



Name: Dandoran: A'Salt Lagoon

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Description:

Dandoran's coastlines host a variety of natural lagoons with interesting fauna. This particular lagoon sits near the equator of the planet off one of its forest islands. Looking from above, the mostly circular cove is surrounded on three sides by a short natural beachline that kisses the island's dense tree-line. Looking out from the shoreline towards the open sea, a craggy rock line pokes out of the water, protecting the fragile coral reef inside the lagoon from the ravages of the rough sea chop beyond. The serene water blanketing the coral reef is a crystal clear light blue, revealing a complex maze of interwoven cave-like coral that cover most of the cove's seafloor except for sporadic openings in the coral canopy.

Slipping inside the reef through one of its openings, an underwater city of its own flourishes. Once fully submerged, the hot sun melts away to be replaced by shaded alleyways and winding bends. Various fauna flit back and forth, hiding amongst the flora on and within the coral structures. The coral itself is a patchwork of various different species, including some imported species like [teers]([https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Teers_\(coral\)](https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Teers_(coral))), [terpfen]([https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Teers_\(coral\)](https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Teers_(coral))), and [blue coral](https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Blue_coral). Set against a wide variety of colors and a brightly colored backdrop, brightly colored fauna easily blend into a kaleidoscope of life underwater. Traversing through these natural highways can be cramped and there are many twists and turns only ever seen once the corner is fully rounded. Nevertheless, brighter spots on the seafloor are hopeful reminders that even when lost there is a way to find where to go. Just swim up to one of the sunlight pools of water above.

Unfortunately the pristine beauty of the lagoon also comes with dangers, though mostly natural ones. First, the corals can be very sharp and any cuts are often infected. Second, while a variety of peaceful underwater fauna exists, predators still lie in wait. Smaller [lthorian razor sharks](https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/lthorian_razor_shark) and [eels](<https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Eel/Legends>) have already been reported. Third, divers have reported that the lagoon is as mercurial as a Hutt's moods. Sea levels can vary greatly with the tides or the flash storms that hit the island, changing internal currents substantially. Additionally, some believe that a species of fauna called [Coral](<https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/Coral/Legends>) exist amongst the reef's structures, changing the open paths through the lagoon as they wish. Lastly, and most dangerously, the reef is often used by pirates to stash ill-gotten loot. Divers have been known to vanish completely. While the corals themselves can offer excellent cover, escaping them is another matter if someone is waiting on the shoreline for you...