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# The Jury

## All Categories Jury

Roni Sofer, Israel  
Head of the jury



Alberto Muro Pelliconi  
Italy



Shlomo Cohen  
Israel



Ariel Fuchs  
France



Tony Malmaqvist  
Sweden



## Videoclip Jury

Christian Patron, France  
Head of the jury



Osku Puukila  
Finland



Phil Simha  
Switzerland



The international jury panel

# Eilat Shoot-Out

## 5 Best Images

1st prize: Amir Stern, Israel

\$10,000 USD check, courtesy of Epson

2nd prize: Izchak Yogev, Israel

3-week diving safari for 2 in Papua New Guinea with Walindi and Loloata resorts and aboard the M.V. FeBrina, plus round trip airline tickets Singapore-Papua-Singapore, courtesy of the Papua New Guinea Tourism Promotion Authority

3rd prize: Mark Fuller, Israel

10-day diving holiday for 1 person including dives at the Lissenung Island Resort, Papua New Guinea, courtesy of Lissenung Island Resort

The additional nominees:

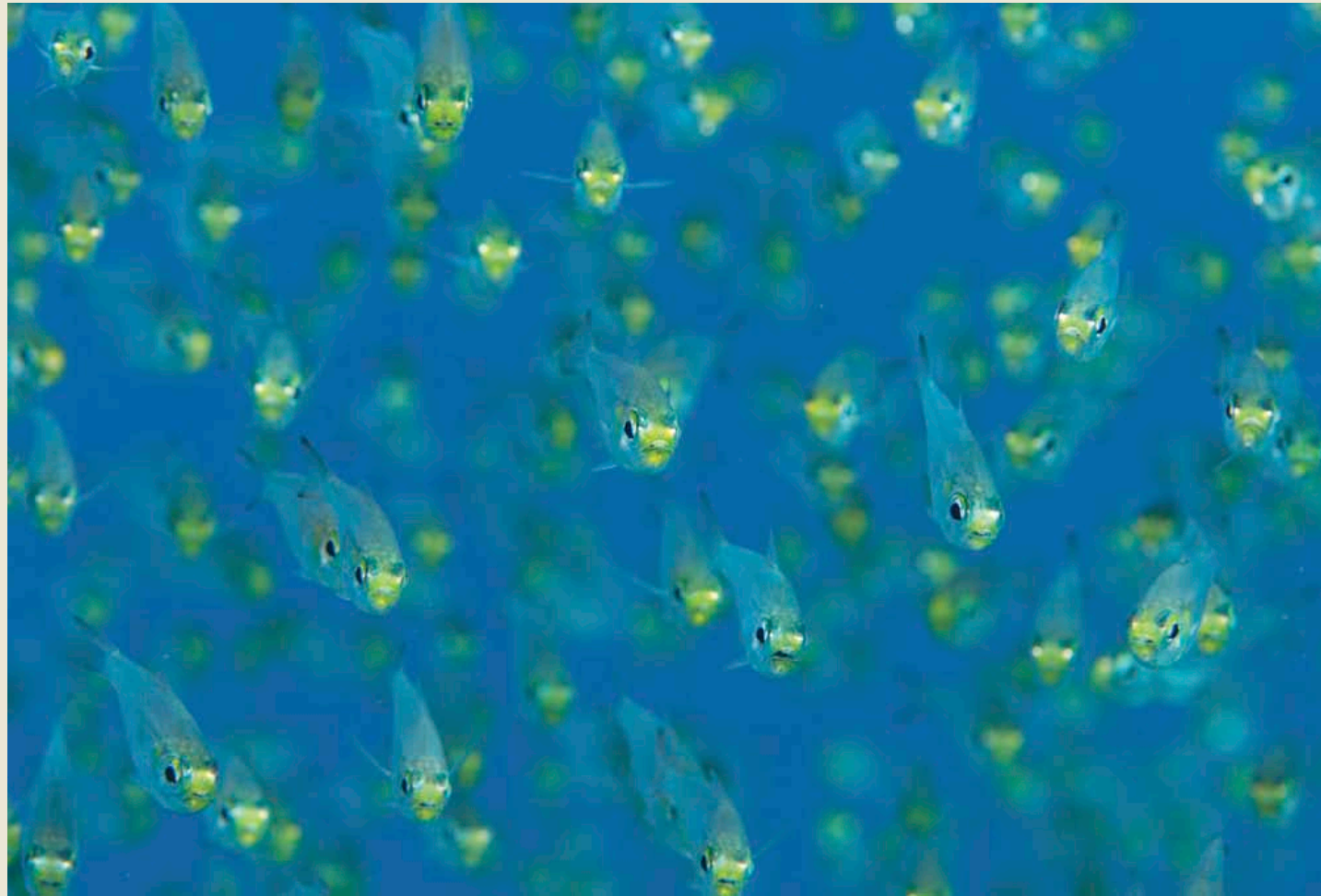
Antonio Martin, Spain

Esteban Tore, Spain



Amir Stern, 1st place winner





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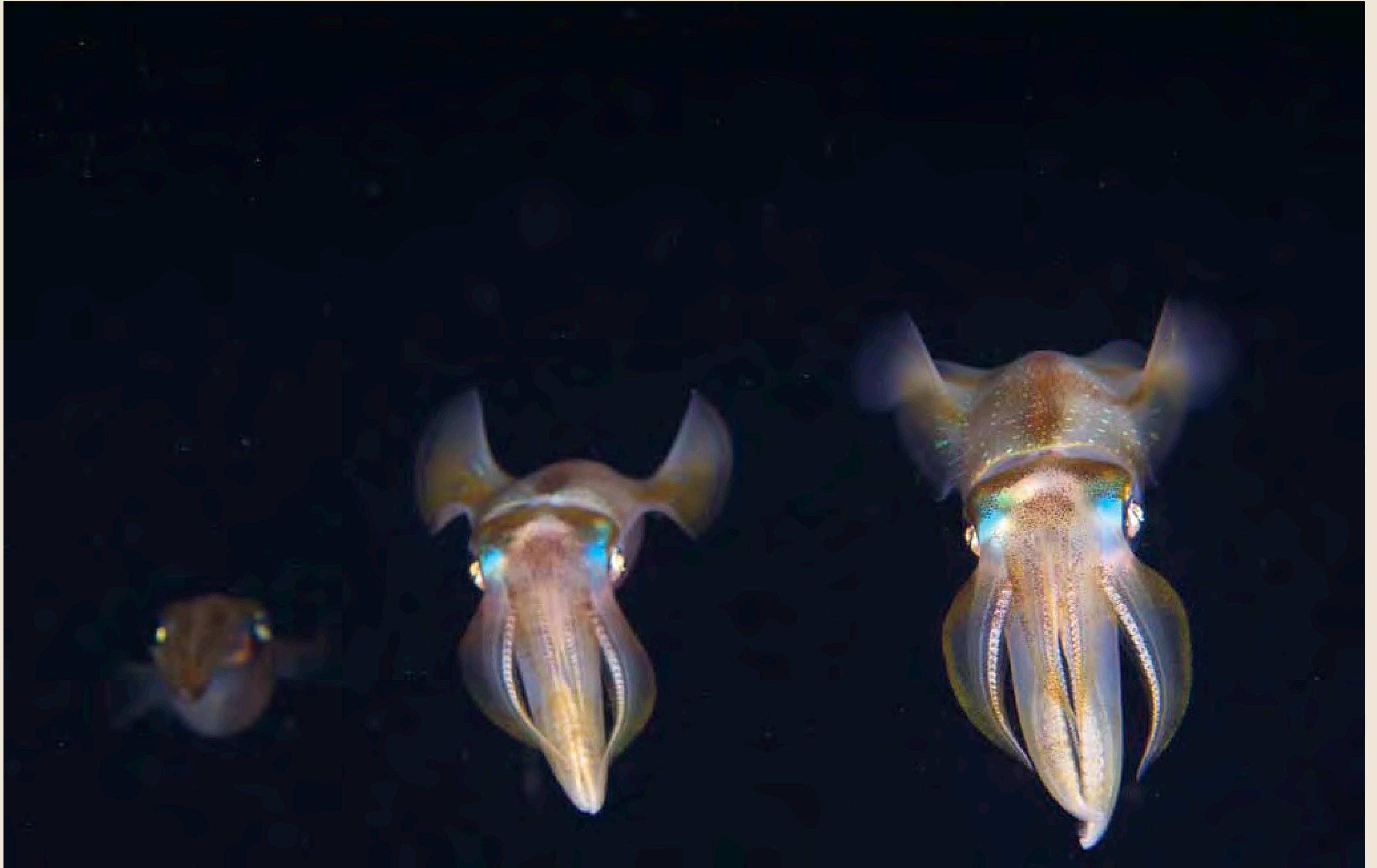


Amir Stern



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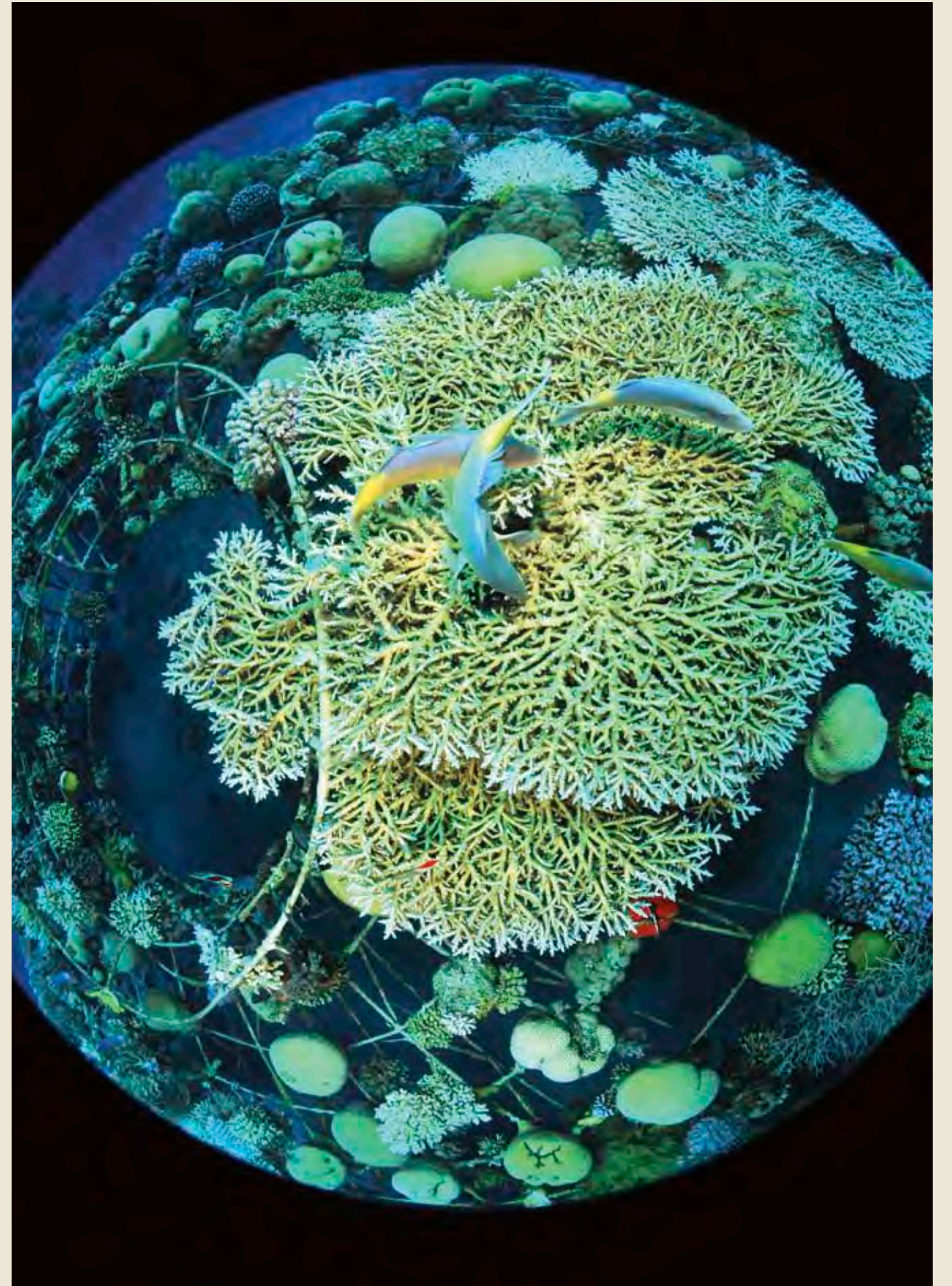




