

My Shot 1

by David Fleetham

Digital cameras have changed the way I shoot and think underwater.

Back in the film days I would have passed on wasting one of my precious 36 frames on this Hawaiian swimming crab, *Charybdis hawaiiensis*, because it only had one claw and was therefore not a desirable representation of the species. But with my Canon R5 I have thousands of frames available, so I pulled the trigger on this one clawed subject several times.

Once back on my computer I saw the tiny claw that was being regenerated that I did not notice while I was back in the darkness of a cave where the crab was scurrying away from my lights. Hawaiian swimming crabs reach 3 inches across the carapace and are also found in the Tuamotus and Society Islands.

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Canon R5 and a Sigma 70mm f/2.8 macro, f/22, 1/125sec, ISO160, in an Ikelite dry-lock housing with twin Ikelite 230 strobes set on TTL.

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My Shot 2

by Mariano Rodríguez

During a scientific diving campaign together with a team of biologists, we were taking a photographic tour in the Onashaga channel islands in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, and suddenly this cute octopus appeared in the giant kelp forest. I quickly adjusted the lights (I don't use flashes) and set up my camera and dedicated myself to photographing and filming this unusual encounter.

At only 5 meters deep, the Patagonian red octopus (*Enteroctopus megalocyathus*), very calm in our presence, continued with its activities hunting small crustaceans between the cracks in the rocky bottom.

In the cold waters south of Tierra del Fuego, and only 1,000 kilometers from the Antarctic Peninsula, the water temperature can reach 4°C in winter and 10°C in summer. These algae forests occupy large areas and are the main environment where octopus and other invertebrates are born, develop and feed, apart from fish, birds and marine mammals. The *Macrocystis pyrifera*, the species that forms these forests, can measure more than 30 meters

I took this capture with my Sony Alpha 7s2 in its Housing Nauticam.



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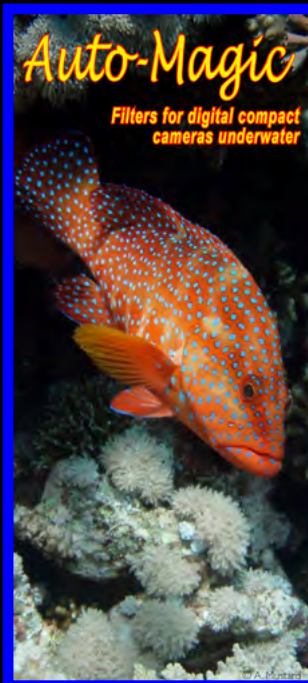
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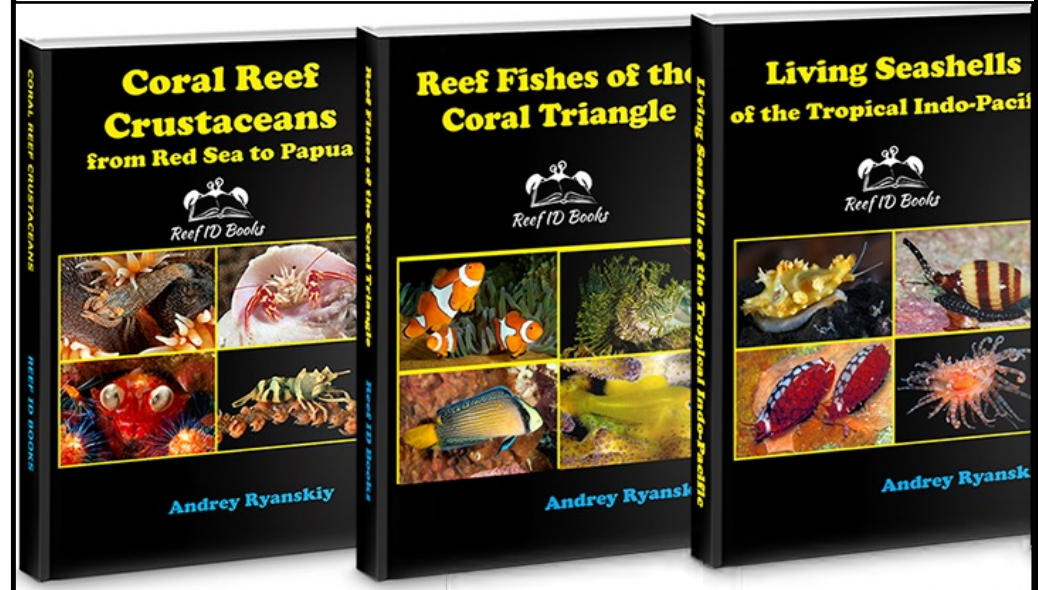


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