The Monks of the Forbidden Island

The scuba diving area called "Loro I" lies off the north coast of the island. Here, underwater, the bay is shadowed at times by a handful of the legendary "monks"—a name given to the massive boulders that form the bay's underwater bed. This term comes from the shape these boulders take, reminiscent of the stylized depiction of a monk in many paintings and photos. The area is protected from the larger waves due to the surrounding reefs, providing a very suitable habitat for these boulders. These boulders are a popular dive area that is frequently visited by both beginners and experienced divers. The water is relatively clear, and the visibility is often high, allowing for a great view of the underwater scenery. The bay is known for its diverse marine life, making it a popular destination for scuba divers. The bay is also home to a variety of fish species, including the famous "monks". These boulders are a unique feature of the area and add to the overall beauty of the underwater environment. This dive site is a great illustration of how nature can create unique and fascinating habitats that are perfect for various marine life.