

# The Rip Snorkel

Between one end of Direction Island and what's left of neighbouring Prison Island is a channel of water known as The Rip. Water feeds in from the ocean over the outer reef, funnels between the two islands and empties into the Cocos Lagoon.

## LOCATION

Direction Island,  
Cocos (Keeling  
Islands), Indian  
Ocean, Australia

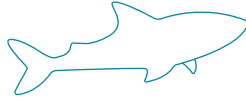
## DEPTH

1-10 Meters

## TEMP

25-30°

## FEATURE



## DIFFICULTY

Advanced

A strong current pulls you along a channel. Strong swimming skills are required.



## GETTING THERE

Direction Island is part of the Cocos Keeling Islands which lie 3000km northwest of Perth.

From West Island in the Cocos Islands, there is a twice weekly ferry services to the uninhabited Direction Island.

From the Direction Island Wharf, turn right and it is a 10 minute walk to The Rip snorkel site at one end of the island.

## LOOK FOR

- Reef Sharks
- Stingrays
- Giant Trevally
- Parrot Fish
- Passionfruit Grouper
- Triggerfish
- Turtles
- Tropical fish

## BEST TIME TO SNORKEL

Cocos Islands has a wet and dry season. The dry season is from April to October when the weather is warm, there is a cooling breeze and the days are sunny. In the wet season, you can get rough weather in the storms.