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Izchak Yogev



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Izchak Yogev



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Mark Fuller



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Mark Fuller



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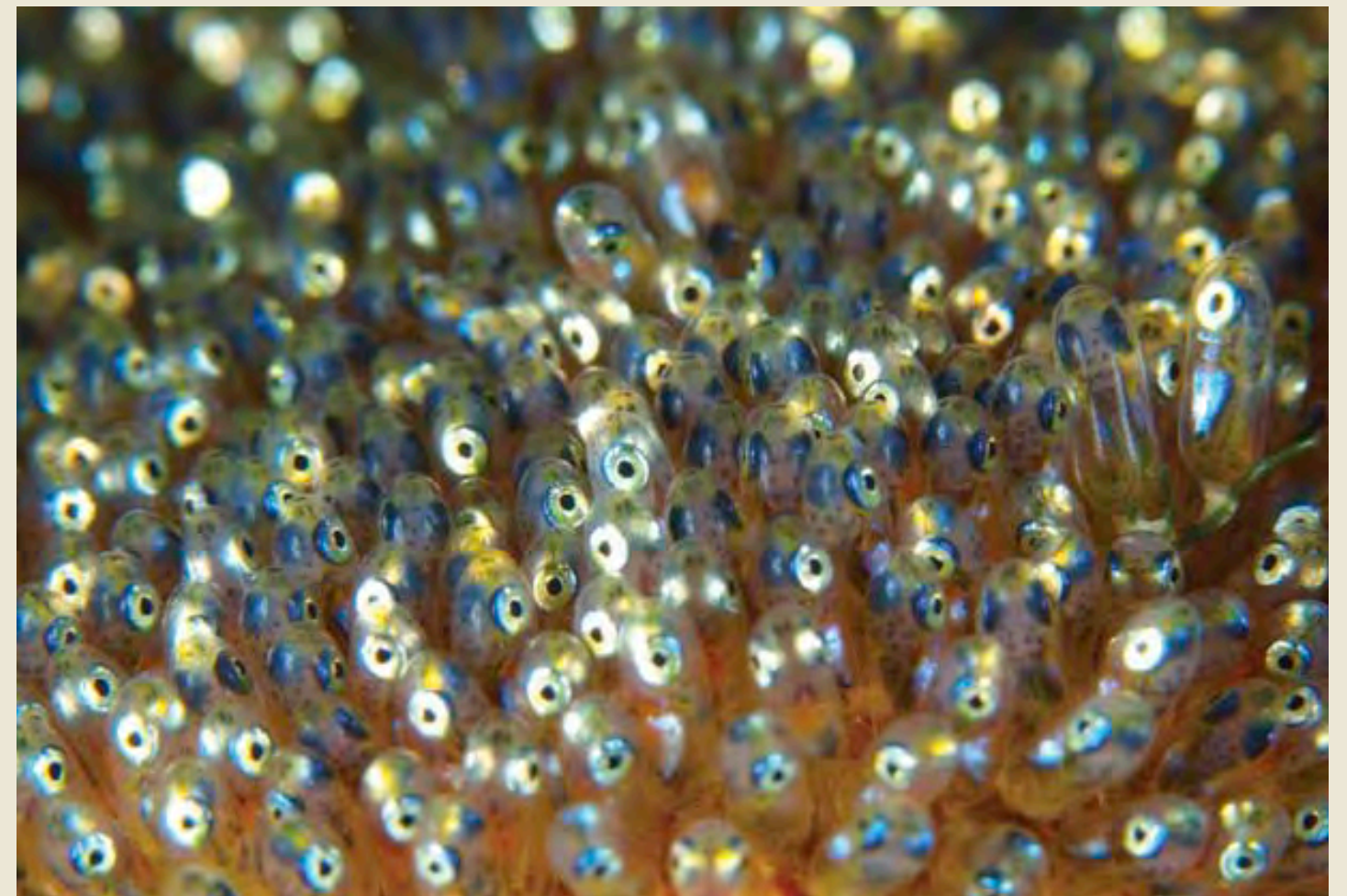
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Antonio Martin



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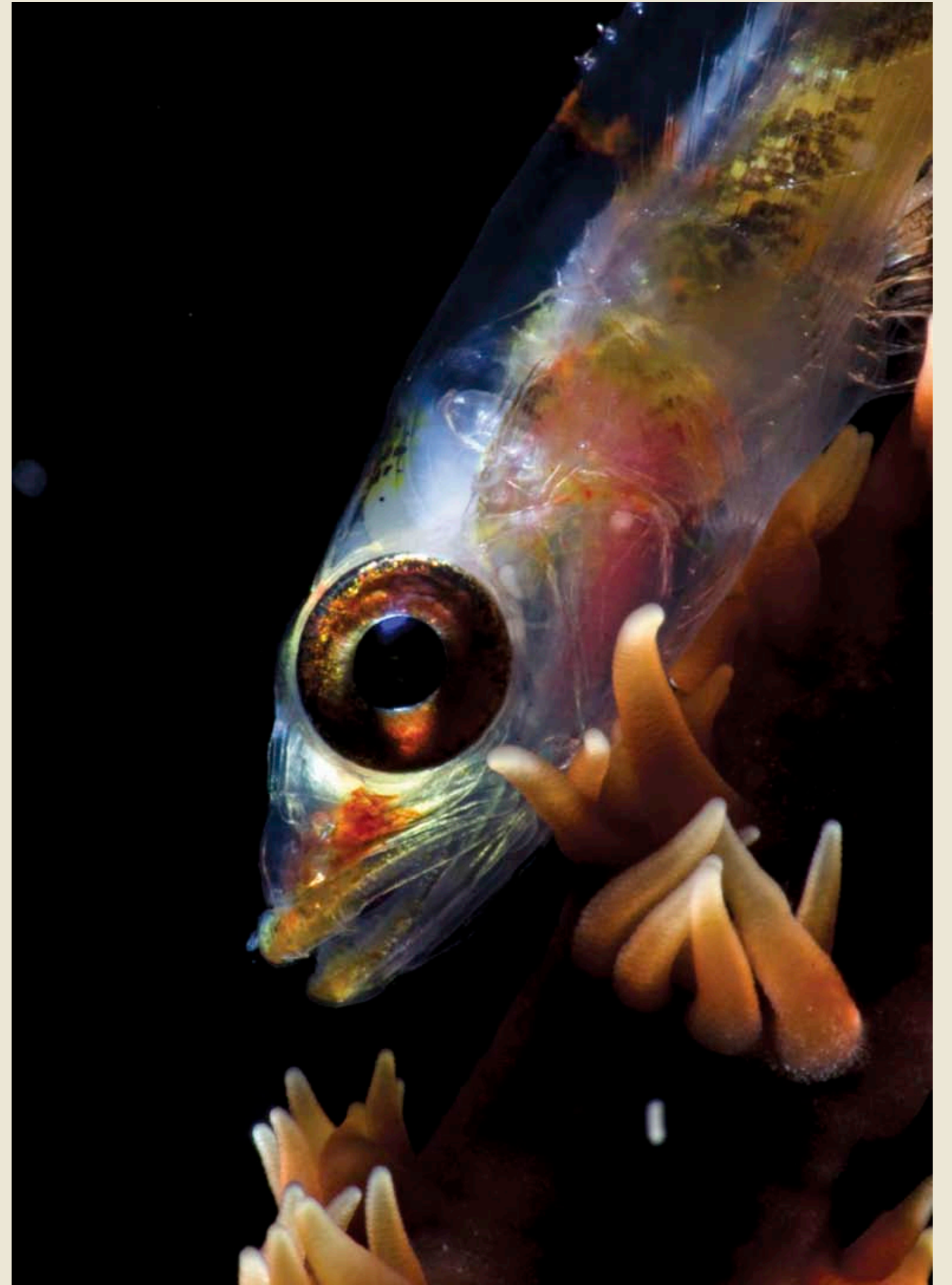


Antonio Martin





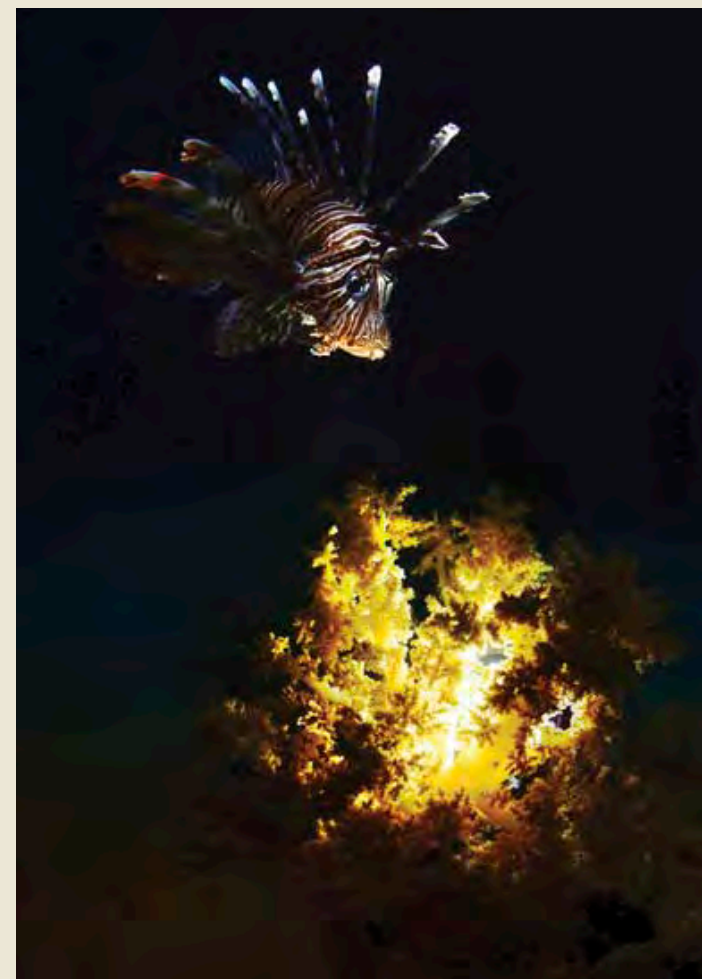
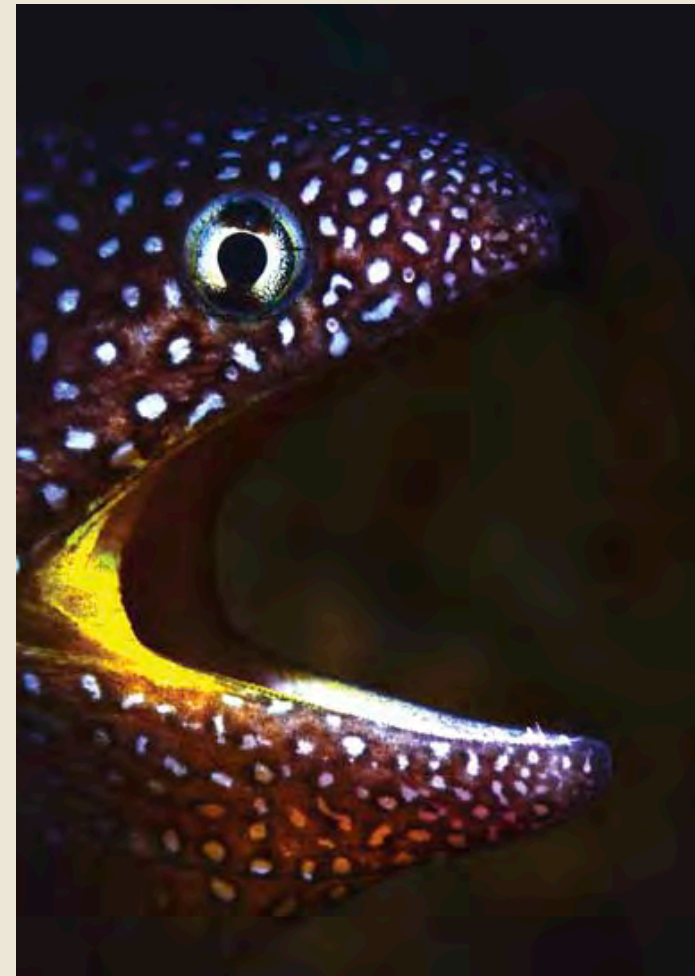
Antonio Martin



Esteban Tore



Esteban Tore



# Eilat Shoot-Out

## Fish of the Year



Esteban Tore, 1st place winner

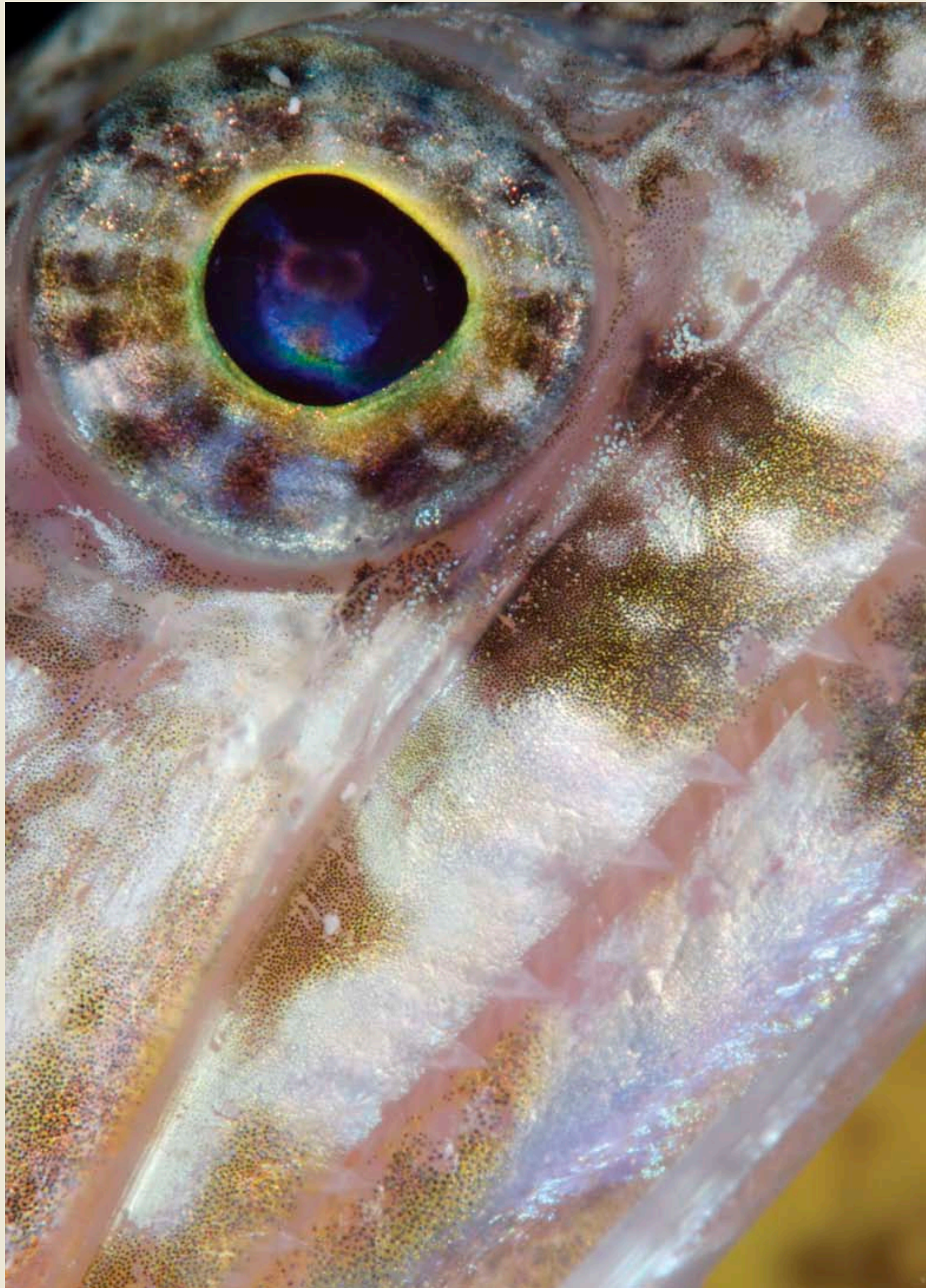
1st prize: Esteban Tore, Spain  
\$3,000 USD check, courtesy of the Israeli Diving Authority

