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.