
Dominica - Artificial Reefs

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Dominica does not have any wrecks to speak of. A couple of old tugboats don't really count. But this could soon change. Along the shoreline are a number of ships stranded by my friend Lenny and other hurricanes of the past. The National Development Corporation and Minister of Tourism are aware that they are a bit unsightly and one solution favoured by local dive businesses is to sink them as artificial reefs.

Meanwhile, the [Castaways](#) dive centre on the central west coast has just begun its own artificial reef project using concrete "[reef balls](#)". These hollow honeycomb blocks are cast in concrete and laid along the sand off the beach in front of the resort.



Earlier this year 2 batches of 12 or so balls were cast and sunk, with more to

follow. The objective is to lay a continuous chain across the sand to the reef crest 200 metres out to sea.

I did not have a chance to dive on them, but have been informed that fish and octopus have already set up home.

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