2nd prize: Gal Eyal, Israel  
7-day diving trip for 2 people in the Maldives aboard M/V Carpe Diem,  
courtesy of WildDive & Carpe Diem

3rd prize: Dennis Vandermeersch, Belgium  
DM-3 Epson home cinema combo projector, including a built-in DVD  
and powerful speakers, courtesy of Epson

The additional nominees:

Iakov Samovarov, Russia  
Izchak Yogev, Israel



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Esteban Tore



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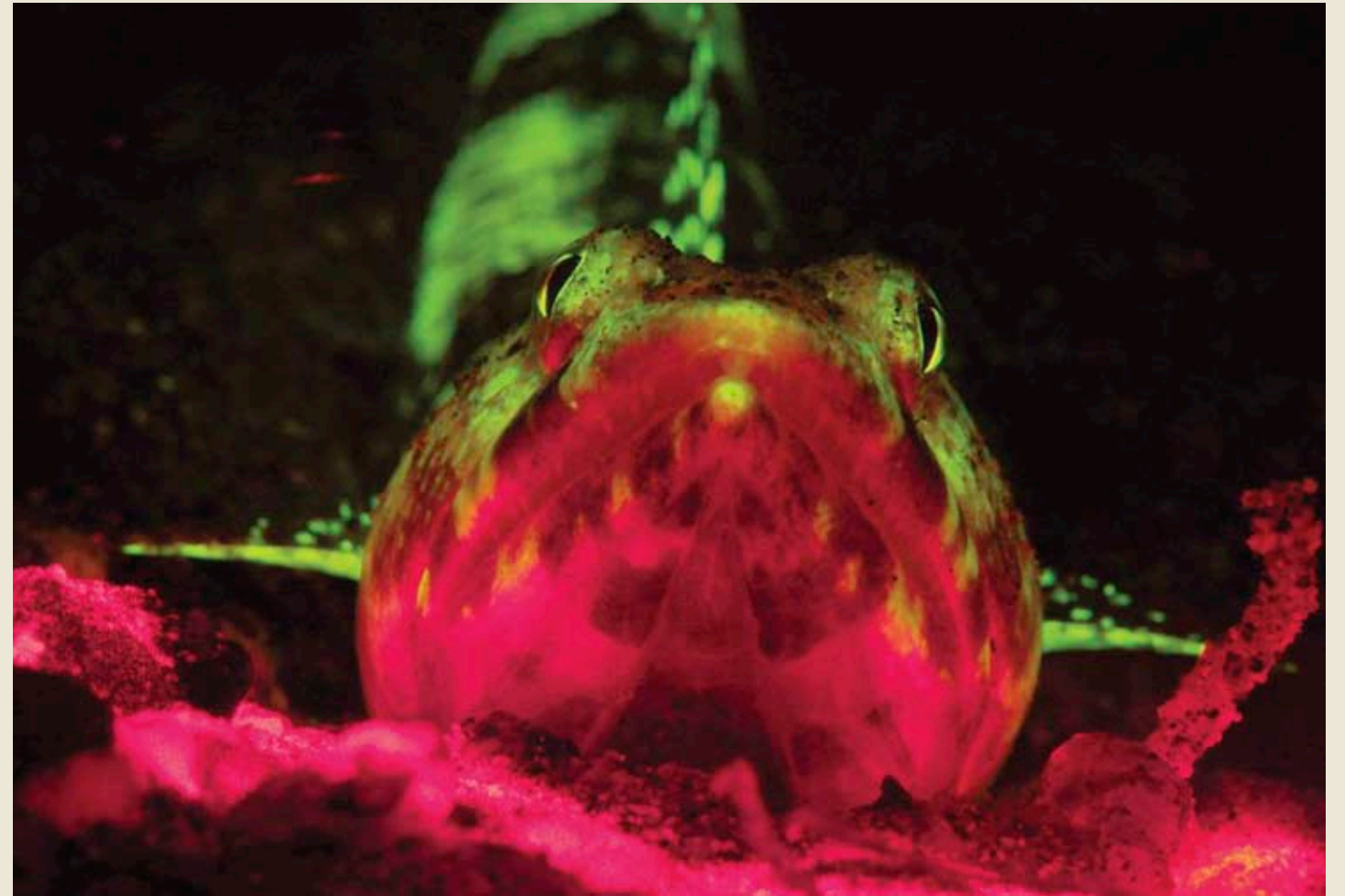




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Gal Eyal



Gal Eyal

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Dennis Vandermeersch





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Dennis Vandermeersch



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Iakov Samovarov





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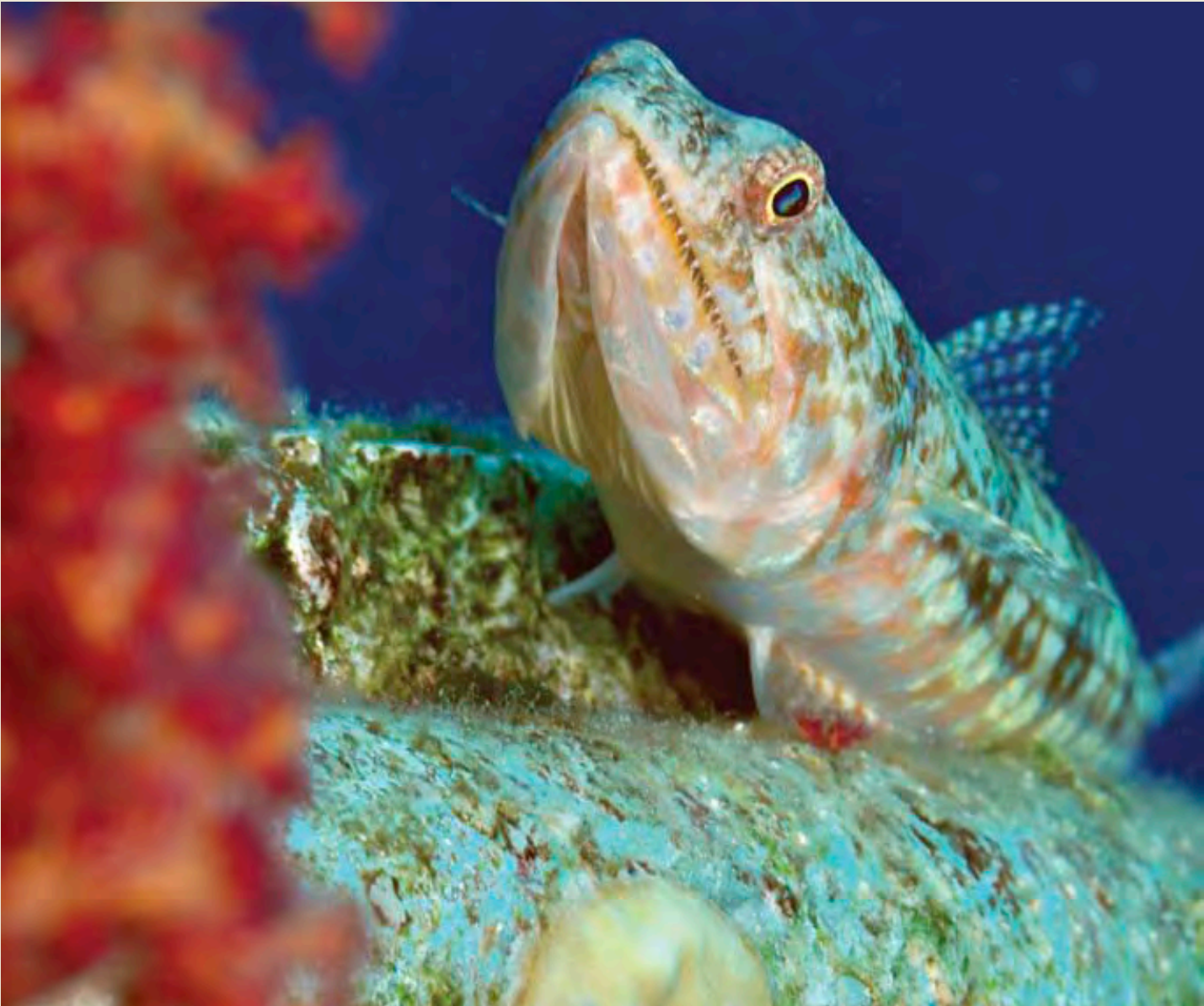
Iakov Samovarov



Izchak Yogev



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Izchak Yogev



# Eilat Shoot-Out Fish & Fashion



Johannes Felten, 1st place winner

1st prize: Johannes Felten, Israel  
\$2,000 USD check, courtesy of Eilat's Underwater  
Observatory Marine Park

2nd prize: Alex Vanzetti, Israel  
7-day diving trip for 2 in the Red Sea aboard Sinai Divers' legendary  
Ghazala 1, courtesy of Sinai Divers

3rd prize: Vitalii Sokol, Russia  
6-day diving trip for 1 person in the Similan Islands on Board MV Colona  
6 or MV Giamani, courtesy of WildDive & Colona Liveboards

The additional nominees:

