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Dive into the Depths of Imagination

2025 marks a significant milestone for underwater photography. As we celebrate 19 years of this international competition, we're thrilled to welcome you back to boot Düsseldorf. This year, amateur and professional photographers from 54 countries submitted thousands of stunning images and videos.

The diversity of your winning entries is genuinely inspiring, showcasing the beauty and fragility of our underwater world. It was an honor to select the Grand Prix winners, each image a testament to the photographers' dedication and passion.

The 'World Shoot Out Grand Prix' book is a stunning collection of images, from the exotic to the endangered. It offers a glimpse into the unique diversity of underwater life, as well as the challenges it faces. Whether you're captivated by Black Water diving, wide-angle photography, or underwater fashion, there's something for everyone.

Selecting the 'Picture of the Year' was no easy task, given the incredible variety and quality of the entries. We're proud to have been part of this process and congratulate all participants for their outstanding work.

Diving has always been a cornerstone of boot Düsseldorf. Since the 1970s, we've been a platform for diving pioneers and innovators. Our Dive Centre continues to showcase the diversity of the diving scene with a program filled with inspiring stories, films, and photos.

Let's celebrate the beauty of the oceans together.

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All Categories Jury

Imran Ahmad,
Malaysia



Roni Sofer,
Israel
Head of the jury



Alberto Muro Pelliconi,
Italy



Ariel Fuchs,
France



Renee Capozzola,
USA



Alex Kassler,
Germany



The International Jury panel Video Clip Jury

Christian Petron,
France
Head of the Video Clip jury



Phil Simha,
Switzerland



Andrés Clarós,
Spain



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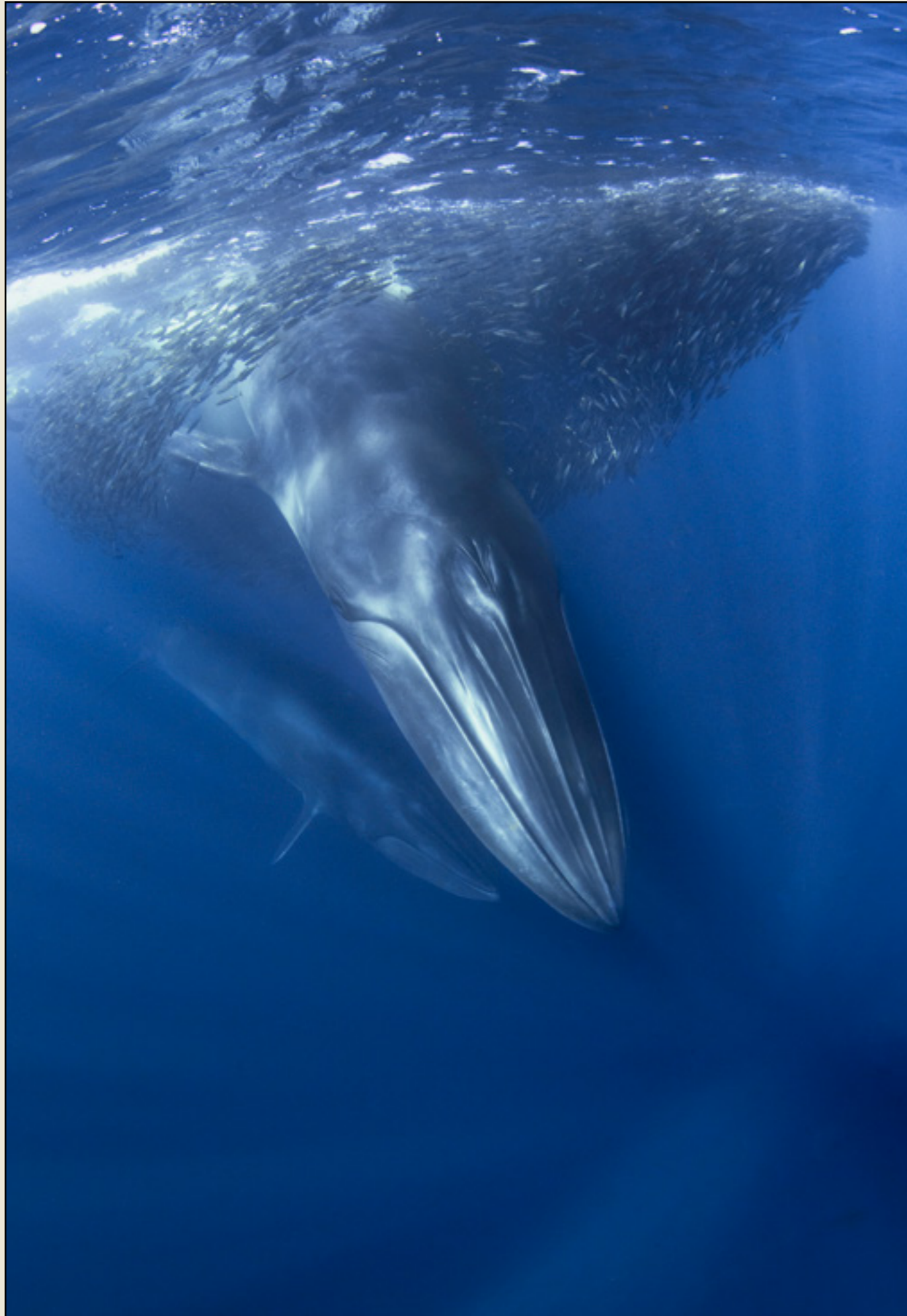
Best of the year

1st Place: Hakan Basar, Turkey
Boot Dusseldorf honors the winner
of Best Picture of the year
with an Andromeda statuette & 2,000 euros cash



Hakan Basar, Turkey

Additional nominees:
Rowan Dear, Australia
Andrea Michelutti, Italy
Petr Polách, Czechia
Massimo Zannini, Italy
Luc Rooman, Belgium
Massimo Zannini, Italy
Marchione Giacomo, Italy
Claudio Zori, Italy
Marchione Giacomo, Italy



