



DIVE SITES

# Gubal Soraya

Egypt - Red Sea · Riff

**Riff**

TYPE

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ROUTES

**Anfängergeeignet**

HIGHLIGHT

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## What awaits you

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| Großfisch        | ● ● ○ ○ ○ |
| Korallen         | ● ● ● ○ ○ |
| Makro            | ● ● ● ○ ○ |
| Tiefe            | ● ● ● ○ ○ |
| Anfängergeeignet | ● ● ● ● ○ |

## Routes

- ✓ Brother Islands - Ras Mohammed-Tiran
- ✓ North - Ras Mohammed
- ✓ North / Wreck

## Images