Marc Hillesheim, Germany  
Koby Mercury, Israel

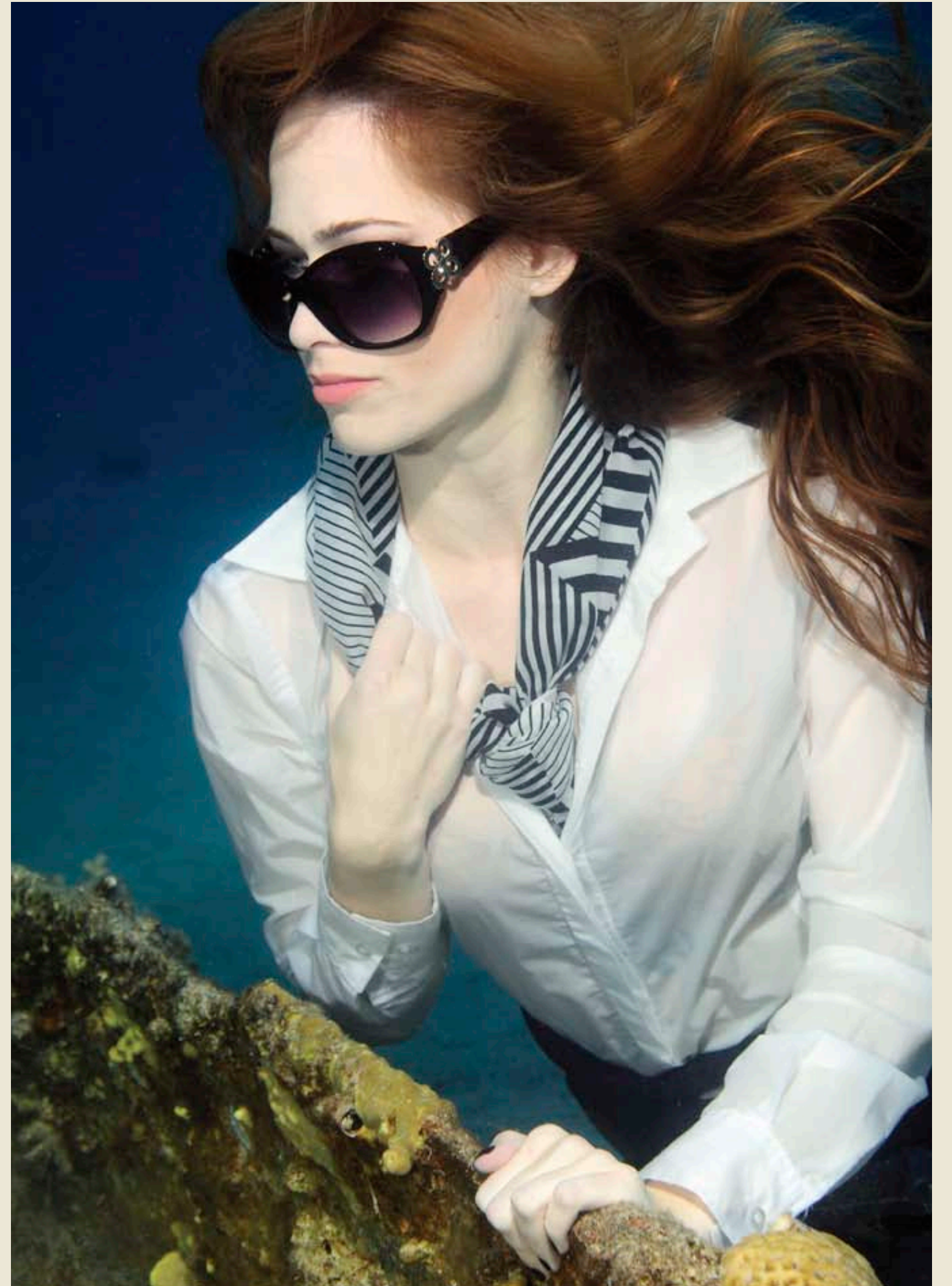


Johannes Felten





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Alex Vanzetti



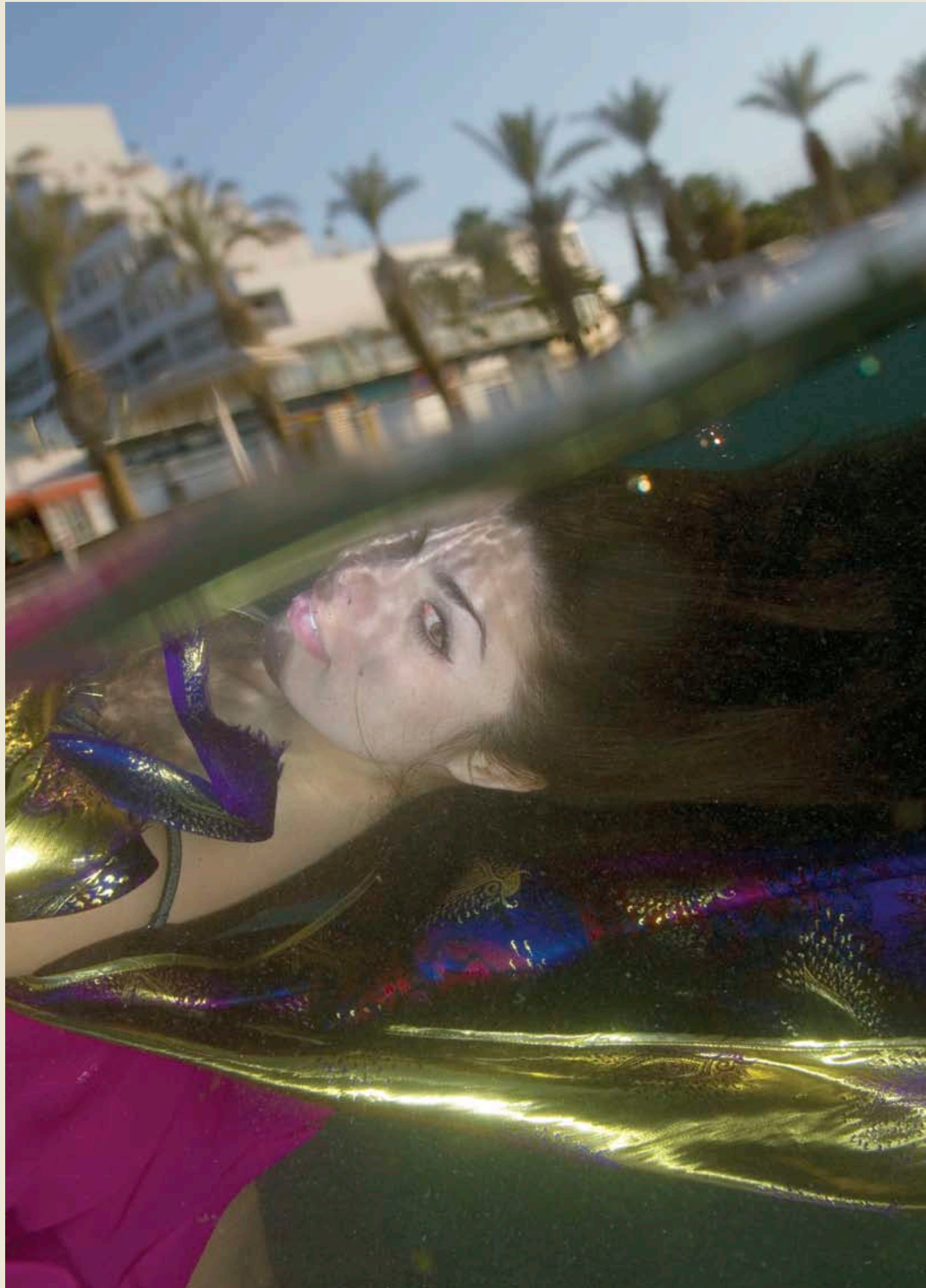
Alex Vanzetti





Alex Vanzetti





Vitalii Sokol





Vitalii Sokol





Marc Hillesheim





Marc Hillesheim





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Koby Mercury



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# Eilat Shoot-Out Best Singular Entry

1st prize: Esteban Tore, Spain

1,000 bottles of "Maccabi" beer, courtesy of Tempo

2nd prize: Dennis Vandermeersch, Belgium

11-days diving safari in Cocos Islands,  
courtesy of the Undersea Hunter Group

3rd prize: Colm Oreilly, USA

A set of 3 Explorer photography cases, courtesy of Marlin



Esteban Tore, 1st place winner, with 1,000 bottles of Maccabi beer

The additional nominees:

Ammar Younis, Israel

Antonio Martin, Spain



Esteban Tore



Dennis Vandermeersch



Colm Oreilly



Antonio Martin



Ammar Younis



# Eilat Shoot-Out Mayor of Eilat's Prize

The Winner: Johannes Felten, Israel

The Prize:

The winner of this category was granted with the honor of having his winning image published on this album's cover. In addition, the winner received a \$2,000 check.



Johannes Felten with his huge winner's check

The additional nominees:

Alex Vanzetti, Israel  
Ammar Younis, Israel  
Esteban Tore, Spain  
Marc Hillesheim, Germany



Johannes Felten



Ammar Younis



Alex Vanzetti



Esteban Tore



Marc Hillesheim

# Eilat Shoot-Out Jury's Prize

The Winner: Stefano Proakis, Italy

The Prize:

\$5,000 USD for purchasing a Seacam Housing for Nikon or Canon cameras and/or Seacam underwater photo accessories, courtesy of Seacam



Stefano Proakis, the happy winner

The additional nominees:

Esteban Tore, Spain

Esteban Tore, Spain

Antonio Martin, Spain

Izchak Yogev, Israel



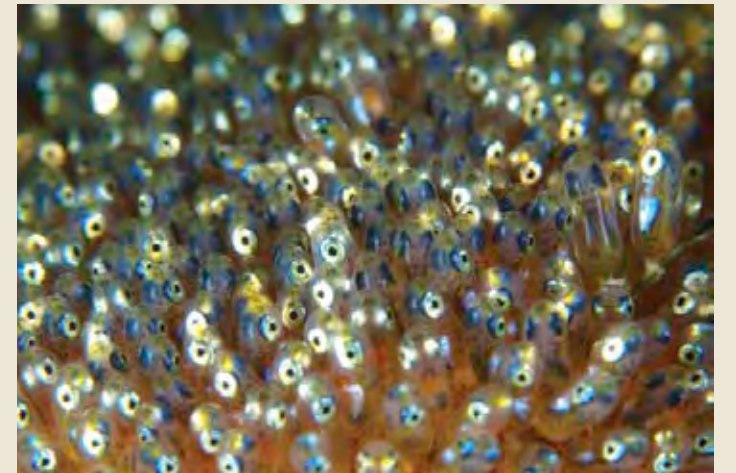
Stefano Proakis



Esteban Tore



Izchak Yogev



Antonio Martin



Esteban Tore



# Eilat Shoot-Out Amateurs



Francisco Negrillo , 1st place winner with A.J Saito

1st prize: Francisco Negrillo, Spain  
Panasonic Lumix GF2 Housing with Panasonic Lumix GF2 45mm macro lens port ,Dual Grip and Tray Assembly, courtesy of Seatool / Recsea

2nd prize: Ammar Younis, Israel  
8mm lens for Recsea housings, Courtesy of Dyrone

3rd prize: Shay Rozen, Israel  
Fantasea FP7000 Housing for the Nikon Coolpix P7000 camera, courtesy of Fantasea Line

The additional nominees:

Ron Farage, Israel  
Tamir Ben Haroush, Israel





84 Ammar Younis



Ron Farage 85



Shay Rozen



Tamir Ben Haroush



# Eilat Shoot-Out

## The Children of Epson Red Sea

The Winners:

1st prize: Liraz Shaul, Israel

Olympus MJU-6020 underwater camera and housing, courtesy of Jugend Brothers + Open Water and Advanced Open Water diving courses, courtesy of Isrotel Manta diving center in Eilat

2nd prize: Tal Itzhaki, Israel

An open water scuba diving course, courtesy of the Dolphin Reef diving center in Eilat

3rd prize: Elad Moar-Erich, Israel

An Open water scuba diving course, courtesy of the U-Dive diving center in Eilat



Liraz Shaul, 1st place winner

The additional nominees:

Ido Parkal, Israel

Liraz Shaul, Israel



Liraz Shaul



Tal Itzhaki



Ido Parkal



Elad Moar-Erich



Liraz Shaul





Yigal Aharoni, proud 1st place winner

# Eilat Shoot-Out

## Eilat's Video Clip

1st place - Yigal Aharoni, Israel

\$5,000 USD check

<http://youtu.be/34SFu9WoRuM>

2nd place - Guy Jakobi, Israel

RV100 Housing for a majority of video cameras,  
courtesy of Diveross

<http://youtu.be/G3g1E1a5eVk>

3rd place - Amos Rafaeli, Israel

A one-week diving trip for one on the Sea Lady boat to Indonesia,  
courtesy of Sea Lady

<http://youtu.be/bwhhwZScFrY>

The additional nominees:

Chris Parsons, USA

<http://youtu.be/4kMbADLVrOM>

Deborah Metcalfe, Egypt

<http://youtu.be/DVEgvlvzMe4>

# World Shoot-Out

## Dive Destination - 5 Best Images

1st prize: Martin Strmiska, Slovakia  
\$5,000 USD check, courtesy of Epson

2nd prize: Claudio Gazzaroli, Switzerland  
Liveaboard scuba diving adventure for 2 aboard the Nautilus Explorer  
to any of their offered destinations, courtesy of Nautilus Explorer

3rd prize: Eduardo Acevedo, Spain  
11-day trip for 1 person aboard the Philippine Siren, Indo Siren or  
Maldives Siren, courtesy of WorldWide Dive and Sail



Sharon Rainis, Oren Fleisher and Liron Metz with Martin Strmiska's \$5,000 check

The additional nominees:

Arturo Telle Thiemann, Spain  
Marc Hillesheim, Germany



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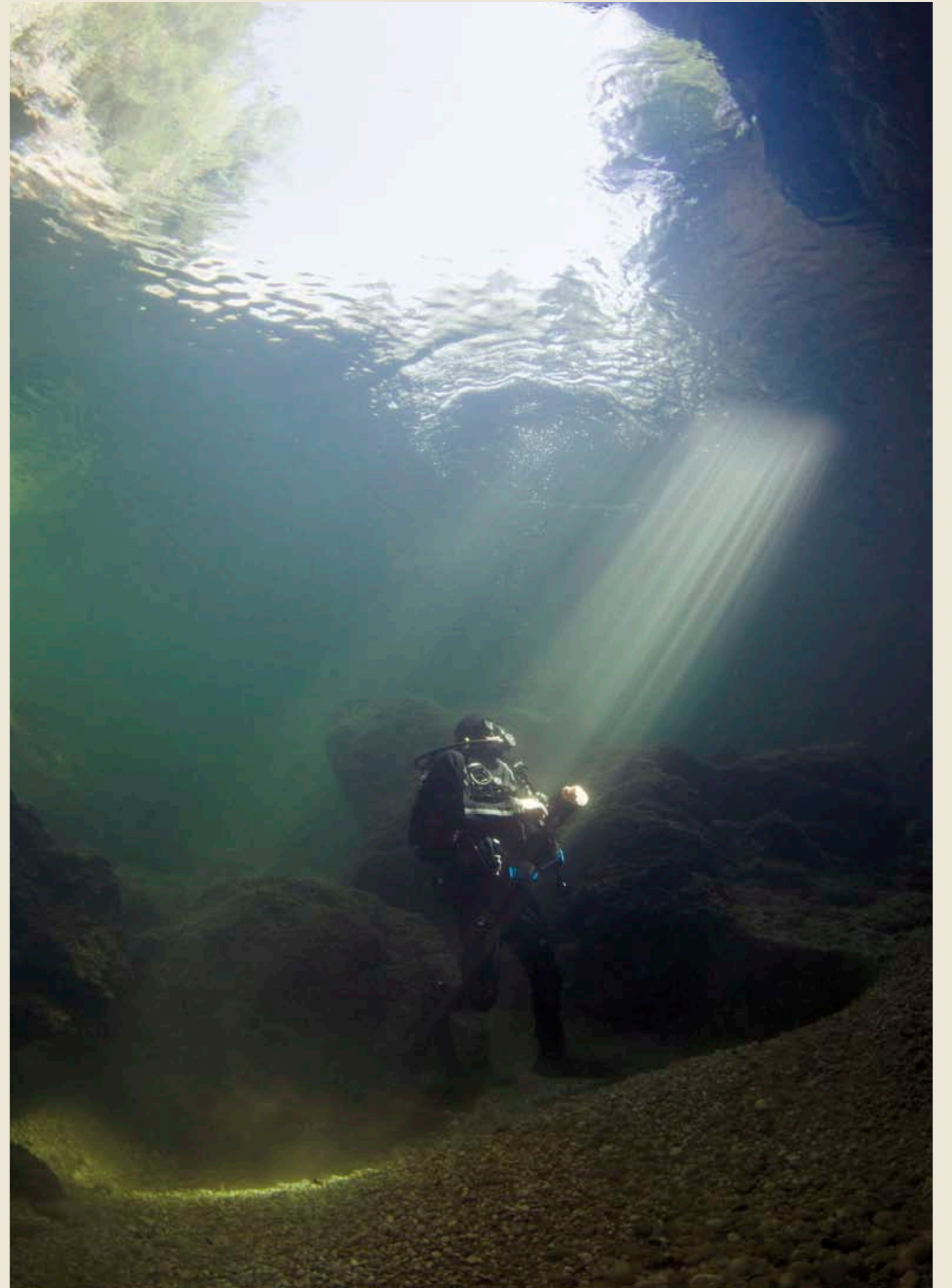
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Martin Strmiska





