

Parting shot

I took this shot last October in the sea directly off the hypermarket in down-town Manado. I used a Nikon D100 with a 105 macro lens and my MK 1 ringflash. I was shooting RAW files. Half way through the dive my camera began to 'play up'. I had taken 6 or 7 pictures of a lion fish, sitting on the bottom. My attempts were to capture an abstract of the fins and body patterns. My flash went off but nothing appeared in my LCD. I pressed the shutter at random and the camera was locked out. Strange one for me. This had never happened before with my Nikon D100. I turned it off and on repeatedly. I repeated the process with my ringflash on/off switch. I composed and shot anything and everything I saw over a 2 minute period in an attempt to get my kit to work.

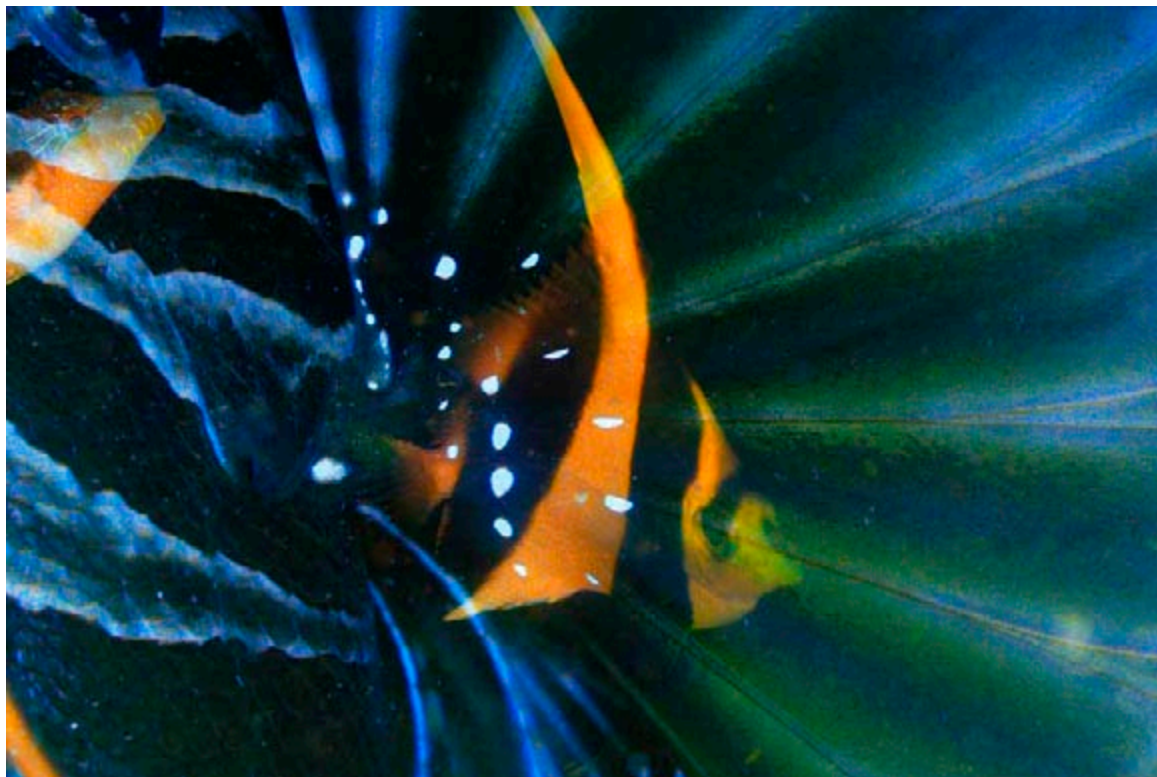
The shutter opened, the flash illuminated. The camera had fired but again, no shot in the LCD. This pattern continued for another 5 minutes. Once again the camera fired but nothing appeared. I was contemplating abandoning the dive for the sole reason of checking the camera for the possibility of a flood when out of the blue or dark grey - An image appeared of its own accord in my LCD.

Fascinating. On the three occasions the camera had tripped the shutter and flash - three composite pictures had been recorded onto the memory card on one frame.

You can clearly see my first shot of the lion fish fins. What appears to be a small cow fish appears at top left and a second subject appears to occupy the bottom right of the frame. There appears to be an orange tinge to the whole frame which I cannot recollect being present in the subjects. To be perfectly honest I cannot remember shooting anything but the fish fins.

The camera continued to work properly for the remainder of the dive trip and never misbehaved again. I have processed the shot in Photoshop CS2 Raw Converter but made a point of leaving everything 'untouched'.

I have no idea whatsoever how this shot came to be but I'm delighted to have it all the same. It's well exposed, sharp, creative and attracts the eye. The composition is balanced and as for camera settings - I was in Manual mode and believe the aperture was set to F11 with a shutter speed



of 180th second. The memory card was clean and had been formatted before the dive. I had taken about 15 shots before the 'problem' which had recorded as normal. When this shot appeared all the others were gone. I left the water with just this shot on the memory card. I have used the card many times since. I have used

the ringflash also and the occurrence continues to be a mystery to me. Any other Nikon D100 users had a similar problem?

Martin Edge

www.edgeunderwaterphotography.com

**Do you have a nice shot with a short story behind it?
If so e mail me and yours could be the next "Parting shot".**

peter@uwpmag.com

In-depth photography portfolio with trade secrets revealed, Best Dive Sites

Rated as the Best underwater photography magazine in the Asia Pacific

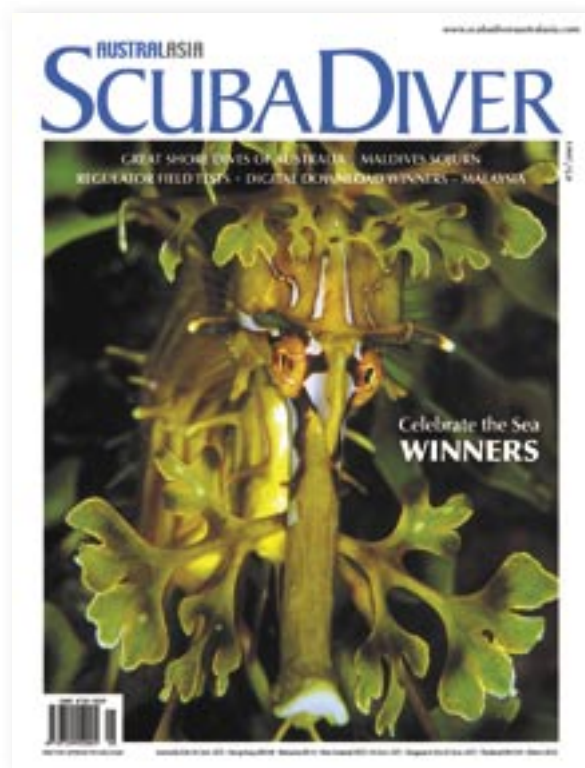


photo Annual (2003)



save up to **25%** off newsstand price

SUBSCRIPTION 6 ISSUES (ONE YEAR) / Renew my Subscription (FREE X'plorer Membership)

- ☐ Singapore S\$32/ ☐ Malaysia S\$35/ ☐ Australia A\$37.50/ ☐ Hong Kong S\$35/ ