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# The new jewel of Semporna...

From a “pirates’ cove”, the island has a huge potential to be Sabah’s latest island getaway and a launching pad to the many dive spots dotting off Semporna.

The waters around the island also have at least five diving spots from the beachfront of the island.

Among them are Northern Valley, Bay Watch, Pom Pom House Reef, Magic Stone, New Life, Cliff Hangers, Nudibranch Garden, and Lion’s Den with the deepest up to 100 metres (330 feet). Adult Groupers can be seen at about 20 metres, according to divers.

Bornsea which derives its name from “Borneo Sea” is not only attempting to attract divers and visitors but the fishes too through its self-built artificial reef fronting the nine-chalet resort.

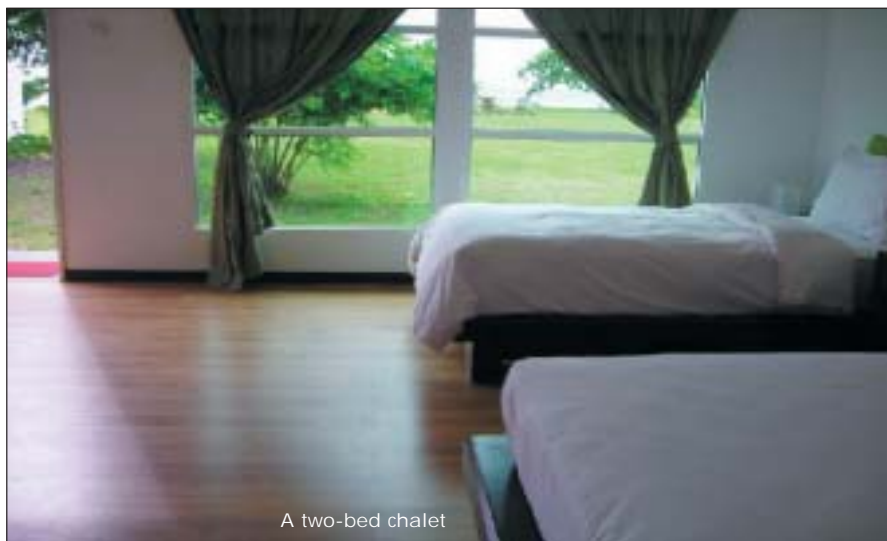
“We have been putting all these together for the past two years,” says Phin who literally toils and sweats to put up the resort.

In the resort, which is manned by less than 10 staff who multitask, Phin is no different. He is a mechanic, constructor, guide and a diver, all put together.

Time stands still in this hideaway. Hand-phone signal is weak.

“We encourage our visitors to switch off their phones and put away their watches,” he jokes.

Other than fishes, divers can see many undersea creatures and for the senior avid divers, a magnifying glass will come in handy to see tiny creatures like pygmy sea-horse. For non-divers, canoeing or trekking around the island are fun options.



A two-bed chalet



Divers getting ready to explore the underwater world of Pom-pom Island



Peace and tranquility on the island

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