Martin Strmiska

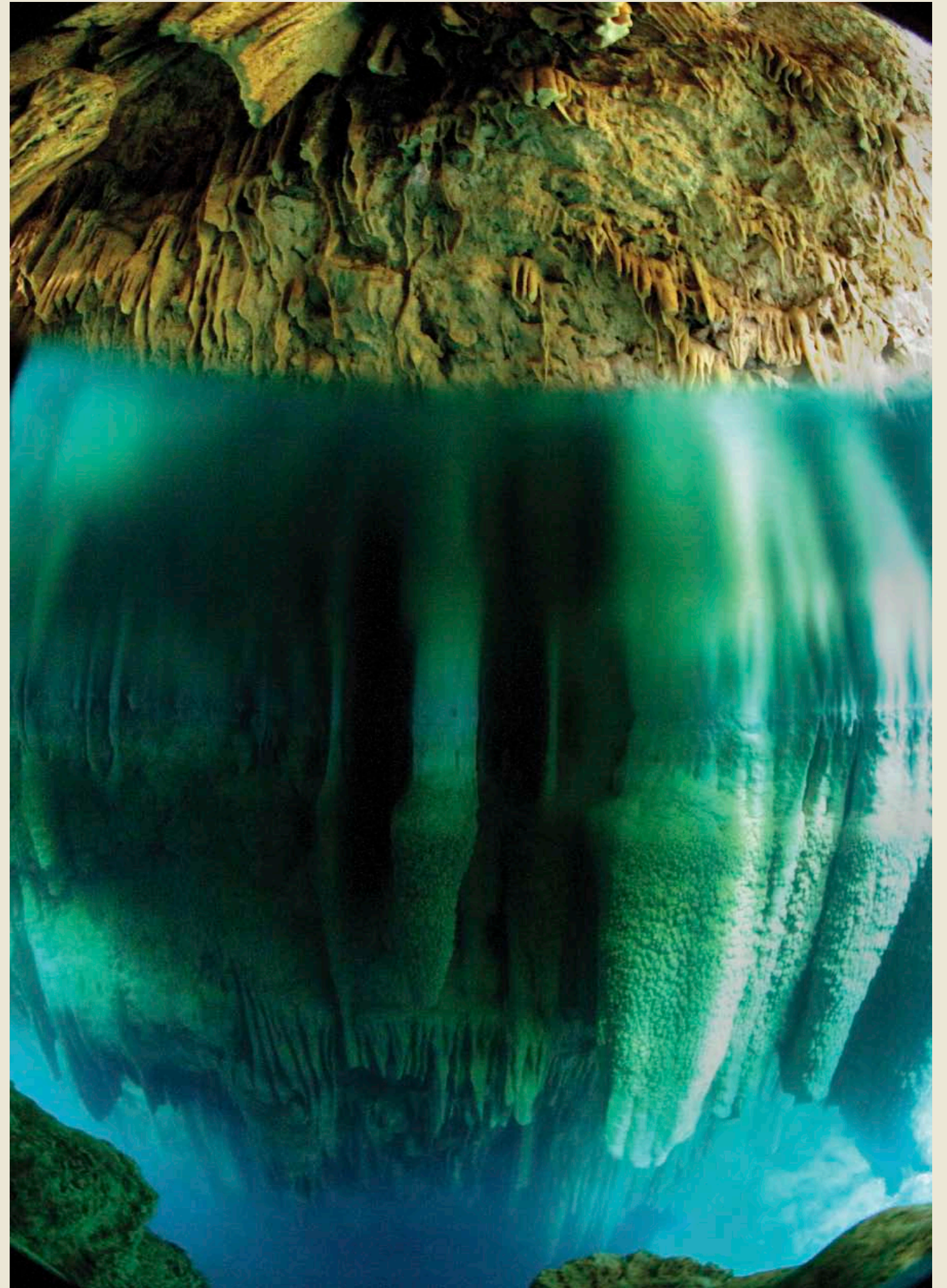




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Martin Strmiska



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Claudio Gazzaroli











Eduardo Acevedo





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Arturo Telle Thiemann



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Marc Hillesheim



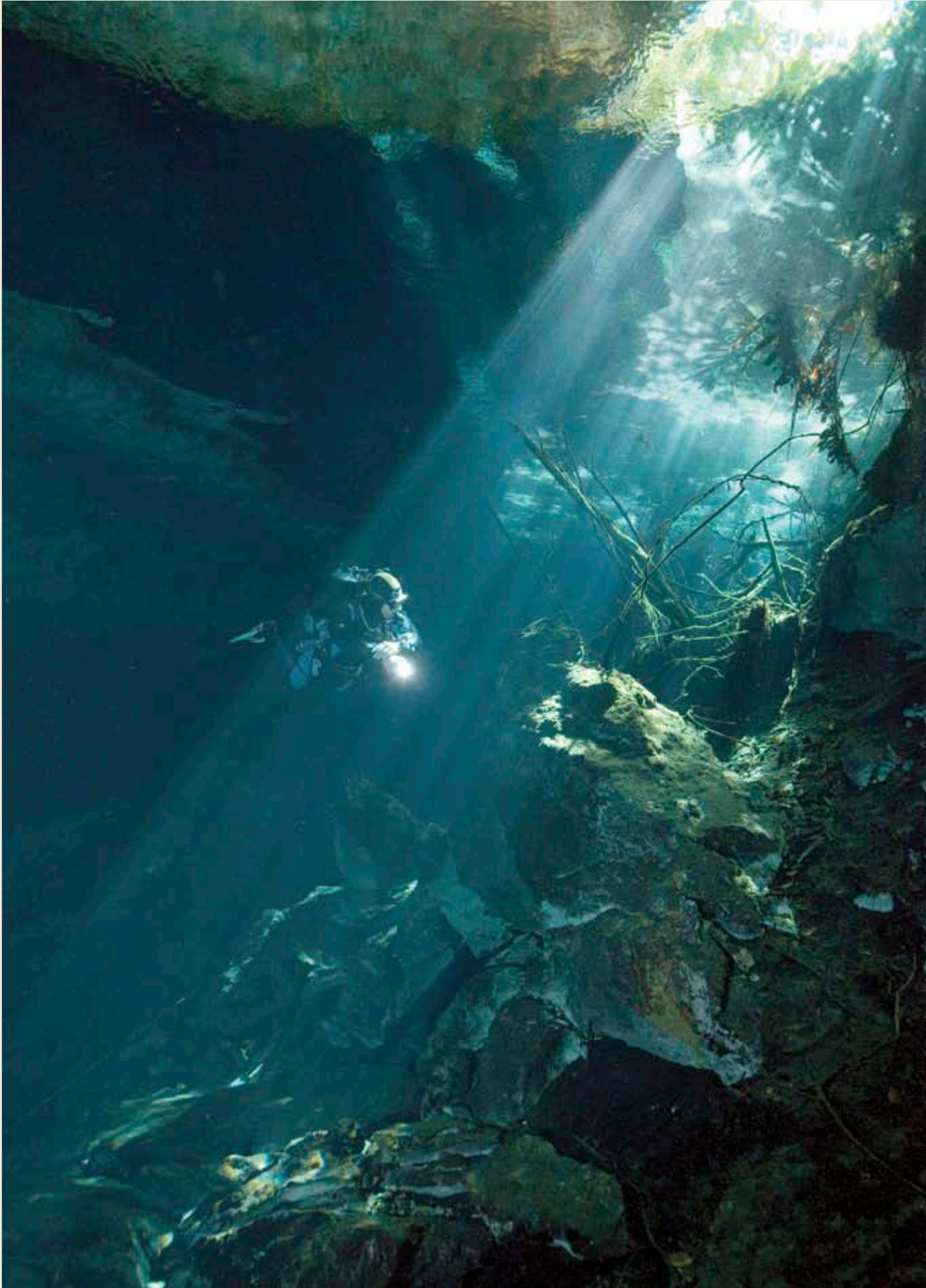
Marc Hillesheim



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Marc Hillesheim



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# World Shoot-Out

## Fresh Water



Osku Puukila announcing the winners

1st prize: Keri Wilk, Canada

\$4,000 USD worth Nauticam system (housing & underwater photo accessories), which can be customized according to the photographer's needs

2nd prize: Stefan Beskow, Sweden

D9tx computer-watch, courtesy of Suunto

3rd prize: Pasi Lensu, Finland

8-day diving trip for 1 person to the Maldives aboard the M/Y Conte Max or Duke of York, courtesy of Albatros Top Boat

The additional nominees:

Keri Wilk, Canada

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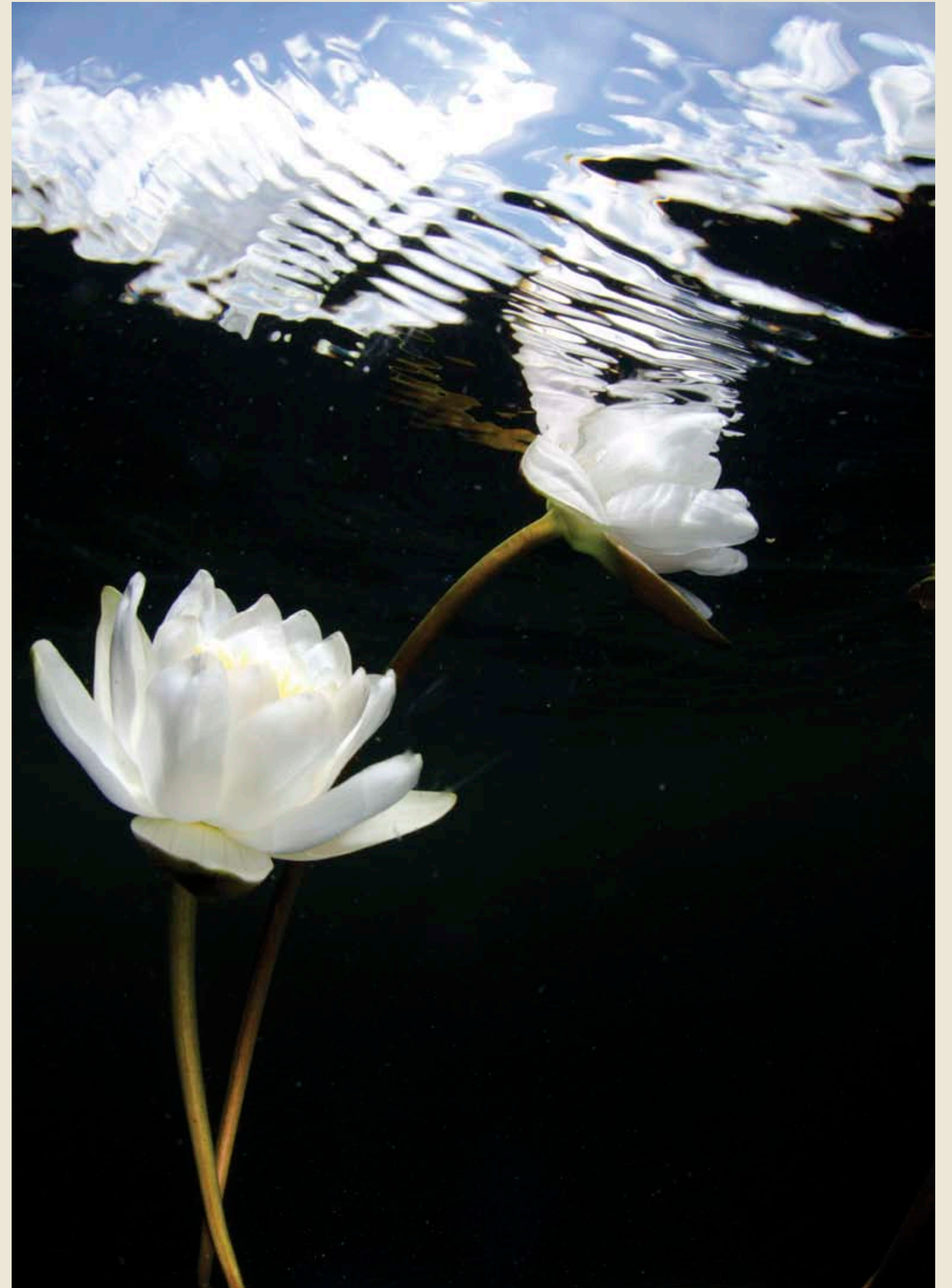


