



## **CHUYO MARU**

### **History:**

- Japanese - Medium sized costal freighter
- Bombed during Operation DESCECRATE ONE on March 31<sup>st</sup> 1944
- 1<sup>st</sup> hit on the port side amidships by a 500 lb bomb
- After another 2 bomb hits, she sank on April 1
- Rests upright

### **Artifacts:**

- Remains of the brass compass and ship's telegraph in the bridge
- 2 Anchors on the port side of the deck
- In the 1990s a fishing boat snagged the Chuyo anchor. Its anchor broke trying to lift both anchors
- All holds are empty

### **Armament:**

- Stern gun: standard short barrel, 12cm, 1.86-ton max. range of 17,388 ft
- 4 ammunition boxes and 2 depth charge launchers both containing a depth charge.

### **Marine Life:**

- Heavy black coral, cock's comb oysters & soft coral growth line the rails.
- Large number of translucent shrimps & Lion fish
- Banded Pipefish, Shrimp, Tomato Anemone fish and Tridacna clams, Stone fish & Yellow Ribbon eel on fore & aft mast