



KATAFANGA

FIJI ISLANDS





WELCOME TO KATAFANGA ISLAND

Katafanga (pronounced cat'-a-fun-ga) is a Tongan word that means smiling beach. Katafanga Island in Fiji's remote Northern Lau Group was once owned by Harold Gatty, the Australian aviator who founded Fiji Airways (now Air Pacific) in 1951. In 1993 - John and Shelley Miller acquired Katafanga Island and began the development. In 2000 - Christian Jagodzinski was brought in as a financial partner and Ernst and Young was brought in as the auditor. To date according to the audited financials - between 2000 and 2007 - over 20 million Fiji dollars was invested into the development. At the peak over 350 employees were living and working on the island.







LOCATION

Located in the exclusive Lau Group in Eastern Fiji, Katafanga is one of 57 remote islands treasured for its secluded privacy. The island is a sprawling 225 acres, 1 mile long by 1/3 mile wide with 150 foot elevations. With a sparse population and less developed tourism compared to other parts of Fiji, these islands appeal to those seeking a true island getaway. Influenced by neighboring Polynesian cultures, Lau islanders are known for their woodcarving and masi (bark cloth). Katafanga is a one hour flight from the international airport in Nadi, flying over some of the most breathtaking scenery in the world, or by yacht, sailing through the most pristine of waters.



Katafanga is lined with pure white sand beaches laced by swaying coconut palm trees and natural tropical habitat. Different than other parts of Fiji, the climate here is less humid. The surrounding natural coral reef creates a 5,000 acre spectacular bioluminescent blue lagoon. Dolphins and sea turtles breed in the lagoon waters, along with colorful tropical fish, coral, and the endangered turquoise colored clams. The crystal clear waters of the lagoon are ideal for farming rare black pearl oysters - only a few places in the world have this quality of water.

The lagoon entrance is 35 feet deep by 200 feet wide, creating a natural sanctuary that allows luxury yachts over 200 feet to enter and dock, while providing the serene protection of the lagoon.







BIOLUMINESCENT LAGOON

The pristine lagoon ocean waters surrounding Katafanga island are magically bioluminescent. This means any movement in the ocean waters produces a glow in the dark effect around the movement. This movie *The Blue Lagoon* was shot on location in Nanuya Levu, a privately-owned island in Fiji whose ocean waters are also bioluminescent.

The incredible bioluminescent glow is produced by a reaction that begins when the single celled dinoflagellate organism (plankton) is stirred or moved. The defense mechanism starts a chemical chain reaction that results in a bright blue glow that lasts as long as the plankton is being provoked or stirred into action. This is a reaction that only occurs because a very rare and specific set of nutrients are available in the ocean water to sustain these little "water fireflies".

From an evolutionary point of view, this is an amazing defense mechanism of the plankton. When small fish consume the plankton, they magically start to glow. This glowing light attracts bigger fish who come to investigate the light, and eat the smaller fish.













INFRASTRUCTURE

Currently Completed Construction Includes:

- One luxury air conditioned and furnished villa
- 1.5 million liter water reservoir
- Employee housing for 100 people
- 3 bedroom Plantation house
- Ring road
- Airstrip
- Jetties
- 2 story underground wine cellar
- 6 Room Manufactured Housing Unit