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Hakan Basar



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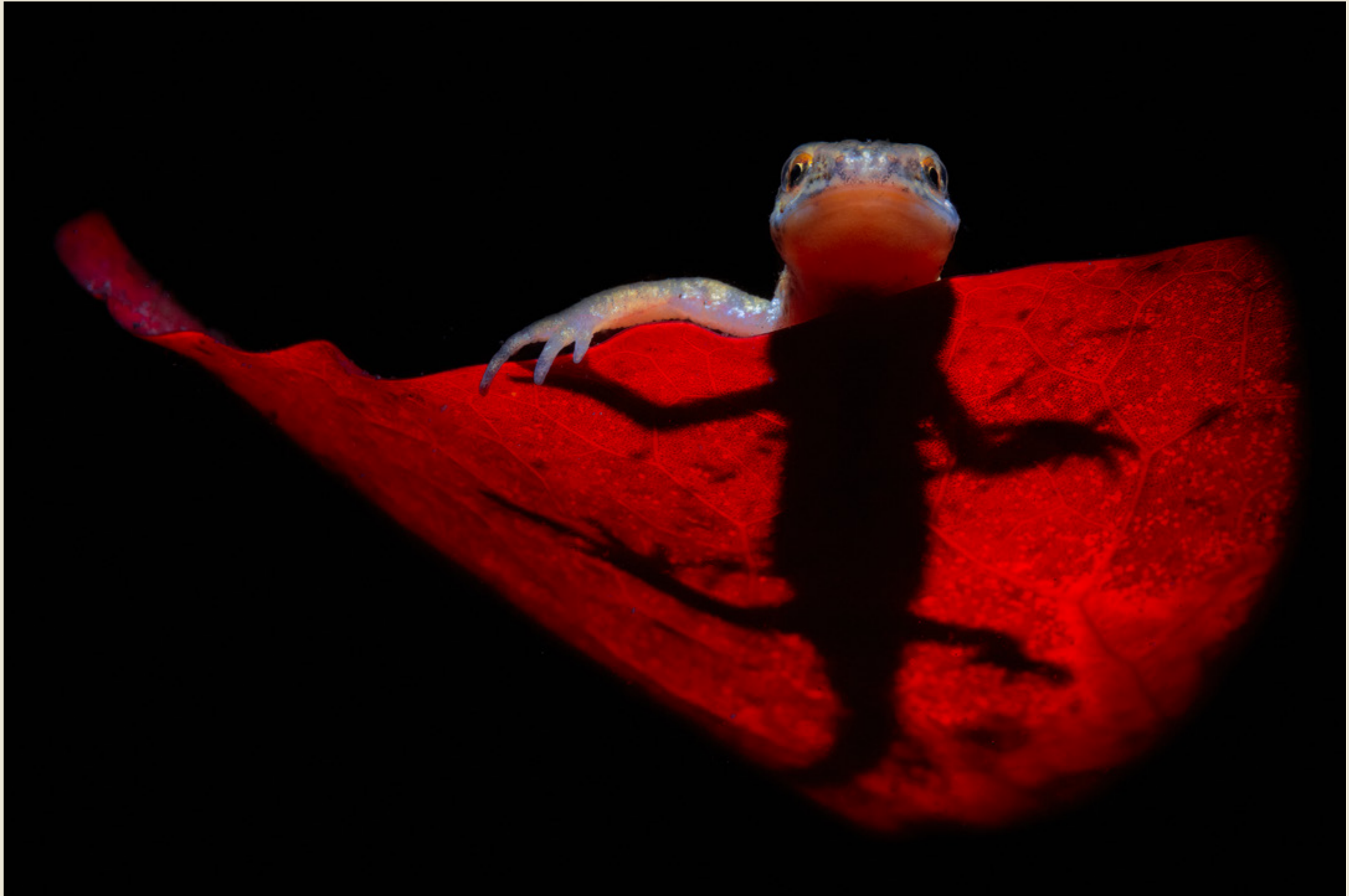
Rowan Dear

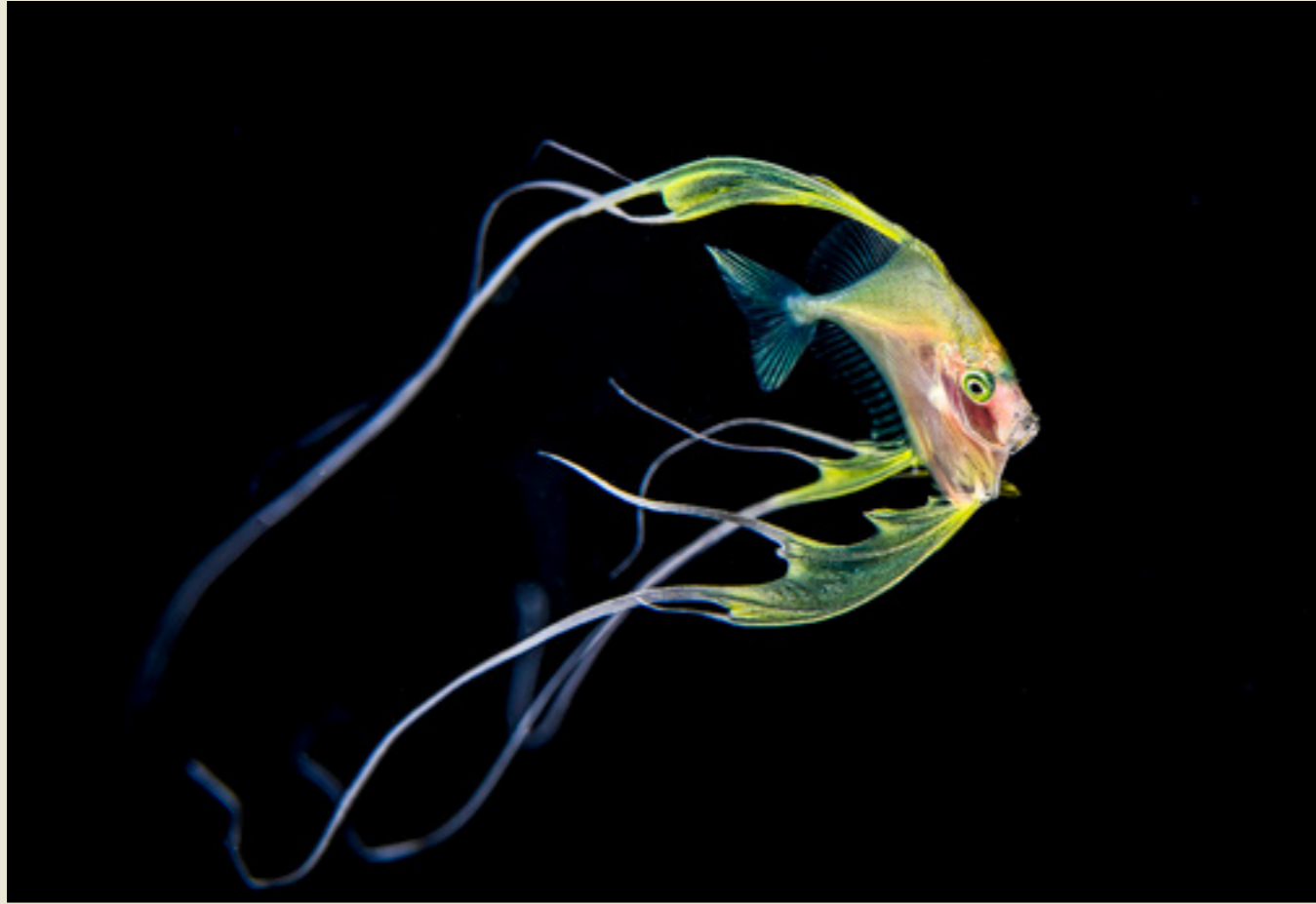












Marchione Giacomo

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Petr Polách

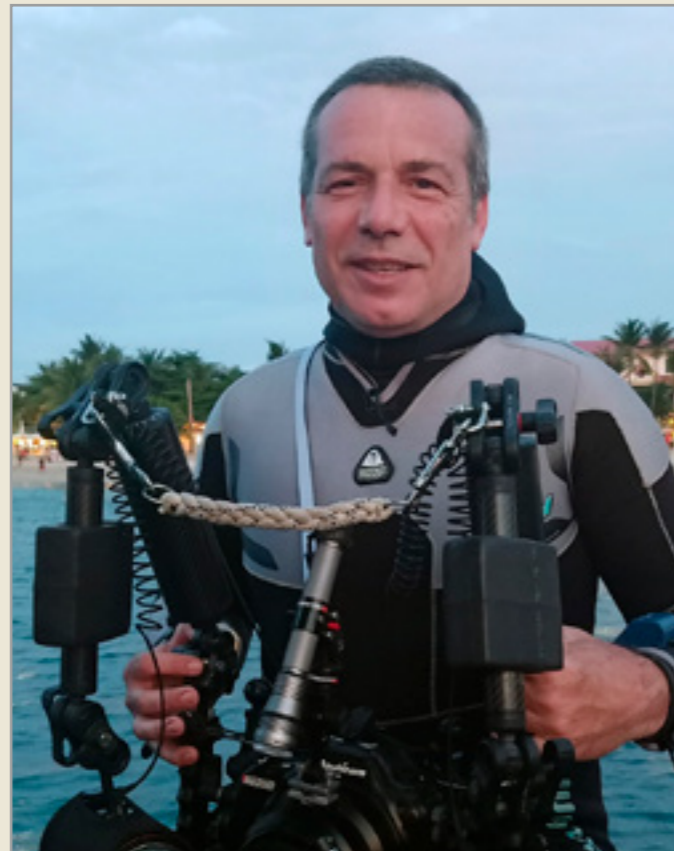


Massimo Zannini

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Best 5 Images



Paolo Bondaschi, Italy

1st Place: Paolo Bondaschi, Italy
Winner of the Papua New Guinea Dreamy Prize for 2,
valued at USD 18,900.