Keri Wilk





Keri Wilk



Stefan Beskow



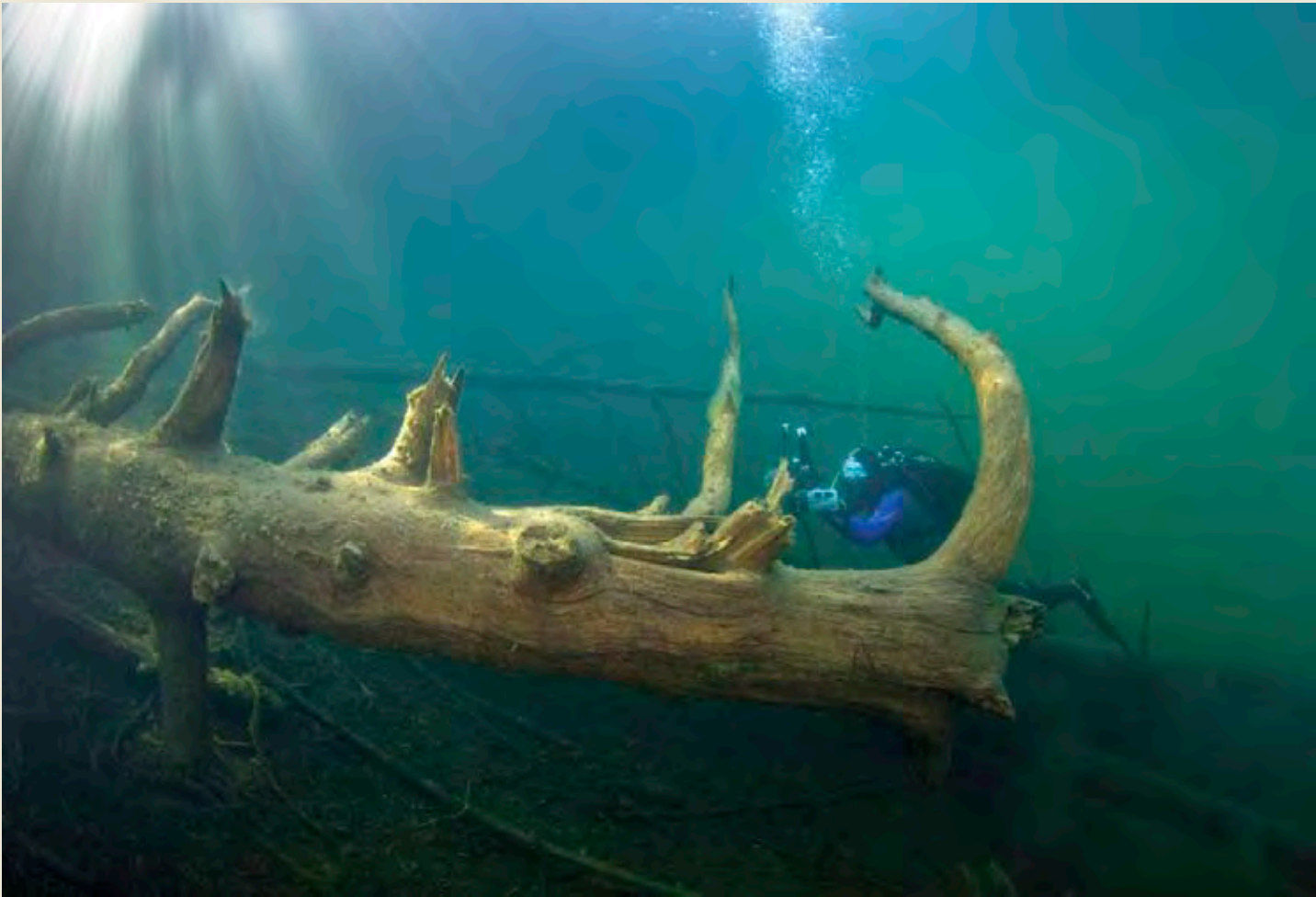
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Stefan Beskow



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Pasi Lensu



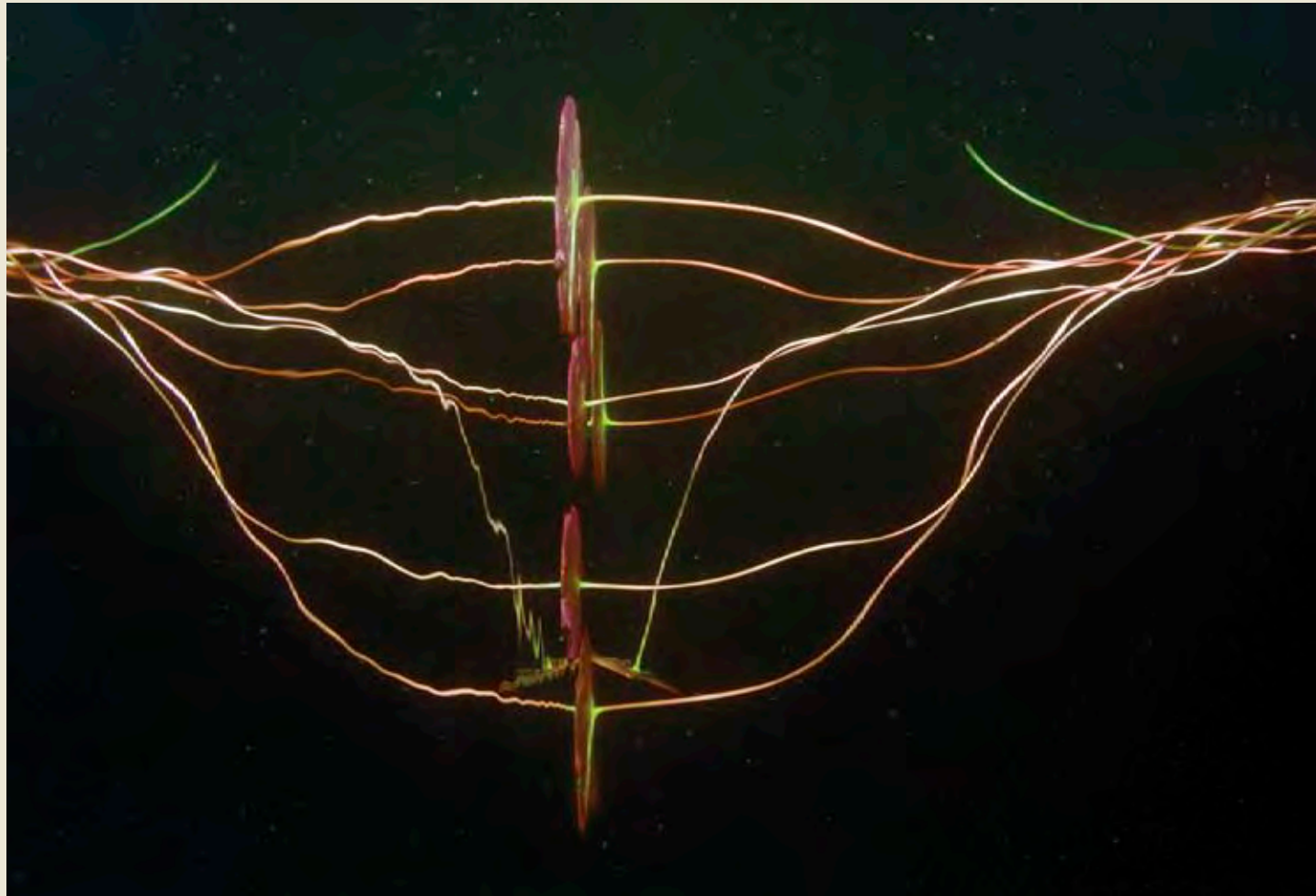


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Keri Wilk



Keri Wilk





Keri Wilk



Keri Wilk

# World Shoot-Out

## Environmental & Conservation



Josie Waiwai announcing the winners

1st prize: Marco Caraceni, Italy  
\$3,000 USD check, courtesy of MARES

2nd prize: Eduardo Acevedo, Spain  
Diving vacation for 2 to the wonders of Galapagos aboard  
the Galapagos Aggressor 1, courtesy of the  
worldwide Aggressor and Dancer Fleet

3rd prize: Tobias Friedrich, Germany  
10-day diving holiday for 1 person including dives at the  
Lissenung Island Resort, Papua New Guinea

The additional nominees:

