

An underwater photograph of a coral reef. In the foreground, there are large, vibrant pink anemones with thick, white tentacles. Several orange and white clownfish are swimming around them. The background shows a vast expanse of blue water with many small, dark fish swimming in the distance. Sunlight filters down from the surface, creating a bright, shimmering effect.

*This book is dedicated to the people of the Coral Triangle who have shown us hospitality and friendship for nearly two decades and openly provided us with an insight into their cultures and lifestyles.*

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**Opposite:** Pink Anemonefish (*Amphiprion perideraion*) are sequential hermaphrodites, born as males but changing to females as they age. They often live symbiotically with Ritteri Anemones (*Heteractis magnifica*).

**Title pages:** Green Sea Turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) are globally endangered but common around Malaysia's Sipadan Island and a major tourist attraction. They often rub against sponges, a behaviour to help them clean barnacles and other organisms from their shells.