This grand prize includes an unforgettable 28 nights with 7
nights each at Lissenung Island Resort, Walindi Plantation
Resort, Tufi Dive Resort, and Tawali Resort.

2nd Place: Giancarlo Mazarese, Italy
An incredible 8 day Sea of Cortez Unlimited Whale Sharks
courtesy of Nautilus Adventures

3rd Place: Eduardo Acevedo, Spain
Winner of ADJ 62X Regulator, courtesy of Mares.

Additional Nominees:
Enrico Somogyi, Germany
Floirat-Lohyer Fanny, France





Paolo Bondaschi



Paolo Bondaschi





Paolo Bondaschi



Giancarlo Mazarese







Giancarlo Mazarese



Eduardo Acevedo



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Enrico Somogyi

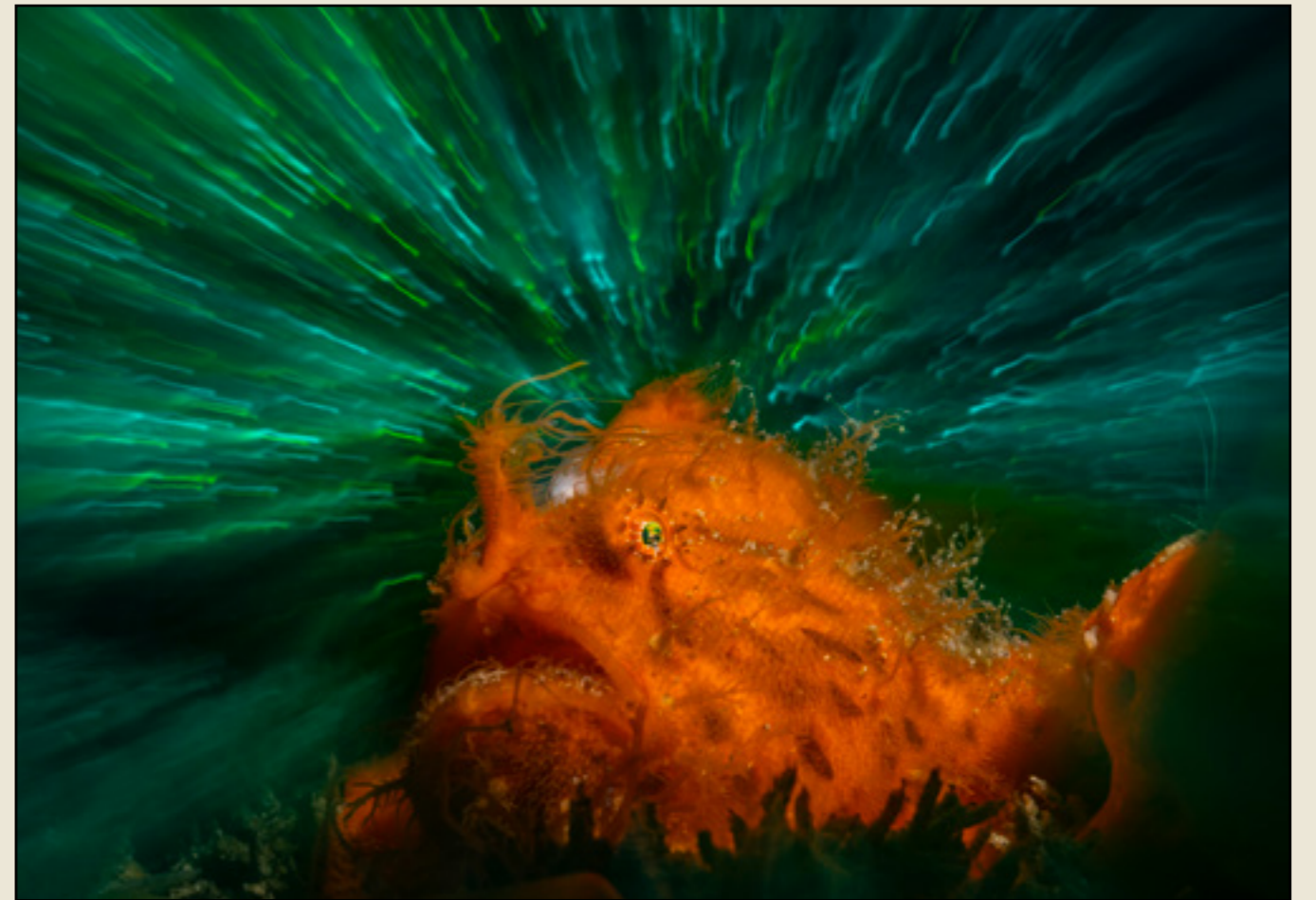


Enrico Somogyi



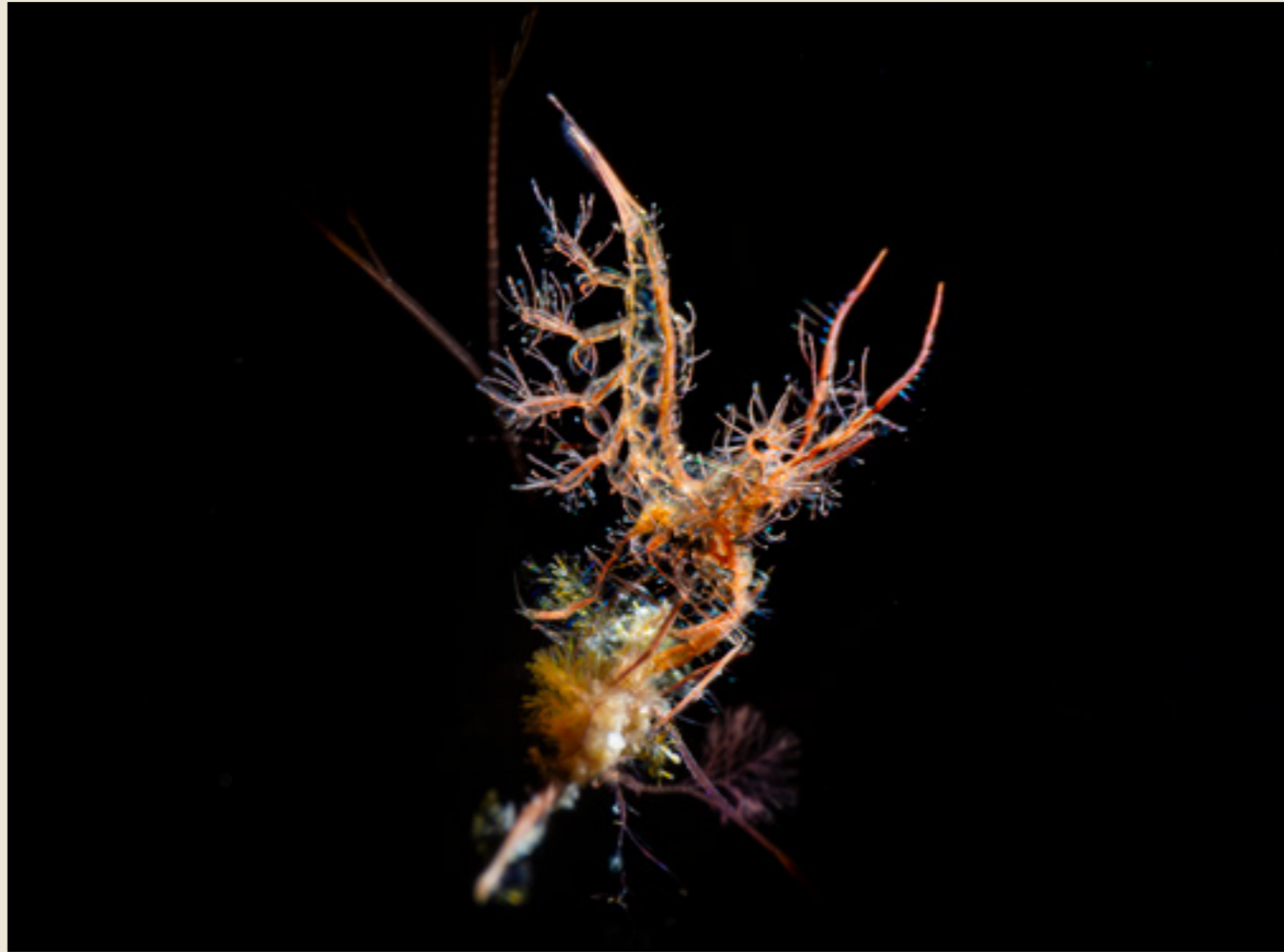


Floirat-Lohyer Fanny



Enrico Somogyi





Floirat-Lohyer Fanny



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Amateurs

1st Place: Fabrizio Serpe, Italy

Won 1,000 euros cash
courtesy of World Shootout

2nd place: Paola Antonioli, Italy

Winner of Fantasea housing for Sony RX100
, prize value 600 USD,
courtesy of Fantasea Line

3rd Place: Alina Quek, Singapore

Winner of USD 500 voucher prize to go with Gaia Love, Indonesia
courtesy of DIVE GAIA

Additional nominees:

Vincent Mejean, France

Fabrizio Serpe, Italy



Fabrizio Serpe, Italy







Alina Quek



Vincent Mejean



Fabrizio Serpe

World Shootout

Wide Angle

1st Place: Luc Rومان, Belgium
Won 1,000 euros in cash
courtesy of World Shootout

2nd place: Anita Verde, Australia
Winner of a Papua New Guinea Dive Package:
7 nights, and 5 dive days for one person
courtesy of Lissenung Island Resort

3rd Place: Marco Lausdei, Italy
Winner of a 500 euros coupon to purchase
one of the advanced ISOTA Red housings,
courtesy of ISOTA

Additional nominees:
Luc Rومان, Belgium
Marie Burbaud, France



Luc Rومان, Belgium



Luc Rooman



Marie Burbaud



Anita Verde



Marco Lausdei



Luc Rooman

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Macro



Rowan Dear, Australia

1st Place: Rowan Dear, Australia

Won 1,000 euros in cash
courtesy of World Shootout

2nd place: Giancarlo Mazarese, Italy

Winner of a Lembeh Resort Dive Package:
7 nights deluxe accommodation, fallboard, 5 days diving
courtesy of Solitude Lembeh Resort

3rd Place: Claudio Zori, Italy

Winner of a Michelangelo the high contrast display computer
Courtesy of Cressi

Additional nominees:

Andrea Michelutti, Italy

Luc Rooman, Belgium



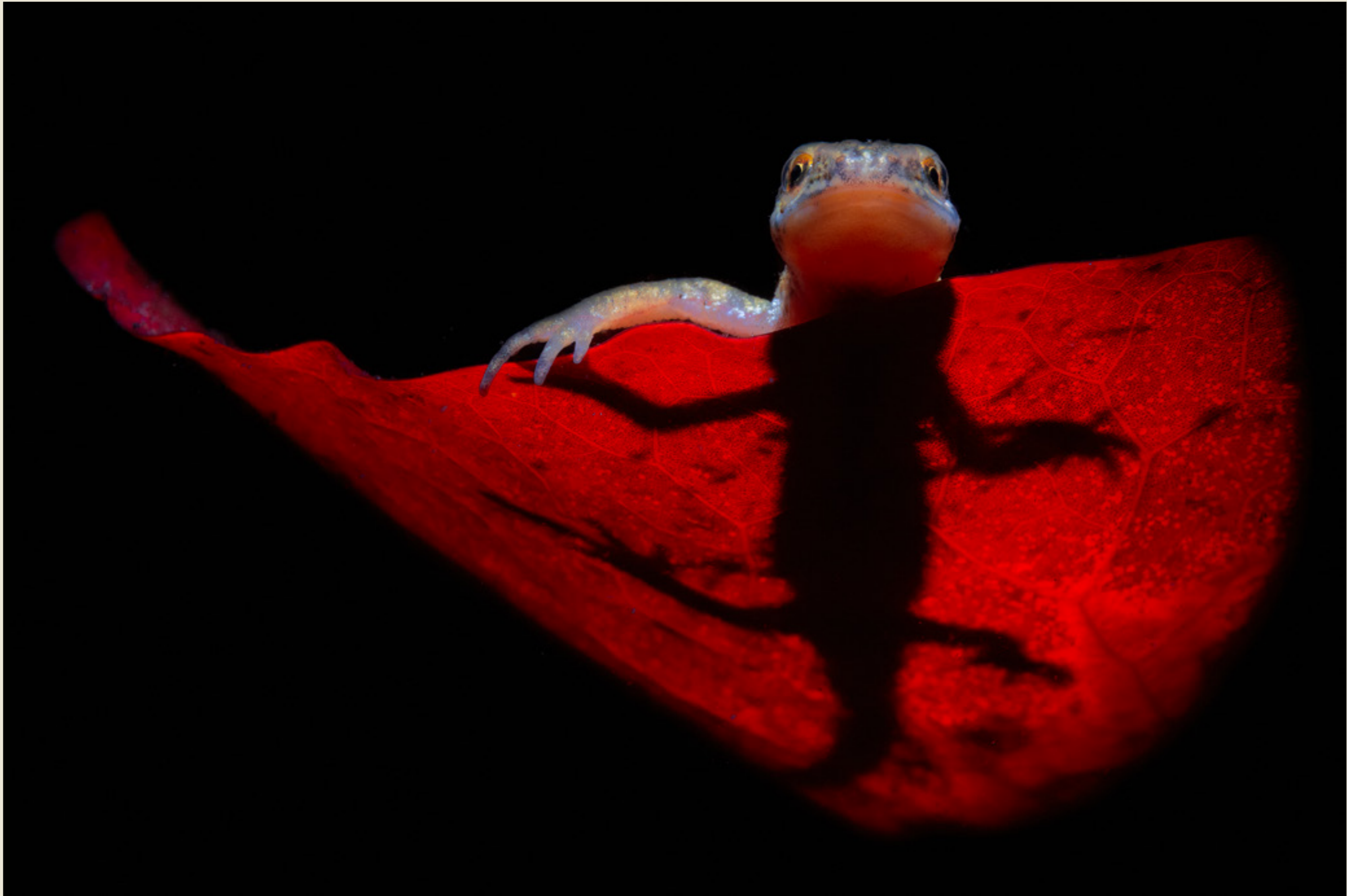
Rowan Dear



Giancarlo Mazarese







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UW Fashion



Thomas Heckmann, Germany

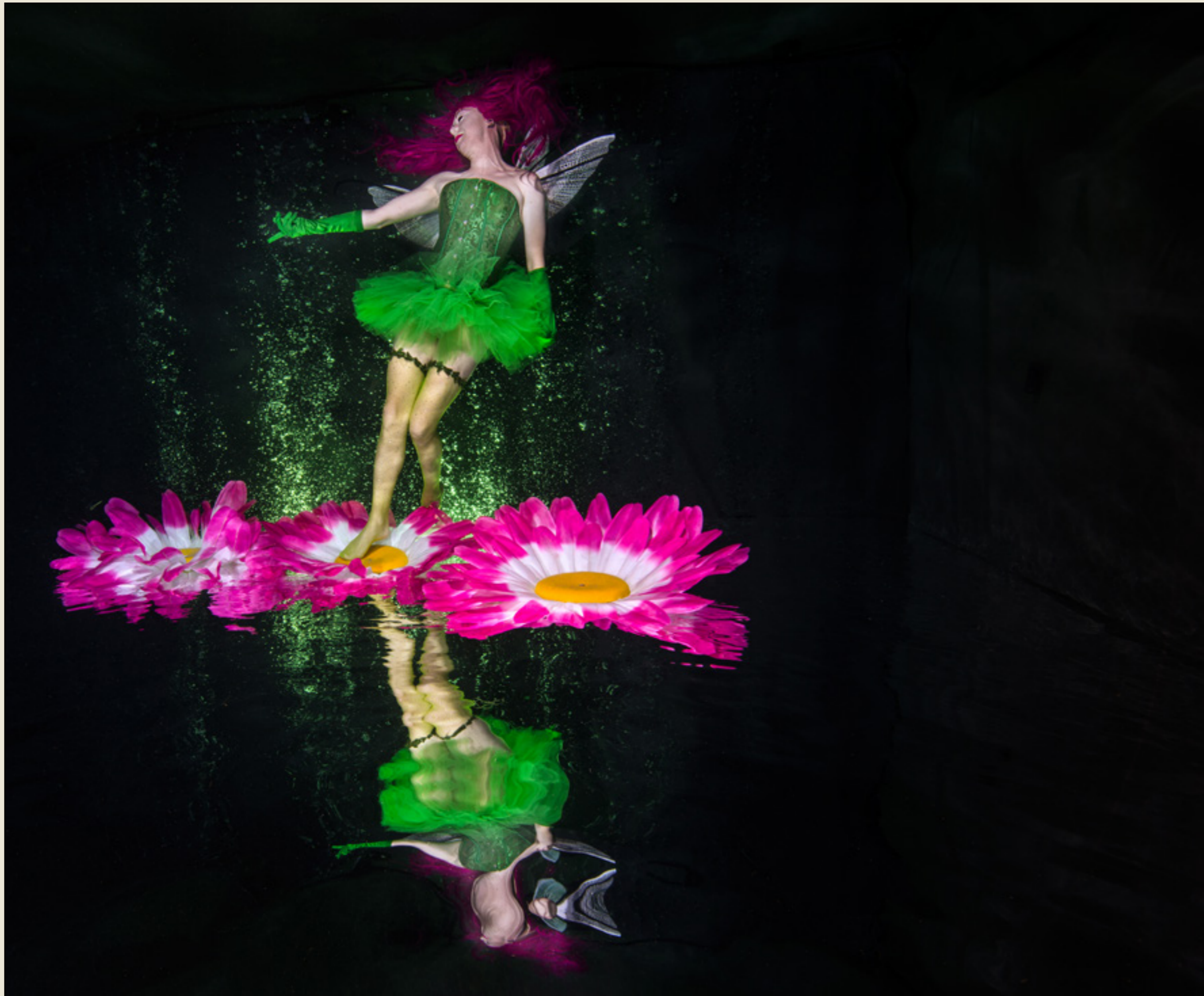
1st Place: Thomas Heckmann, Germany
The winner will be featured in TAUCHEN magazine with their photos and win a Red Sea diving safari courtesy of Omneia.de, aboard either the "Soul" or "Spirit"

2nd place: Thomas Heckmann, Germany
Winner of a 1,500 \$ Voucher Prize for one of the challenging journeys of Big Animals

3rd Place: Anna Aita, USA
Winner of a 1x UFL-G140 SD Underwater Semi Fisheye Conversion Lens and 1x SD Front Mask. courtesy of INON

Additional nominees:
Anna Aita, USA
Wurmli-Baudot Véronique, France







Thomas Heckmann



Thomas Heckmann



Thomas Heckmann





Anna Aita



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Environmental & Conservation



Eduardo Acevedo, Spain

1st Place: Eduardo Acevedo, Spain
Winner of a Papua New Guinea Dive Package
aboard MV OCEANIA for 2 people
prize value USD 11.640
courtesy of MV OCEANIA

2nd place: Andrea Michelutti, Italy
Winner of 7 Nights in a Deluxe accommodation
15 Air dive package
courtesy of Solitude Acacia Resort.

3rd Place: Vanessa Mignon, Australia
Winner of a 10 dive package with Sinai Divers
in Dahab Red Sea
courtesy of Sinai Divers

Additional nominees:
Fabiana Fregonesi, Brazil
Digant Desai, India





Eduardo Acevedo

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Andrea Michelutti

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Eduardo Acevedo



Andrea Michelutti





Vanessa Mignon



Vanessa Mignon



Fabiana Fregonesi



Vanessa Mignon



Fabiana Fregonesi







Digant Desai



Digant Desai

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Black Water



Steven Kovacs, USA

1st Place: Steven Kovacs, USA

USD 4,865 voucher prize for a diving package to some of the most renowned regions of Indonesia with DAMAI fleet, courtesy of Dive Damai

2nd place: Andre Moyo, France

Winner of MR5 HDR Monitor-3000 nits of brightness, 5.5 inch LCD resolution: 1920X1080 pixels, courtesy of Fotocore

