

Dear

At the very start of 2012 I sailed on the white-painted *Ombak Putih* with Seatrek Bali, a company based in Bali, to plan a series of cruises based around the journey of Alfred Russel Wallace. Wallace has been described as "The David Attenborough of the Victorian age" and, along with Darwin, is lauded with developing the theory of evolution.

This journey was a dream come true. I had read Wallace's *The Malay Archipelago*, decades ago. Then a few years back, after I had been living and working in SE Asia for many years, I was asked to write the introduction to a reprint of it published by Periplus.

My reconnaissance trip with Seatrek focused on the Raja Ampat and Halmahera areas in eastern Indonesia. It was amazing and I wrote a number of Fauna & Flora International (FFI) blogs about it (on our website). FFI is now working with local and European partners on developing a number of land-based projects in the Raja Ampat area.

Seatrek Bali will be running the same trip twice in 2013 (the centenary of Wallace's death) and has offered FFI six cabins aboard *Ombak Putih* on the first of these. The voyage will leave Sorong (at the very western tip of the island of New Guinea) on January 3, 2013 and last for ten days.

As a member of FFI's Friends Against Extinction, it would be wonderful if you could join me. Thanks to a generous offer from Seatrek Bali, we are able to offer you (or your contacts) the opportunity to book a double cabin with Seatrek for donation to FFI of £2,500 each (about half the published price). I have enclosed a copy of the itinerary with this letter – I hope it sounds as appealing to you as it does to me!

If you are interested, please get in touch with Camila Iturra as soon as possible by calling +(0)1223 431 979 or email [camila.iturra@fauna-flora.org](mailto:camila.iturra@fauna-flora.org). Allocation of the cabins will be on a strictly first-come-first-served basis. We will then introduce you to Seatrek Bali's agents in the UK who can help arrange your booking, and can assist in arranging travel to and from the cruise.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With warmest regards,

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Fauna & Flora International