

MEDIA INFORMATION

AFFECTED DIVE SITES CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR CORAL RECOVERY

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Several dive sites in three states in Peninsular Malaysia have been temporary closed due to coral bleaching, a phenomenon caused by global warming that has increased sea water temperature. According to the Department of Marine Park, Malaysia has more than 80 dive sites.

The closure period is **from July 2 until October 31, 2010** and the affected areas are listed below:

KEDAH

- ❖ Pulau Payar (3 out of 8 sites) - *Teluk Wangi, Pantai Damai dan Coral Garden;*

TERENGGANU

- ❖ Pulau Perhentian Besar (2 out of 9 sites) - *Teluk Dalam, Tanjung Tukas Darat to Tanjung Tukas Laut*
- ❖ Pulau Redang (1 out of 9 sites) - *Teluk Bakau*
- ❖ Pulau Tenggol (1 out of 8 sites) - *Teluk Ayer Tawar*

PAHANG

- ❖ Pulau Chebeh
- ❖ Pulau Tulai – Batu Malang
- ❖ Pulau Rengis
- ❖ Pulau Tumok

❖ Pulau Soyak

The Director General of Department of Marine Park of Malaysia, Mr. Abdul Jamal Mydin said, it was necessary to close marine parks and islands to protect the coral reefs which had turned white.

“We are monitoring the extent of coral bleaching at all marine parks in the country,” he said.

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<http://www.dmpm.nre.gov.my/index.php?lang=en> or contact:

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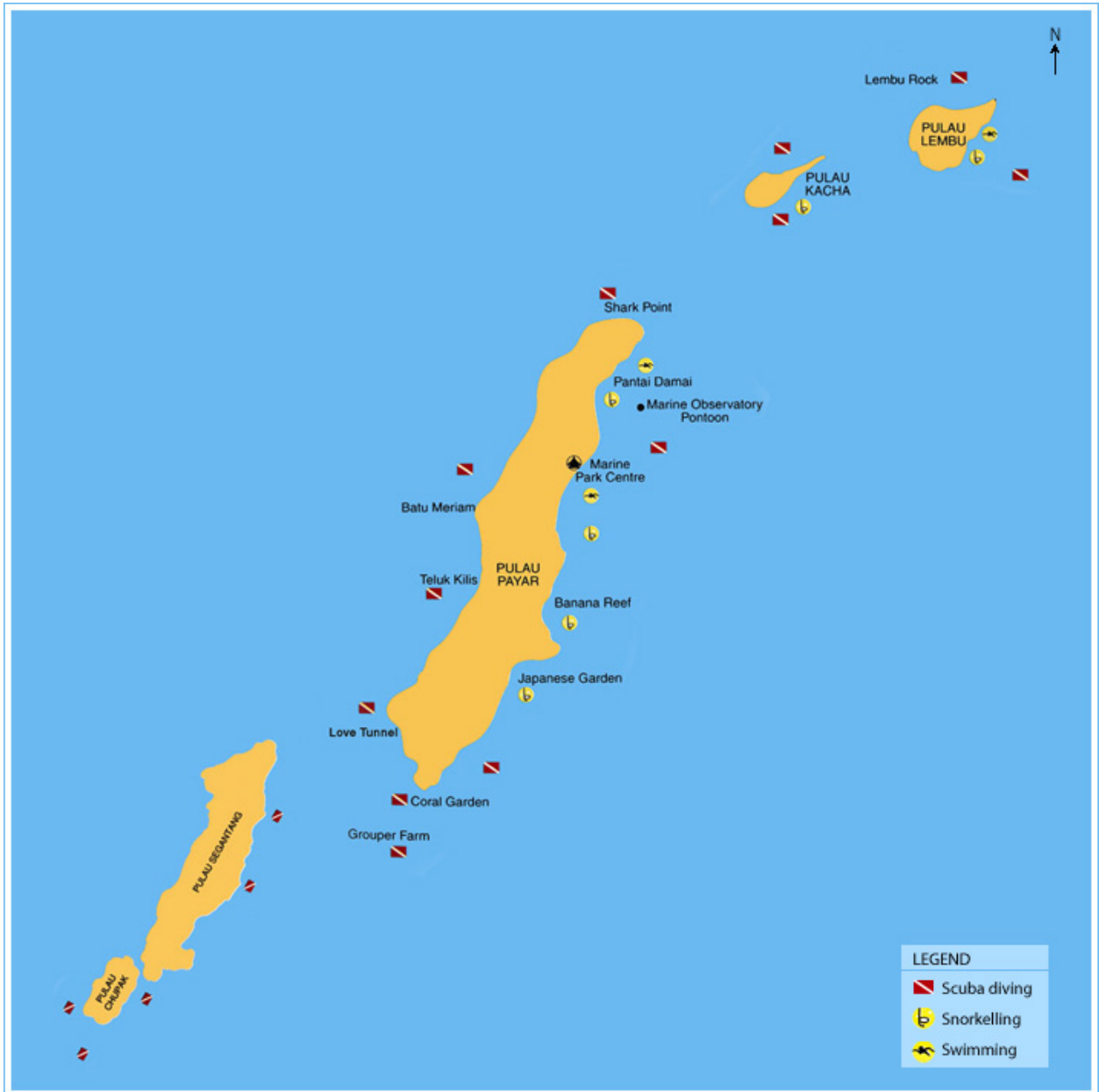
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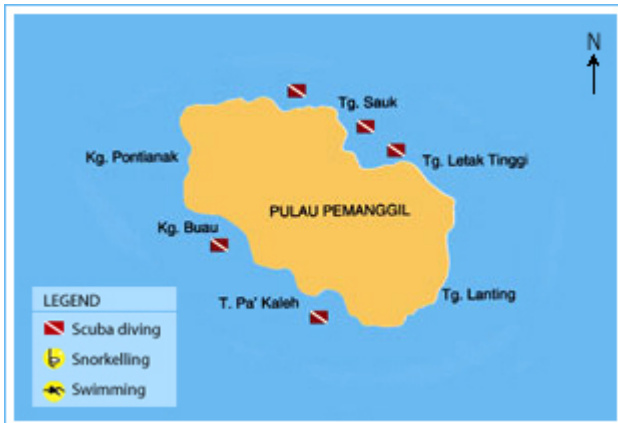
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KEDAH STATE



JOHOR STATE





PAHANG STATE



TERENGGANU STATE









LIST OF DIVE SITES

- The red indicates other islands within the Marine Parks

STATE	ISLAND	DIVE SITES
TERENGGANU	PERHENTIAN BESAR & KECIL	17
	LANG TENGAH	7
	PINANG	2
	REDANG	9
	KAPAS	5
	NYIREH	4
	TENGGOL	8
PAHANG	TIOMAN	7
	SEMBILANG	1
	TASU	1
	CHEBEH	1
	TULAI	2
	SEPOI	1
	LABAS	1
JOHOR	TINGGI	5
	PENYEMBONG	1
	IBOL	1
	LANTING	2
	SIMBANG	1
	NANGA BESAR	1
	MENTINGGI	1
KEDAH	PAYAR	8
	SEGANTANG	2
	CUPAK	3
	KACHA	2
	LEMBU	2