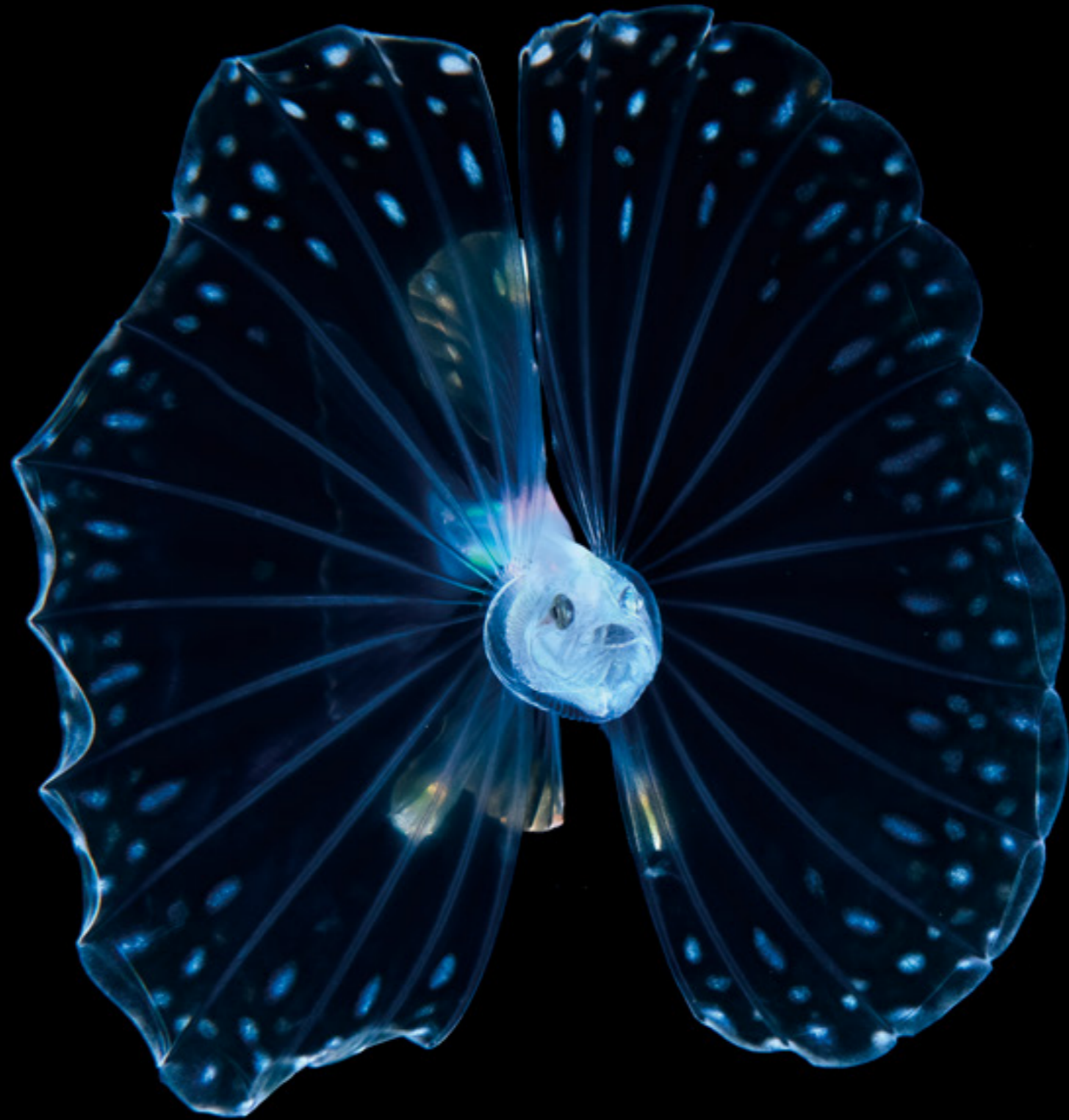
3rd Place: Giancarlo Mazarese, Italy

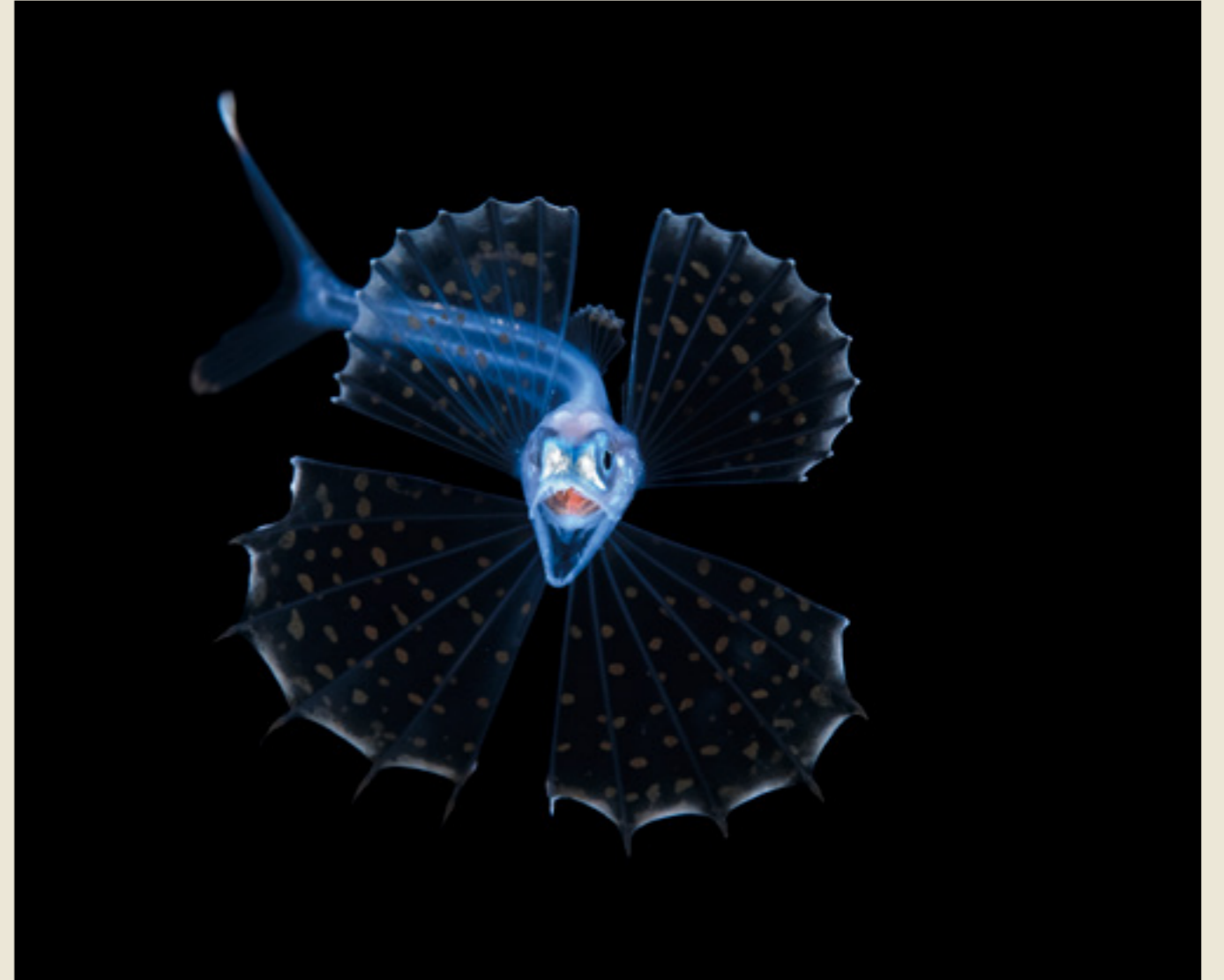
Winner of USD 500 voucher prize to go with Gaia Love, Indonesia courtesy of DIVE GAIA

