

Lombok-West Sumbawa Surf Spot

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Southern Lombok

In mid to late season it can be impossible to go this way as wind and swell make it too dangerous - it is at the Captain's discretion as to the best and safest route.

Belongas Bay

A long bay with lots of potential. Mainly best in the early season before the winds become too strong. Several rights and left setup depending on the size and direction of the swell.

Selong Belanak (Mawi).

Mawi needs at least 3 foot of ocean swell to work. Some swells will offer a left and right hand peak and can probably handle up to 6'. This break is not so tide dependant but can get very very sucky at low tide. It is a beautiflly scenic spot and worth a walk on the beach.

Kuta Beach Lombok

Kuta is about the only place along the south coast offering accommodation and restaurants - a good spot to stop for a bit of party action! The bay offers a left reef break that is best at 4-6' but sometimes to be a bit sectiony. There is a right there alos but it is inconsistant although there are stories that in the right swell and wind conditions it can be epic.

Grupuk Bay A nice bay setup with a left one side and right the other and a peak in the middle. On bigger sweels the bommie is also rideable. The right hand point is probaly the pick with long bowling waves. Watch the bommie for indications of the sets....don't get caught inside otherwise it is a long long paddle!

Ekkas Another nice bay setup which requires a fair bit of sell to turn on. Outside Ekkas is long left with some fast hollow sections. Inside Ekkas is right but needs more well to break. Best at mid tide WEST SUMBAWA The coast of West Sumbawa is dotted with a series of quality breaks. When we depart the west coast of Sumbawa, we have a wide range of bays along the south coast of Lombok that produce quality left and right-hand reef and beach breaks when conditions are right. The game fishing in this area is also exellent. The three main and most famous spots surfed on the west coast of Sumbawa are Scar Reef, Super Suck and Yo-Yo's.

Scar Reef is an intense left-hand tube, just south of the Jelinggah Beach headland, a great hollow wave that is best at lower tides. Scar reef picks up plenty of swell depending on direction, but it is particularly good-and waves are hollow and superb-on a big south swell. Either side of low tide will cause this wave to break further down the line towards the jutting headland. Higher tides bring the wave closer to the inside and cause it to section considerably.

Super Suck Another hollow left which seems to spit the surfer from one open tube section to the next, off the village of Malok about a half hour past the town of Taliwang, is the most famous and sought after wave on this rugged coast. Big walls of water break off a boil rock on the outside of the bay and suck up into a thick and heavy left that bowls and winds down the reef for a few hundred meters. The inside section of this reef gets really shallow. When Super Suck is working, it is really working and will make your trip to Sumbawa more than worthwhile.

Yo-Yo's is the area's most reliable surf with two consistent righthanders, just south of Super Suck at Sekongkang Bay. The Hook, is about 400 meters from a towering cliff. It is the best right, which gets really good and holds up to six feet of swell. This wave is fast and hollow and features shifting peaks. It breaks and is rideable on all tides except a dead-low one. The second wave here called The Wedge, is located right up against the cliff and can handle six to eight feet of swell before closing out. It consists of a shifty and mushy outside peak that winds into a fast and bowling inside section.

April to October, tradewinds can blow Yo-Yo's out, so mornings are best