Rafael Fernandez Esteban, Spain  
Marc Hillesheim, Germany



Marco Caraceni





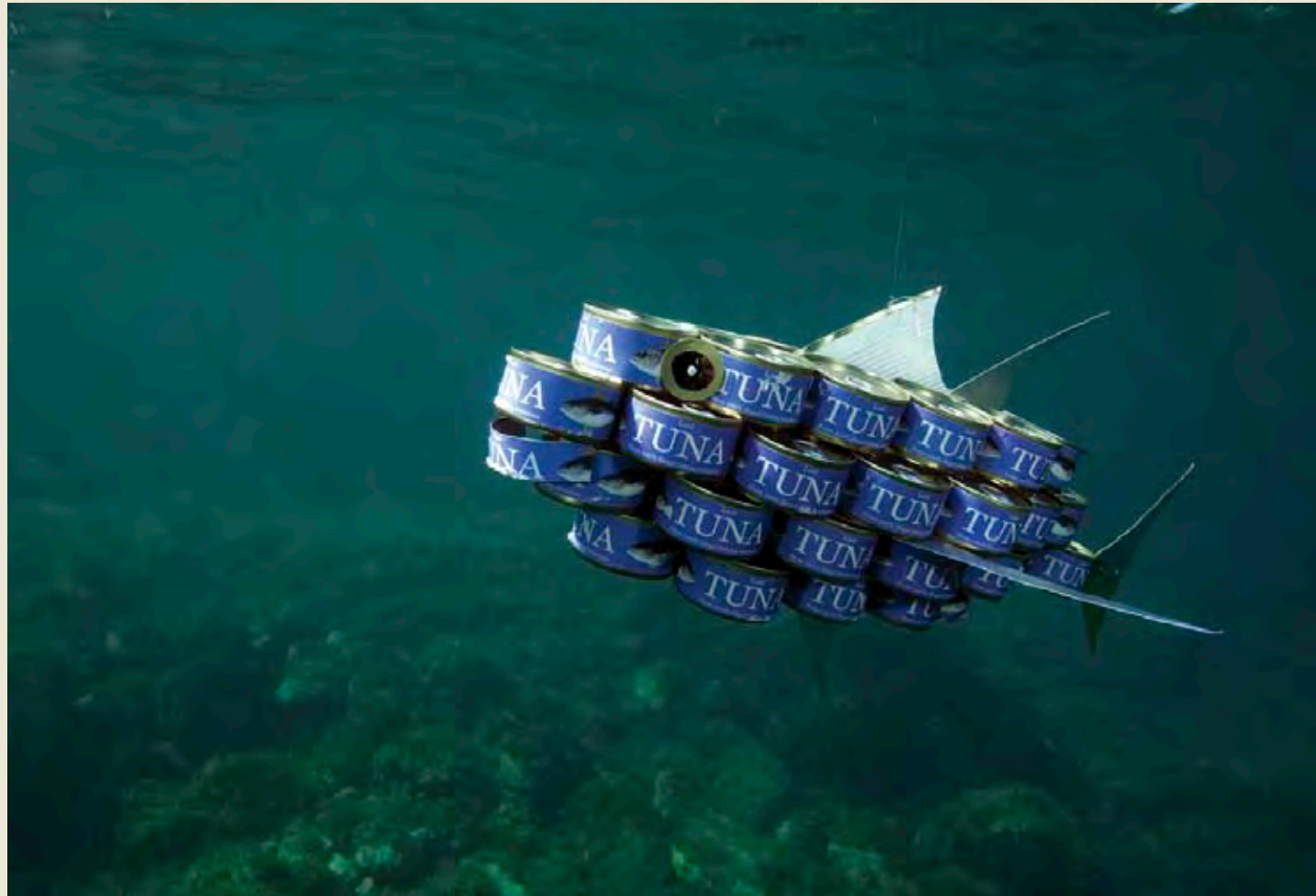


Eduardo Acevedo

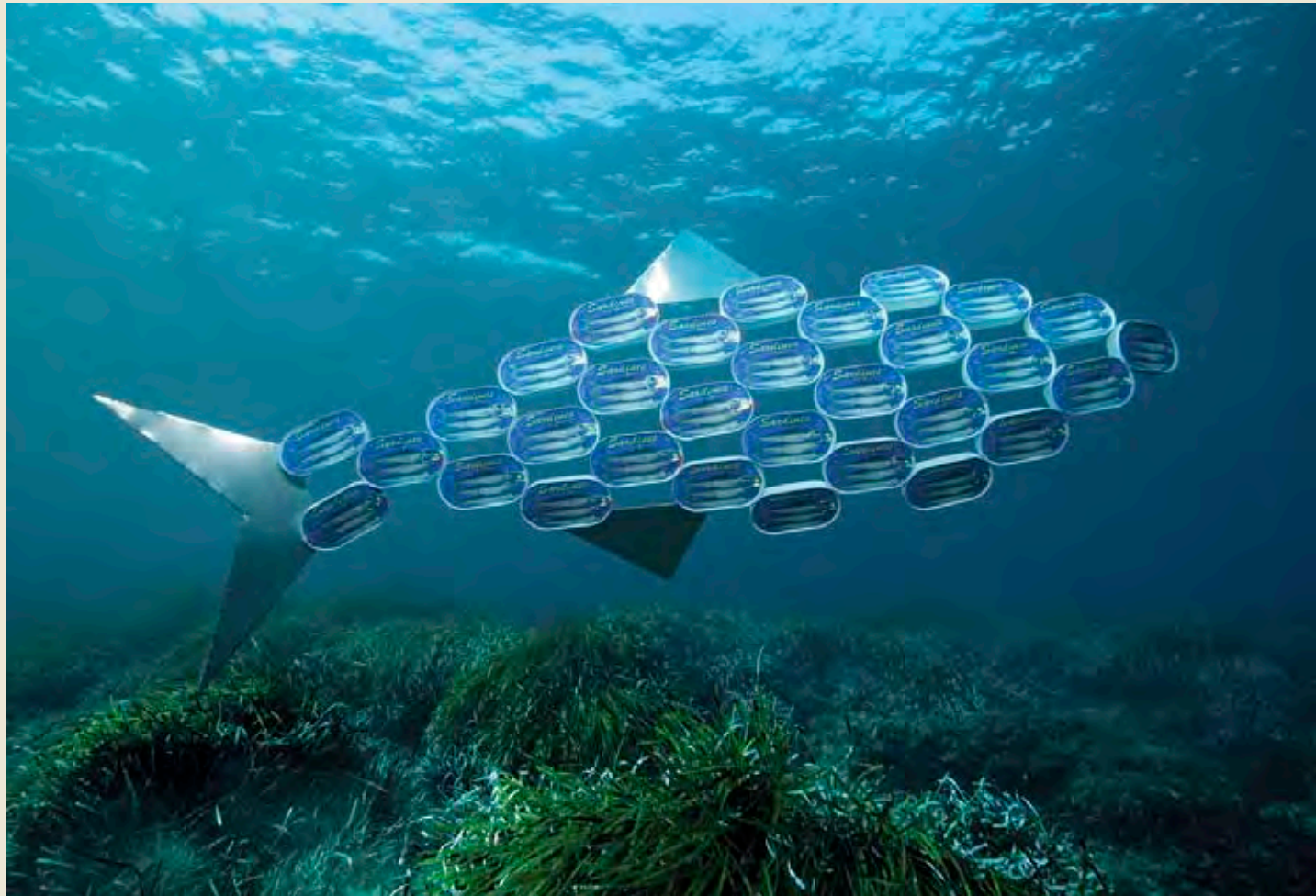


Tobias Friedrich





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Tobias Friedrich



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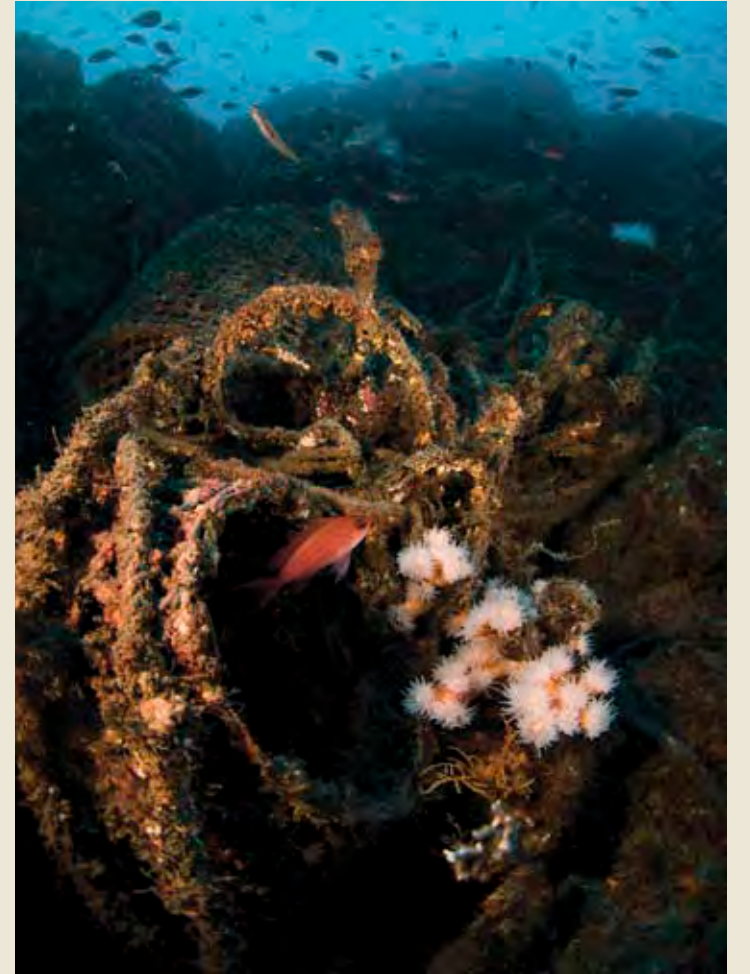
Marc Hillesheim





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Marc Hillesheim



Rafael Fernandez Esteban

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# World Shoot-Out

## Wide Angle Category

1st prize: Nuno Sa, Portugal

\$2,500 USD check, courtesy of UK - Germany

2nd prize: Francis Perez, Spain

Diving trip to Palau, including 7 nights at the Landmark Marina hotel and 5 diving days, courtesy of Fish 'n Fins

3rd prize: Scott Portelli, Australia

Dive trip of up to 10 nights for 1 person on board MV FeBrina, Papua New Guinea's premier boutique liveaboard, courtesy of MV FeBrina



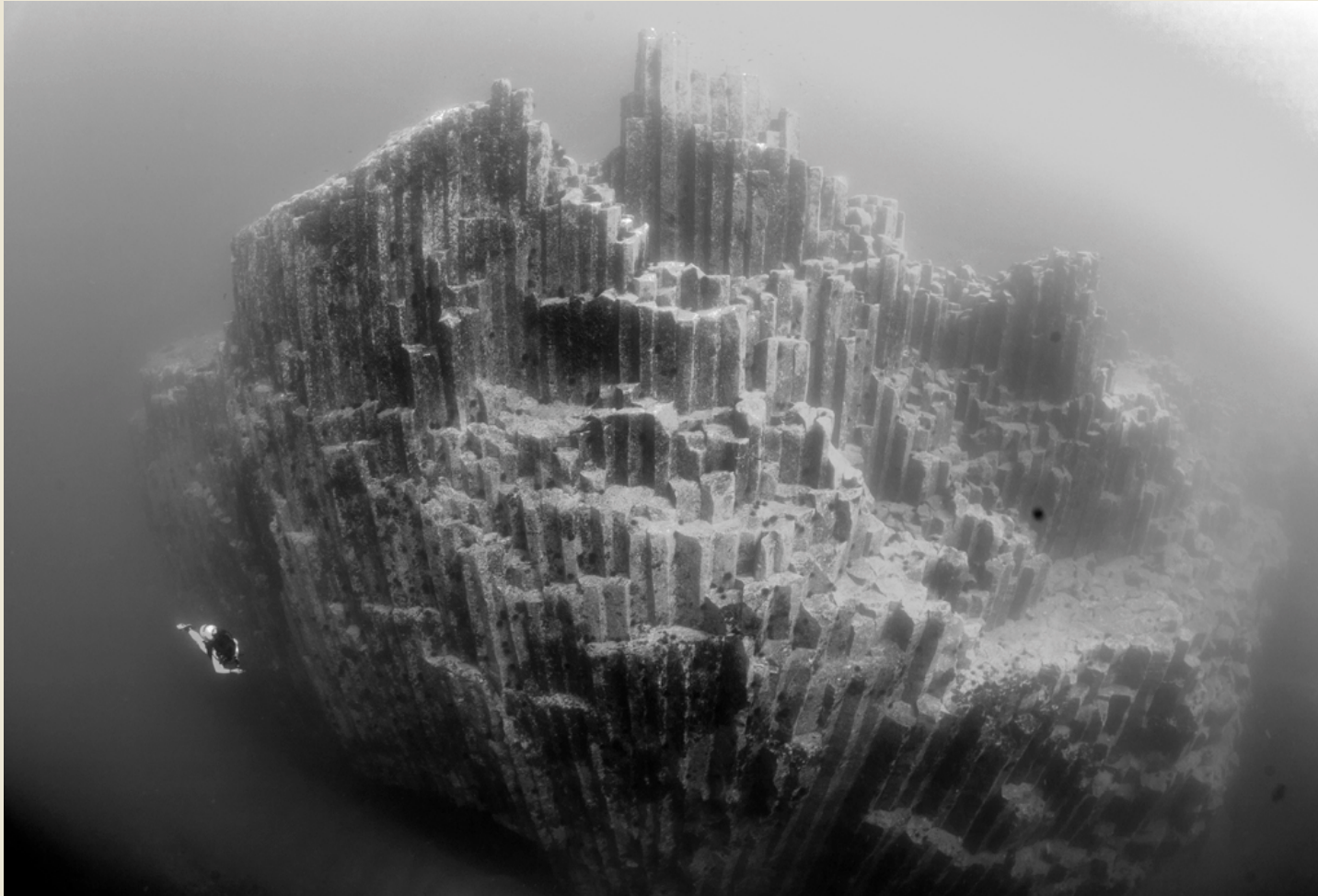
The huge check of the winner, Nuno Sa

The additional nominees:

Tobias Friedrich, Germany

Nuno Sa, Portugal





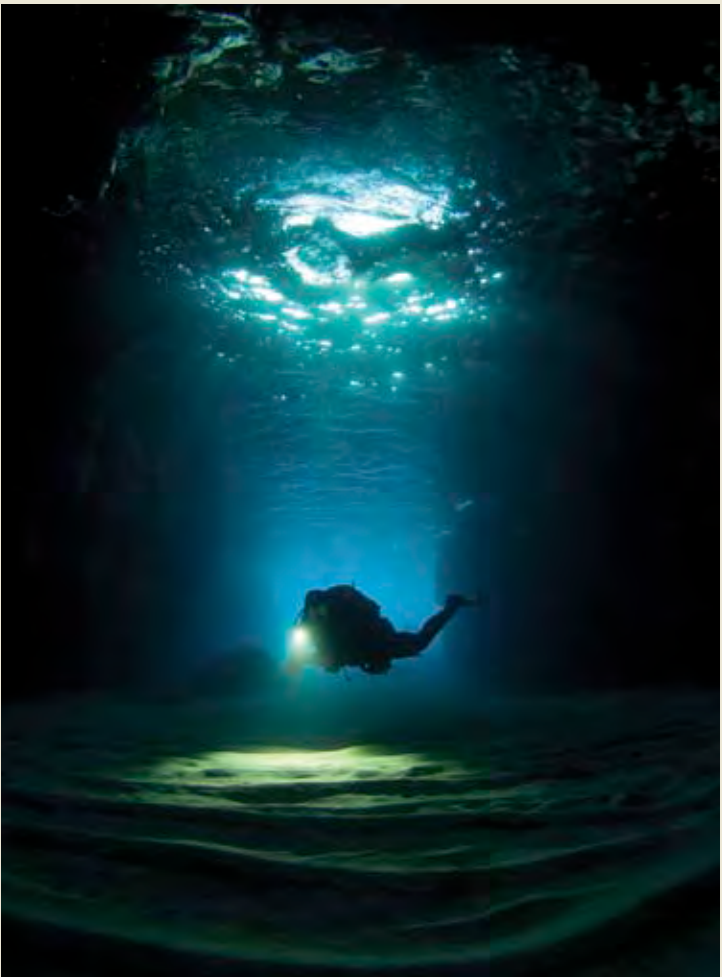
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Nuno Se 147



Scott Portfolio



Tobias Friedrich



# World Shoot-Out

## Macro & Super-Macro Category



Christian Patron awarding the 1st prize to Esteban Tore

1st prize: Esteban Tore, Spain  
\$2,000 USD check, courtesy of the Israeli Diving Authority

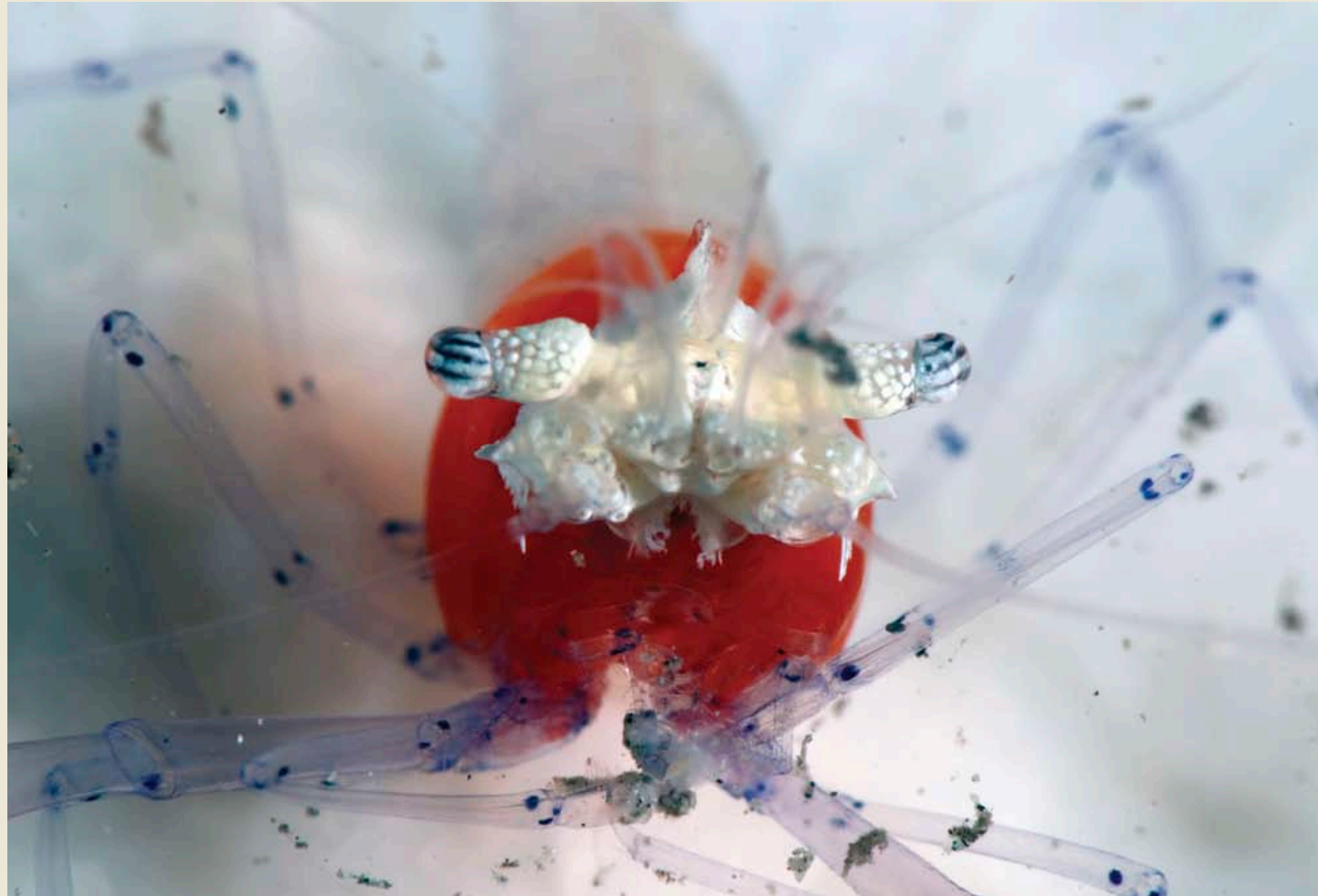
2nd prize: David Salvatori, Italy  
Sealux Housing for the Canon 7D with S6 sync port, LD viewfinder  
and a flat port, courtesy of Sealux

