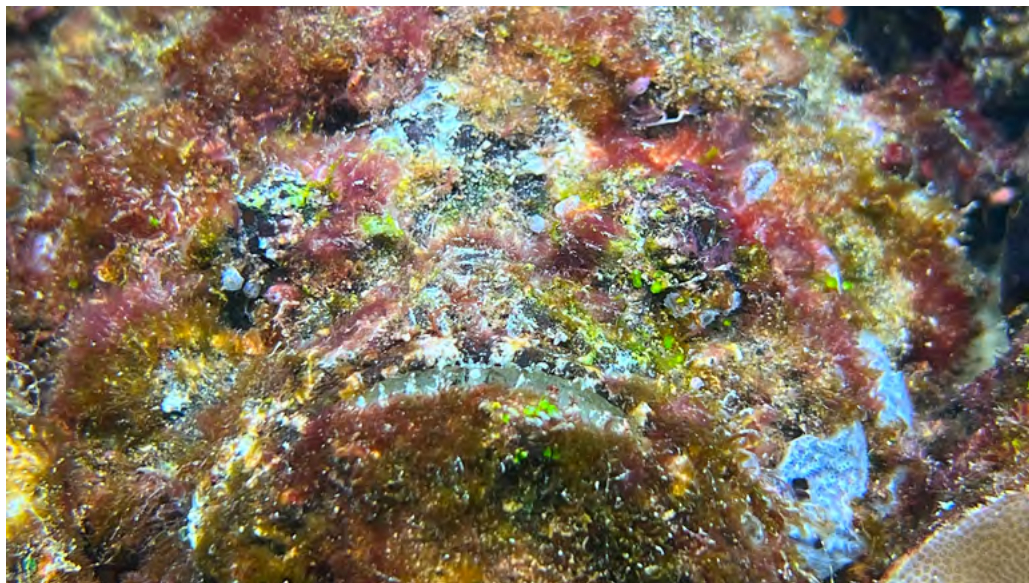


Parting Shot



iPhone 13 Pro Max inside of a DiveVolk Seatouch 4 housing with Trustfire DF50 video floods

If you haven't been on a liveaboard in the Maldives, plan it now. I have been going regularly for the past six years onboard the Carpe Diem. My UW photo kit has, of course, changed over the years. Now I use an iPhone 13 Pro Max inside of a DiveVolk Seatouch 4, and one or two Trustfire DF50 video floods. But this story isn't about me or my photography. It's about dad!

Anyone that has been to the Maldives knows most liveaboard dives are nitrox 75-100ft depth with a reef hook handy, due to the ripping currents. The most exciting trip to the Maldives just happened over New Years 2023. Dad joined me. He's

my hero. He was the hero for back to back Carpe Diem trips for twenty straight days. Dad dove down to those depths on nitrox, braved the currents, and experienced the Maldives for all twenty straight days. He left the photography up to me.

Munkko, our guide, mostly watched over my father and pointed out a lot of species dad wasn't familiar with or simply couldn't find. The stonefish on the bow of this wreck was an exciting event for him. Dad spent about five minutes just looking at the hull, trying to see what Munkko had pointed to. He had no idea what he was looking at until we debriefed and went through the photos. To

this day, it's one of his favorite stories from the Maldives. Now he challenges everybody to find the "fish" in the closeup.

This was his diving Swan Song. He's hanging up his fins for good. Dad will turn 80 years old on June 24, 2023.

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