

9th Annual United Nations World Oceans Day winners

by Ellen Cuylaerts

The winners of the ninth annual United Nations World Oceans Day Photo Competition were announced recently during the United Nations World Oceans Day (UNWOD) 2022 event at the UN Headquarters in New York.

The free competition, which launched this past March, explored the six thematic categories linked to the overarching 2022 World Oceans day theme: “Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean.” Winners were selected from the thousands of global entries made by both amateur and professional photographers.

The United Nations World Oceans Day event and the Photo Competition are hosted by the United Nations Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, produced with the contribution of Oceanic Global and made possible by La Mer. The annual competition is curated by Ellen Cuylaerts, and coordinated with DivePhotoGuide (DPG) and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO.

Above Water Seascapes

Nguyen Vu, Cao, Vietnam

In every profession we can find challenges but also beauty. When the fishermen head out on the water, they hope to return with boats full of fish and shrimp out of necessity. I simply want to convey the beauty of the art of fishing with seine nets in my homeland. Quang Ngai province, Vietnam.



Coastal Communities

Supachai Veerayutthanon, Thailand

Bajau, for many generations, from birth to death, from young to old, they spend their entire lives on their boats. They are not citizens of any state. The sea is their birthplace and their only home on earth.

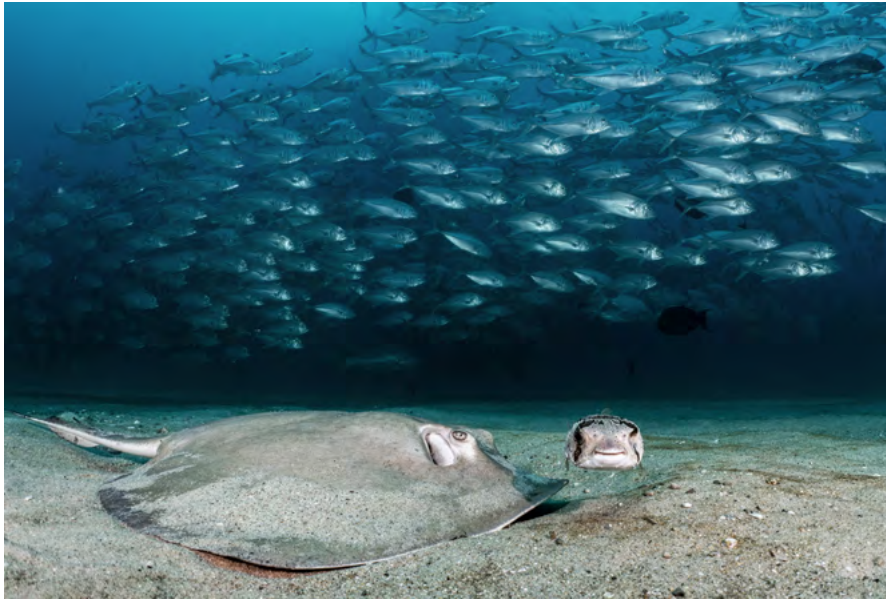


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Underwater Seascapes

Nicolas Hahn,
Argentina

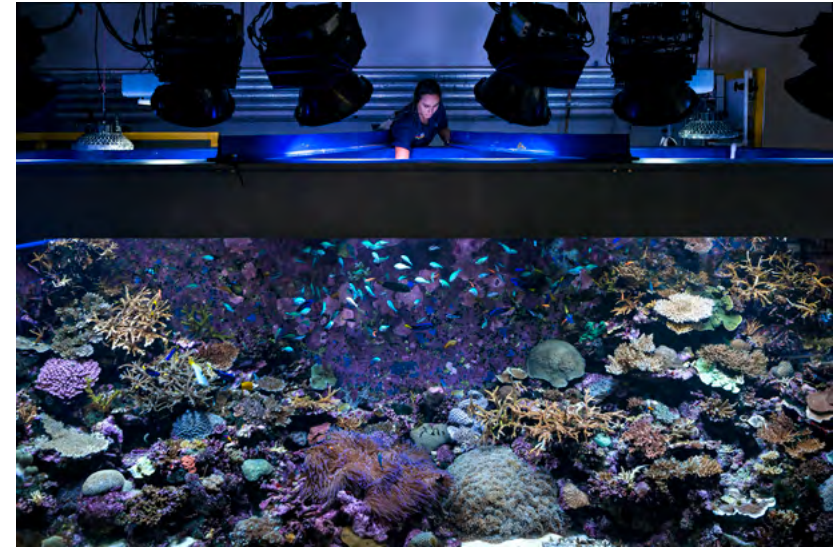
A Diamond Stingray and a one-eyed Porcupine fish search for a meal in the sand as hundreds of Big Eye Jacks school behind them. The incredible biomass in the Cabo Pulmo national Park (Baja California Sur) allows for some surreal sights. Protected areas such as these serve as a strong example of how plentiful our oceans can be when given the chance to recover.



Ocean Critters

Viktor Lyaguskin,
Georgia

Caprellas, also known as skeleton shrimps, are very funny and tiny animals: they grow to a maximum of 6 cm long. They are very social and active, eating non stop and fighting with each other. The 'spaceship' is a Bolinopsis infundibulum, common northern comb jelly. Bolinopsis don't sting but are carnivorous and eat everything they catch, even other comb jellies. In my image it is floating under the ice.



Nature Based Solutions and Ocean Discoveries

Giacomo d'Orlando, Italy

Adriana Campili, marine biology researcher, checks the status of the Reef Aquarium inside the laboratory of the Australian Institute of Marine Science. The AIMS is the most specialized authority in charge of the Great Barrier Reef's monitoring conditions. Inside its Sea Simulator the most state-of-the-art experiments are carried out on corals, aimed to secure a future for our reefs.

In this image I wanted to depict the the tight connection between the human being and the marine ecosystem, underlining the importance of this natural bond.

Location: Townsville, Australia

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