Dive tourism: transformation and implication on the fisherman community in Mabul Island, Sabah, Malaysia

Abstract

Tourism development in Mabul island began in the early 1990s after discovery of Sipadan island as one of the leading dive destinations in the world. Mabul, located next to Sipadan Island, is a tourist destination on the famous scuba diving as muck diving. The diversity of the coastal depths in this island is a habitat to many unique and exotic species of corals, marine flora and fauna.