



## **IRO MARU**

### **History:**

- Japanese Navy Fleet oiler. Old-fashioned fleet supply vessel
- Damaged by a US Submarine torpedo attack on its way from PI to Palau. The bow displays a large crescent where the torpedo hit
- Sunk on March 31, 1944 during Operation Desecrate One, when downed by an aerial bomb, damaging the aft section

### **Armament:**

- 2x 80mm HA guns on platforms on the bow & stern

### **Artifacts:**

- Oil drums & Machinery in Holds

### **Marine life:**

- Batfish, Tomato Clownfish, Crocodile fish, Lion fish, 6-banded Angelfish, big-eye Trevallies, schooling Yellowtail Fusiliers
- Fully encrusted with a variety of hard corals (incl. Black Coral, Sponges, Sea whips, Staghorn), clams and oysters