

Marshall's Mysteries 11

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Tulamben, Bali, Indonesia
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Do you know
what these
animals are,
or what they
are doing?
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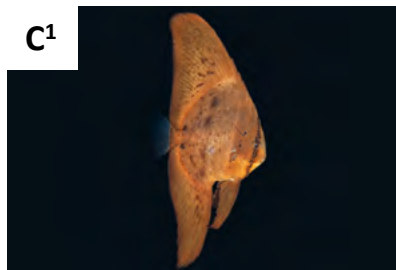
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Amed, Bali, Indonesia

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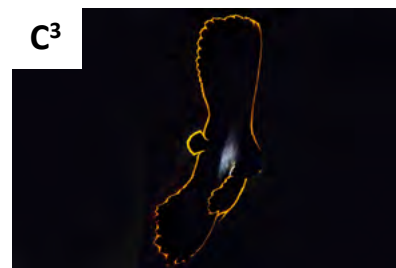
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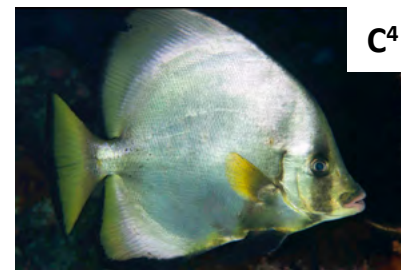
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Match the
juveniles
(left) with
the adults
(right)

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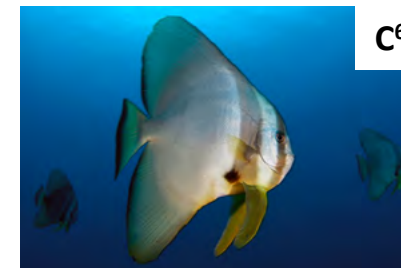
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Atauro Island, East Timor

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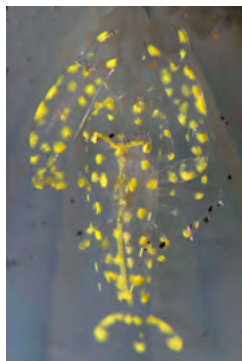
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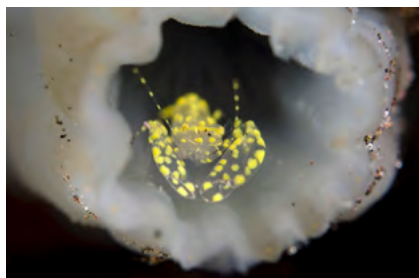
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Golden-Dotted Ascidian Shrimp, *Dactyлонia* sp., on Ascidian sea squirt, as shown below.



Bali, Indonesia

This commensal shrimp can be found on page 19 of "Coral Reef Crustaceans from Red Sea to Papua" by Andrey Ryanskiy.

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Indian Halibut, *Psettodes erumei*, showing teeth, some of which are barbed. Fuller length of partially buried fish shown below.



Bali, Indonesia

Very delicious, especially with a lemon butter sauce with dill...

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Prickly Branching Sponge (*Pseudoceratina purpurea*) with a symbiotic green algae.

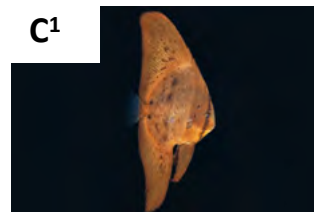
The "purpurea" species name means purple, which is strange as they are not at all purple as seen in this image - when alive. However, a **dead** sponge, oxidises to a purple colour.

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These are all Batfish, aka Spadefish. The juveniles and corresponding adults are shown below, along with an intermediate subadult :

Round Batfish
Platax orbicularis

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Mimics leaf debris

Translucent caudal fin



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Blunthead Batfish
Platax teira

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Distinctive golden margin, also in subadult



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Dark spot at base of stripe near pelvic fin

Longfin Batfish
Platax pinnatus

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Distinctive pouty lips of adult

More detail on these Batfish can be found on pages 1002-06 of Volume 3 of "Reef Fishes of the East Indies" by Gerry Allen and Mark Erdmann.

If you think any of the identifications or information above is wrong, please let me know at colintrmarshall@yahoo.com. Feel free to send me any images of anything you'd like some help in identifying – any particularly interesting mysteries may be included in future Underwater Photography issues.