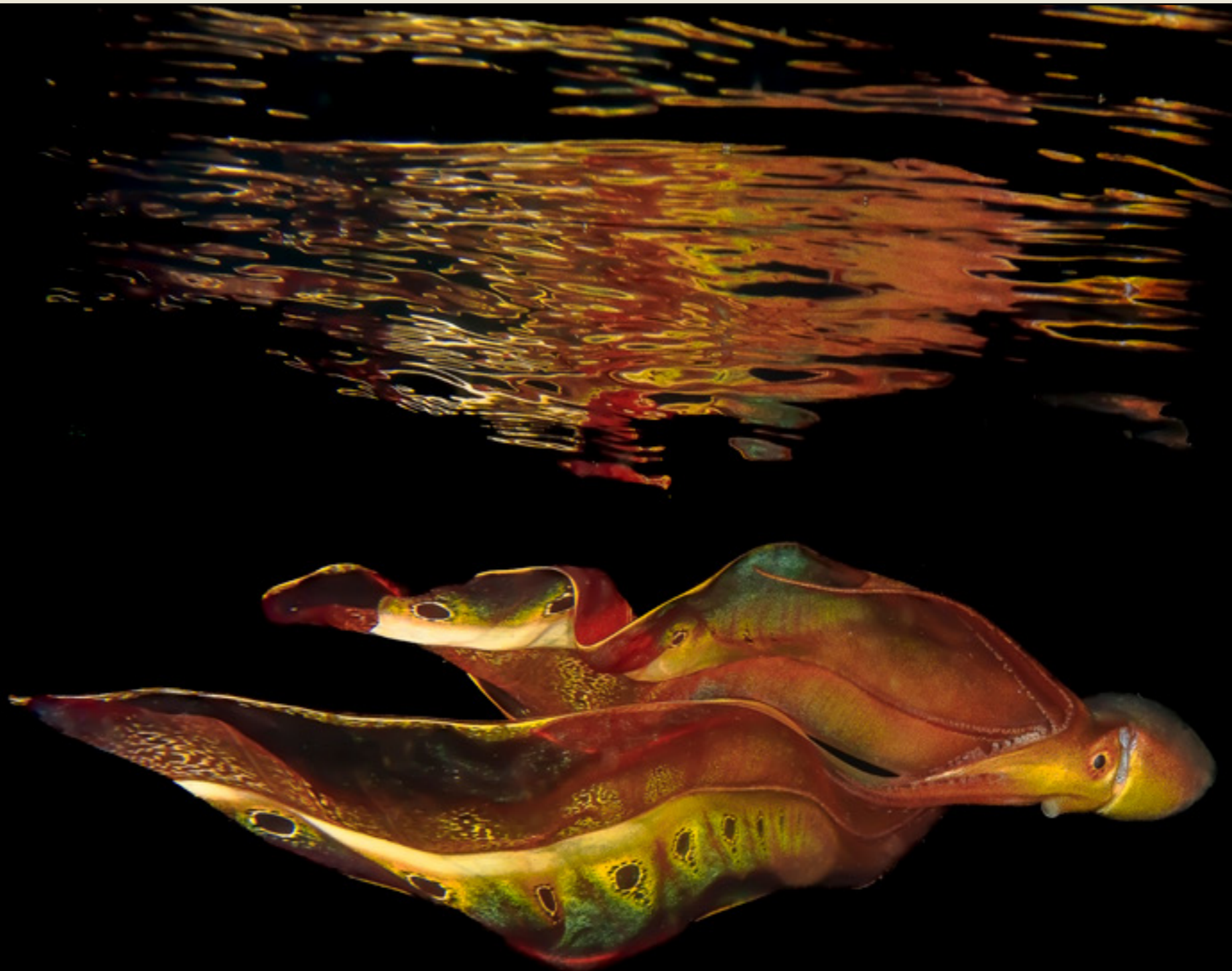
Additional nominees:

