

My Shot

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I shoot things now that I would never have pulled the trigger on back in the film days. I usually try to photograph fish from the side (ID shot) or attempt to pull off a more interesting composition from straight on or varying degrees to one side or the other. As of late I have been clicking the shutter as my subject has been swimming away with the expected mixed results. Many of these files are immediately removed from my hard drive, but every now and again something compelling occurs.

I photographed this female barred filefish, *Cantherhines dumerilii*, at Molokini Marine Preserve off the island of Maui (my home). The marine life here is accustomed to seeing divers on a daily basis and so they tend to be less frightened in comparison to other locations. This was not the case with this filefish. Perhaps my Canon R5 in my Ikelite housing with twin Ikelite 230 strobes on extended arms was just too much to endure at this time of the morning. As I followed I snapped a few shots and then gave up and let this individual go about its business. Most fish are capable of independent eye movement and this filefish is no exception. She is picture here with one eye strained back at the strange apparition that seemingly just won't take no for an answer

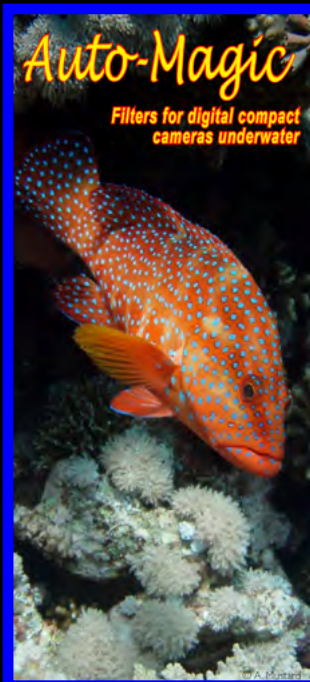
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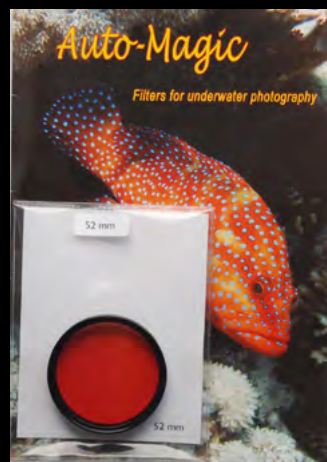
Canon EOS R5 set on manual in an Ikelite dry-lock housing with a Canon RF100mm f2.8 L macro lens ISO320, 1/125, f18 and two Ikelite 230 strobes set on TTL.

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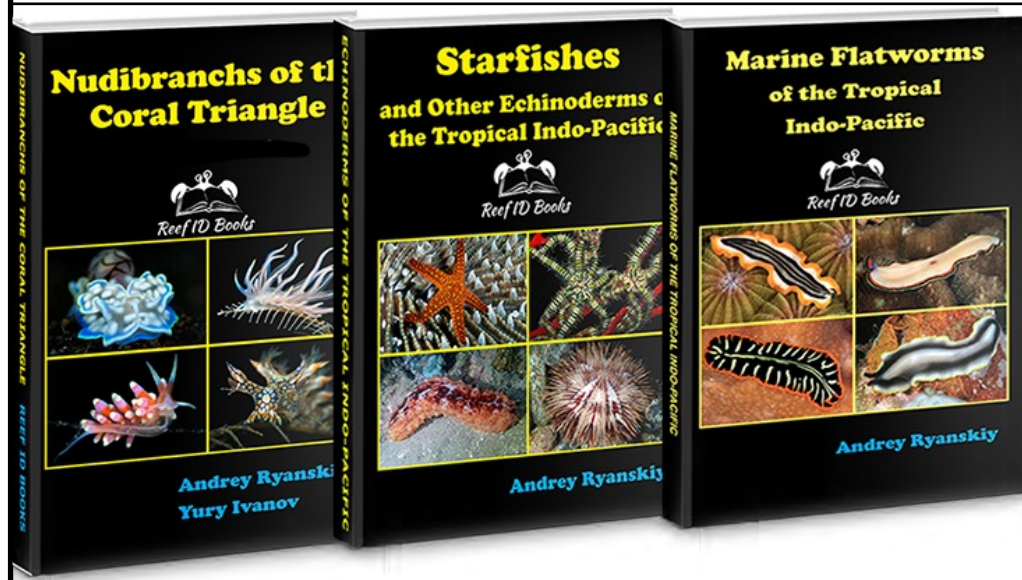
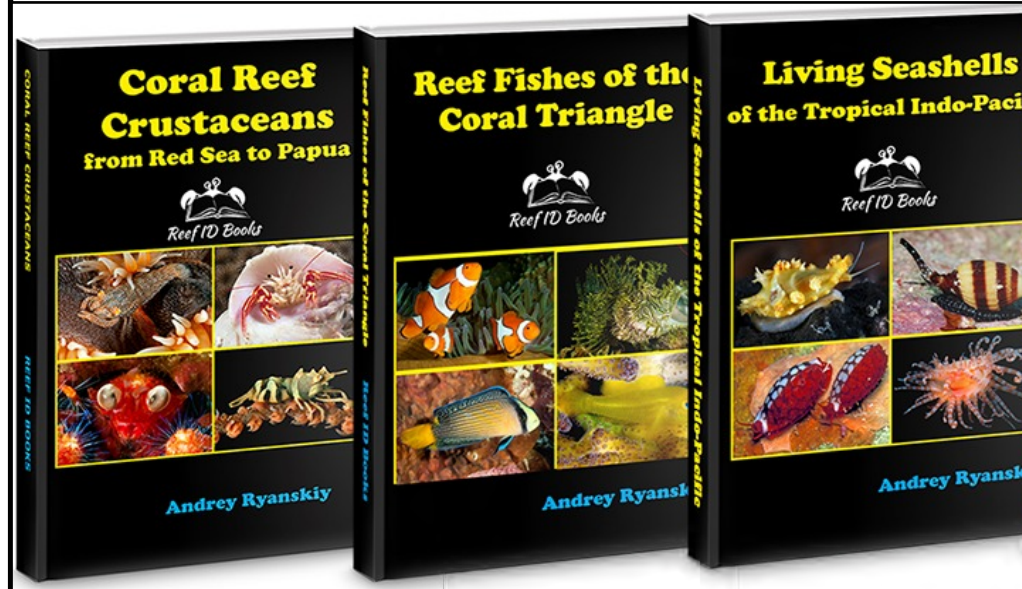


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