3rd prize: Andrea Casini, Spain  
8-night full board diving holiday for 1 person, including 7 diving days,  
at Loloata Island Resort, Papua New Guinea

The additional nominees:

Esteban Tore, Spain  
Arturo Telle Thiemann, Spain





152 David Salvatori



Arturo Telle Thiemann 153



Andrea Casini



Esteban Tore



# World Shoot-Out

## Wrecks of the World



Barraque Nicolas, 1st place winner, with Louisa Varaclas and Alain Sobol

1st prize: Barraque Nicolas, France

\$2,000 USD check, courtesy of the Cyprus Tourism Organisation

2nd prize: Jonathan Milnes, England

7-day diving trip on the luxury VIP 1 exploring the northern Egyptian Red Sea, courtesy of the Red Sea College

3rd prize: Fabian Alvarez, Spain

8-night full board diving holiday, including 7 diving days, in a beachfront bungalow for 1 person at Walindi Plantation Resort, Papua New Guinea

The additional nominees:

Tobias Friedrich, Germany

Peter Jacobs, Spain





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Peter Jacobs

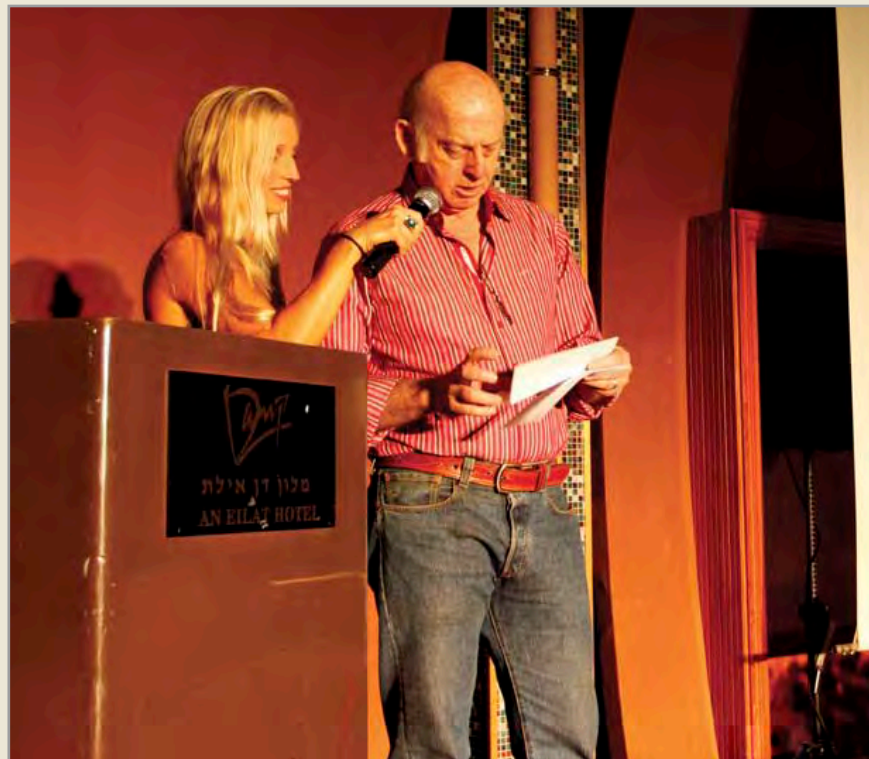


Fabian Alvarez



Tobias Friedrich





Shlomo Cohen announcing the winner

# World Shoot-Out

## Amateurs

1st prize: Christophe Dufour, France

\$1,500 USD check for purchasing camera and/or underwater photo accessories at the Aqua-fototeam portal, courtesy of Aqua-fototeam Wholesale

2nd prize: Christian Goettsche, Germany

A diving vacation in Seychelles for one, including accommodation at the Bliss Hotel, 10-dive package with Big Blue Divers and flight ticket - Italy/Seychelles/Italy, courtesy of Air Seychelles

3rd prize: Gregory Bomshtein, Israel

7-night holiday for 1 person at the Manta Ray Bay in Yap, including 5 diving days, courtesy of Manta Ray Bay

The additional nominees:

Florian Moreau, France  
Jurgen Pesch, Philippines



Christophe Dufour



Christian Goettsche



Gregory Bomshtein



Florian Moreau



Jurgen Pesch



Fascinated by the 3D video screened at the winning ceremony

## Eilat Shoot-Out Behind the Scenes

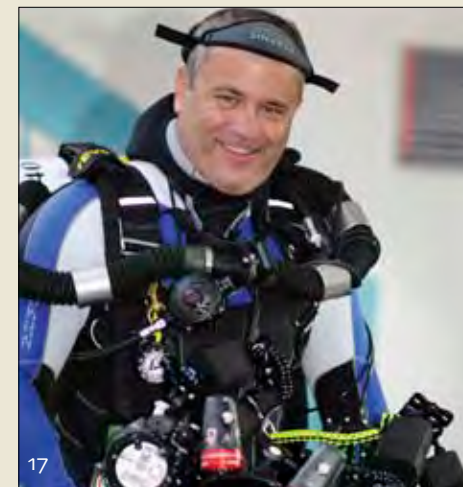


1. Jonas Samuelsson, Gal Avital, Koby Mercury And Robby Navon
2. Deborah Metcalfe
3. Riza Ayson
4. Alberto Muro Pelliconi
5. Christian Petron and Paula Fiferman
6. Johannes Felten
7. A.J. Saito in the Happy Hour
8. Kathleen Black
9. Clair Fuzellier
10. Tal Mahin
11. Isabella Furfaro
12. Ronny Fogelman
13. Roni Sofer and Ariel Fuchs
14. Preparing for another dive
15. Hagar Cohen at Epson Red Sea 3D Shoot
16. Marc Hillesheim
17. Opening cocktail party at the Underwater Observatory
18. Ariela San and Ellie Biel



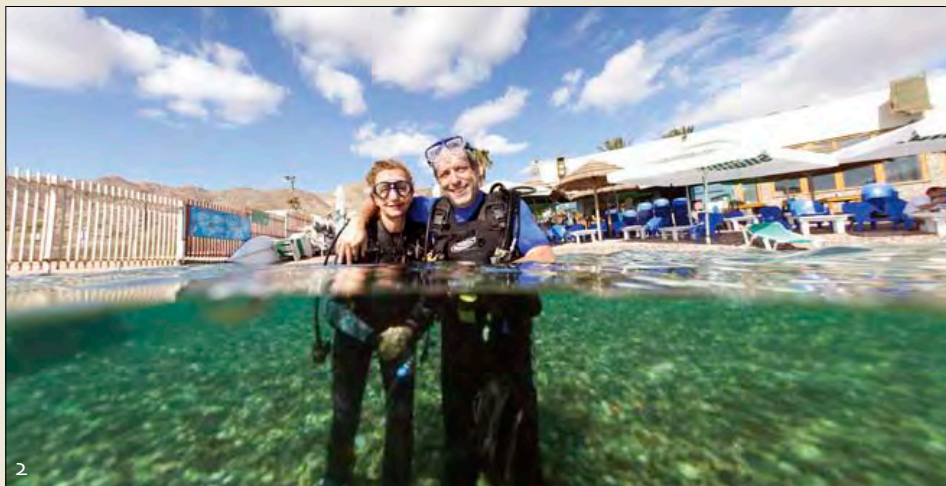


1. Downloading images at the computers room
2. Christian Petron, A.J Saito and Phil Simha
3. Koresh Vahadati
4. George Cathcart
5. Shai Talmor
6. Dennis Vandermeersch
7. Juhani Väihkönen
8. Nahum Donitza
9. Boaz Samorai
10. Alberto setting up the exhibition
11. Jeff Lovin
12. Epson World ShootOut exhibition
13. Deborah Metcalfe, Jon-Paul Mitchell, Jade Boaler
14. Vitalii Sokol and Yanika Land
15. Ariela San
16. Andrey Bizyukin
17. Chris Parsons
18. Bar Faran, Shelly Benchabat and Sapir Cohen





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1. Zivania to spice up the Cyprus party
2. Eilat, ideal for shore dives
3. Yoav Pilosof
4. Yanika, Alberto, Sharon and Ellie
5. The black swan –Shelly Benchabat
6. Ariel Fuchs, Louisa Varaclos and Roni Sofer
7. Boaz Samorai, David Vered and Osku Puukila
8. Everybody gets wet at the Cyprus party
9. Carliane Johnson
10. Ellie Biel
11. Epson World ShootOut award ceremony at the Dan hotel
12. The Cyprus party – pressure relief valve
13. Osku Puukila and Yanika Land
14. Pasi Mannerkoski
15. Vitalii Sokol
16. Phil Simha and Ingrid Riera



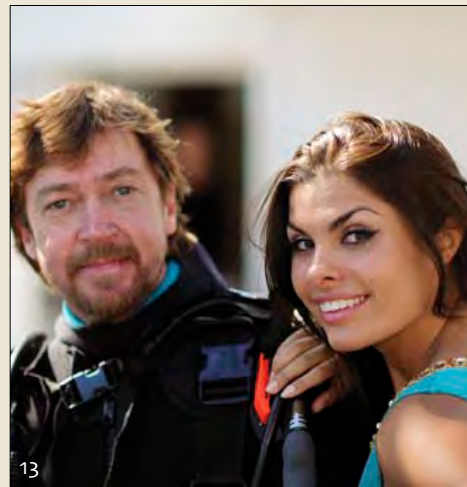
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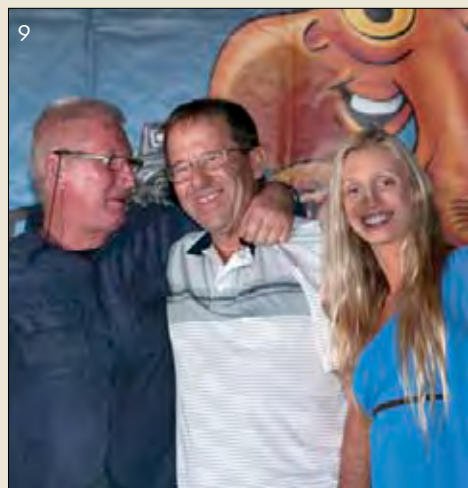
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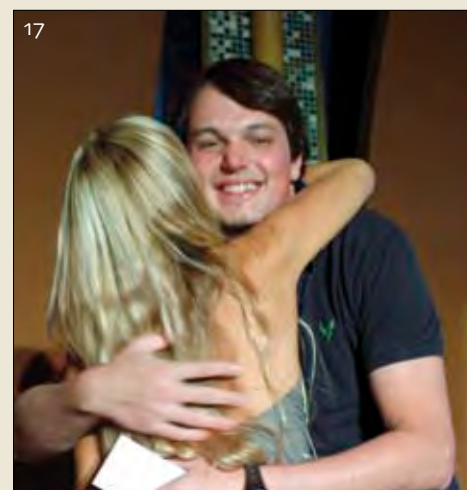
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1. 10 Epson printers allotted at the winning ceremony
2. Deputy Mayor of Eilat, Eli Lankri
3. Roni Sofer, head of the jury panel
4. Happy winners with huge checks
5. Colm O'Reilly
6. Esteban Tore with 1,000 bottles of Maccabi beer
7. Young jury announcing the young winners
8. Dr. Uri Shefer
9. Alan Raabe, Izhak Yogev and Sharon Rainis
10. Razi Livnat, Sharon Rainis and David Pilosof
11. Happy Stefano Proakis
12. Oren Fleisher, Epson Israel GM
13. Vitalii Sokol, Ilan Vered and Yanika Land
14. Yossi Hani, Alex Vanzetti and his two beautiful models
15. Alan Rabbe announcing the PNG winner
16. Amir Stern with a 10,000 USD check
17. Tobias Friedrich



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