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We continued in the Indian Ocean with a west-northern west course. At around 07:00 at a distance of 25 nautical miles the island of Pulau Raijua was visible. Raijua is an island in the Lesser Sunda Islands in Indonesia. It is sometimes called The Wedge by surfers because it includes an exposed reef break, making it an ideal surfing location during Indonesia's dry season. We should approach Indonesian coast in the morning.



The Indian Ocean has the fewest marginal seas of the major oceans. To the north are located the inland, the Red Sea and Persian Gulf. The Arabian Sea is to the northwest as well as the large gulfs of Aden and Oman. Whereas on the opposite side to the northeast the Andaman Sea the Baby of Bengal can be found. Moreover the Great Australian Bight is off the southern coast of Australia.

The Indian Ocean differs from the Atlantic and Pacific oceans in several other respects. In the Northern Hemisphere it is landlocked and does not extend to Arctic waters or has a temperate-to-cold zone. It has fewer islands and narrower continental shelves. It is the only ocean with an asymmetric and, in the North, semiannually reserving surface circulation. It has no separate source of bottom water (i.e., the Indian Ocean's bottom water originates outside it boundaries) and has two sources of highly saline water (the Persian Gulf and the Red Sea). Below the surface layers, especially in the north, the ocean's water is extremely low in oxygen.

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