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Plaque on the superstructure of the Lagarto

USS Lagarto

THAILAND



Boat dive



Ten to 15 metres



Experienced technical divers



Sand and silt



73m to the seabed



Depth



Indo-Pacific fish and invertebrates



The fully intact conning tower

The final resting place of the American World War Two submarine USS Lagarto was discovered in May 2005, but it was only formally verified as the sub in June 2006. It is believed the vessel was sunk by a depth charge from the Japanese destroyer Hatsutaka in May 1945.

This 100-metre Balao-class submarine is shrouded in nets but is fully intact, and divers can see the guns, twin propellers, anchor, dive planes, conning tower – complete with target



There is much to see on the Lagarto

sight, telegraph and target data transmitter – and sealed escape hatch.

The Lagarto, a respected war grave, lies in 73m in the Gulf of Thailand, making it out of bounds to all but experienced technical divers.

Suddhadib

THAILAND

The wreck of the Suddhadib, also known as the Hardeep – an Anglicisation of Suddhadib – lies in a depth of 26m on its starboard side and is one of the most-popular dives out of Pattaya. It sank on 1 June 1945 when the Royal Thai Navy at anchor off Koa Chuang was attacked by a squadron of B24 Liberator bombers.

This 68-metre passenger/cargo vessel, named after the favourite daughter of King Rama V, is now encrusted in coral and sponge growth, and plays host to a range of marine life, including turtles, rays, grouper, pufferfish and other reef dwellers. Penetration is possible into the forward and aft holds, and divers can actually swim its length without leaving the wreck.



The mast of the Suddhadib, also known as the Hardeep



Boat dive



26m to the seabed



20-30 metres



Orientation



PADI Advanced Open Water Diver or above



Indo-Pacific fish and invertebrates



Sand, silt and coral




The interior swim from bow to stern

South East Asia

An underwater photograph showing a large, dark, cylindrical deck gun structure. A crinoid is perched on the side of the gun. The background is a deep blue ocean with some light rays filtering through.

Diver approaches
a huge deck gun
being used as a
perch by a crinoid

An underwater photograph showing a diver in the background, illuminated by a bright light source. In the foreground, there is a large, yellowish, branching object, possibly a piece of driftwood or coral, resting on a sandy seabed. The water is clear and blue.

The warm waters of South East Asia are home to some of the world's most-famous wartime wrecks, not to mention countless maritime casualties, making it a Mecca for wreck-diving enthusiasts

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