Marchione Giacomo, Italy

Andre Moyo, France

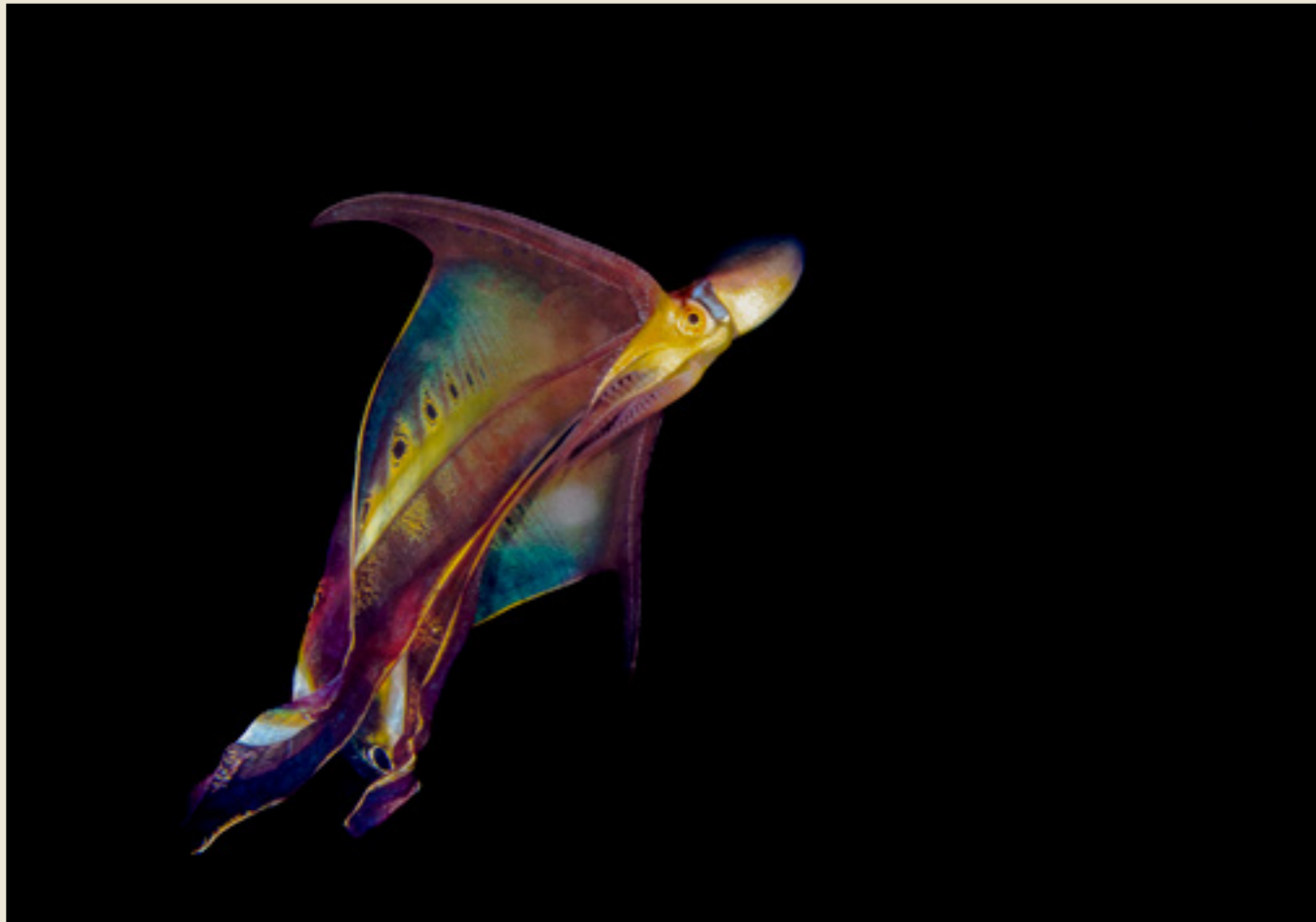








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Andre Moyo



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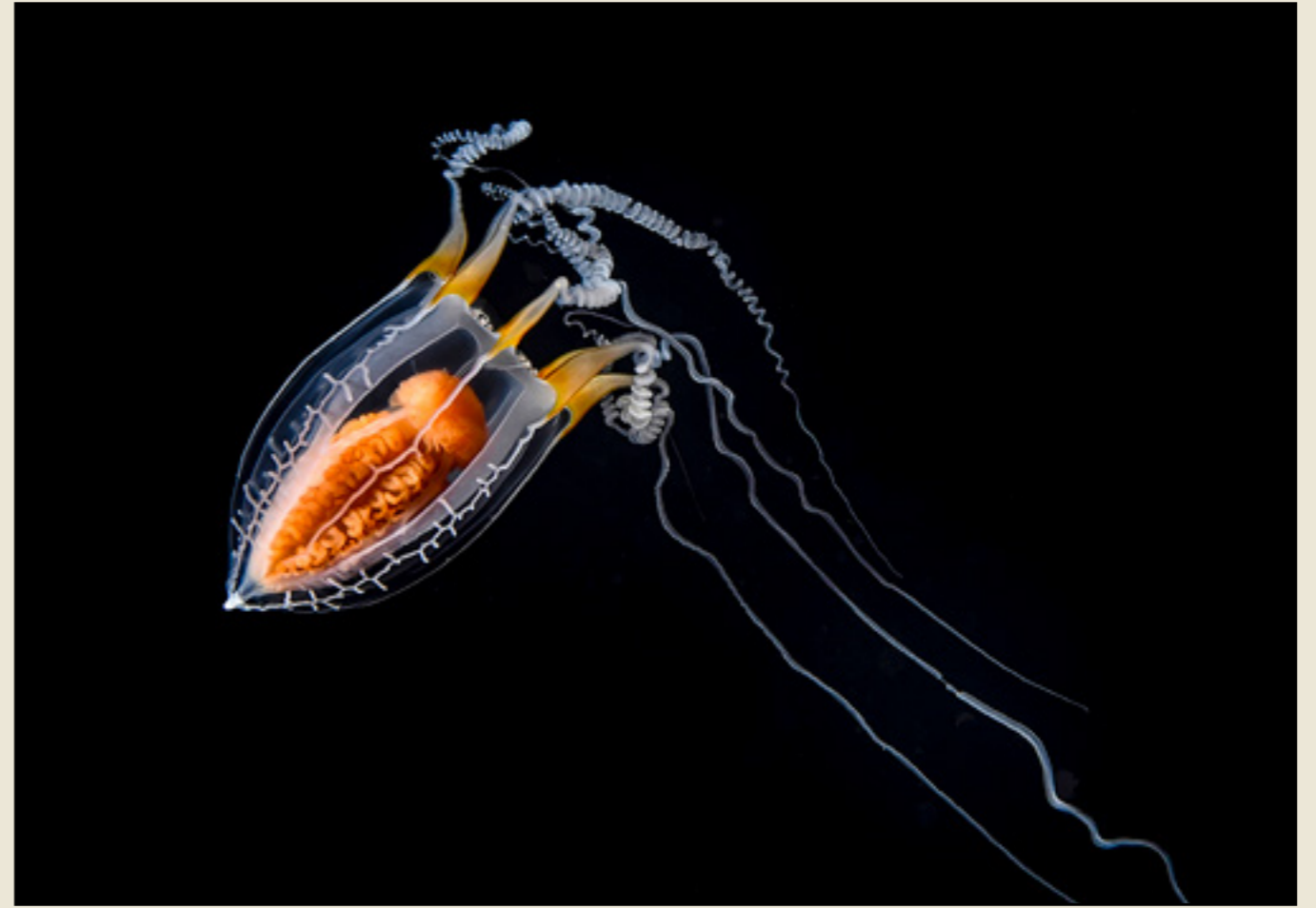
Giancarlo Mazarese



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Giancarlo Mazarese



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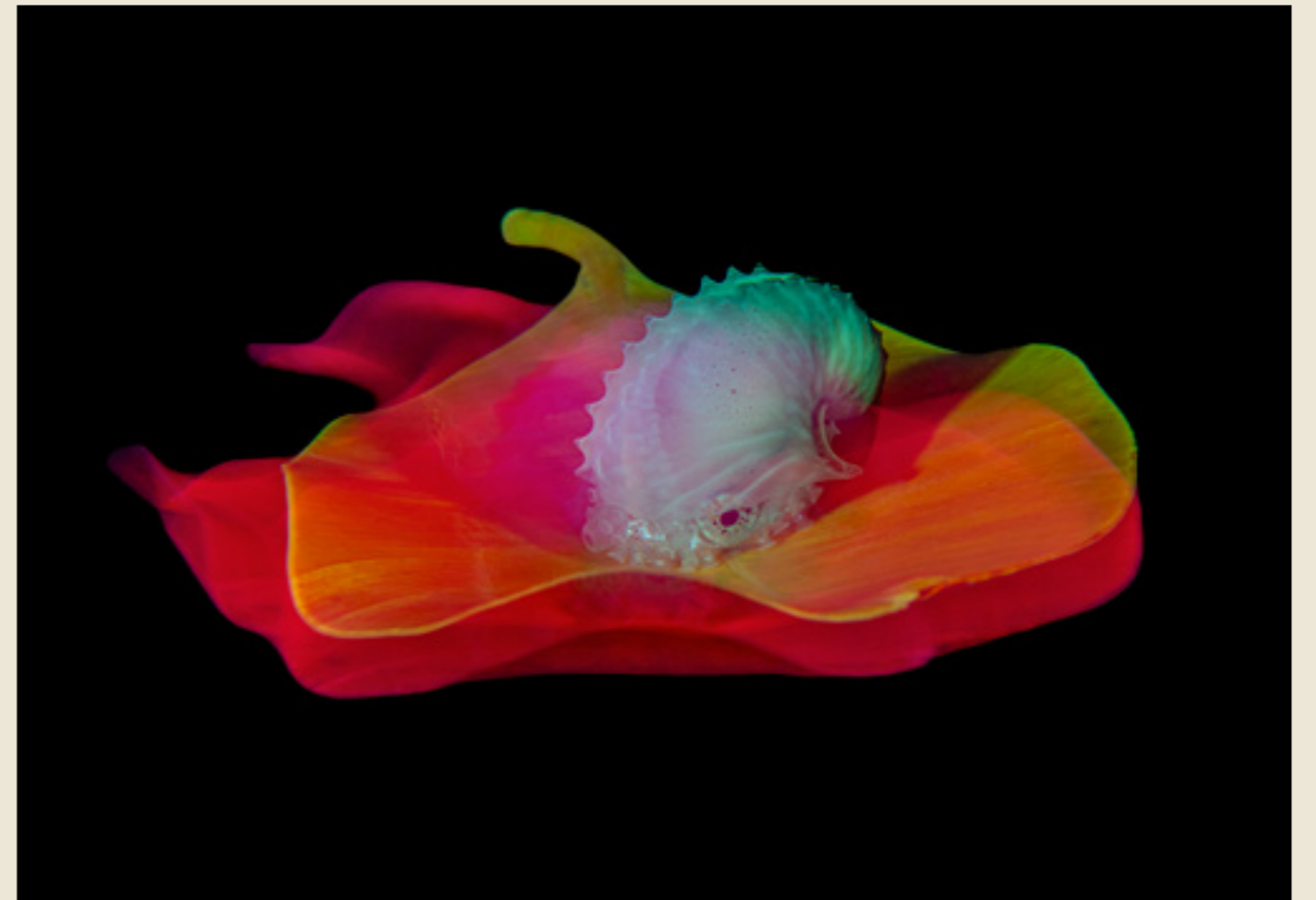


Marchione Giacomo





Steven Kovacs



Steven Kovacs

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Video Clip



Eiko T Jones, Canada

1st Place: Eiko T Jones, Canada
with the video titled "The Journey"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lu135CTWG-Y>

Philippines 7-night dive vacation
for 1 person at Atlantis Puerto Galera or
Atlantis Dumaguete value USD 2,800
Courtesy of Atlantis Dive Resorts & Liveboards

2nd place: David Galva Fernandez, Spain
with the video titled "Raja Ampat-The Last Paradis"
<https://youtu.be/FAA-Tly9Y-8>

Winner of a premium Sola Spot/Flood Video
2500 S/F, prize value USD 450, Courtesy of Light & Motion

3rd Place: Mutlu Payasl, Turkey
with the video titled "Revival"
https://youtu.be/JE2SmsdN_as?si=bqYFHFbtggYeP8TN

Winner of a Wide Angle Conversion Lens :
1 x AOI UWL-03-WHT & 1 x AOI QRS-02-MB1P-WHT
Courtesy of AOI

Additional nominees:

4th Place: Hector Ripolles Gasco, Spain
with the video titled "Queens Underpressure"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pv1JaGj66Q4>

5th Place: Yu Ming Yeung Kuris, Hong Kong
with the video titled "Divers of the Celebes"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcrjUGpSNco>

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We are also indebted to our esteemed video clip jury panel, composed of acclaimed underwater videographers: Christian Petron from France - Head Jury, Phil Simha from Switzerland, and Andrés Clarós from Spain.

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