way the character of the sea and marine life changes according to the season. The operators have their own boats, keep dive groups at a modest size, and pride themselves on their ability to find the sites that match customers' expectations and experience levels. When looking for a dive operator, it is worth spending time to find one with English-speaking guides, so that communication is not a problem. The Keramas is a place for licensed divers, rather than beginners. People without a diving license can enjoy a "virtual diving experience" in the glass-bottomed boat that sails from Aharen Harbor on Tokashiki.

### **SUGGESTED PHOTO(S)**

1. Group diving picture (people in boat etc.) (Hero image)
2. Reef
3. White sand
4. Lots of fish
5. Adventure diving
6. Drop-off
7. Drift diving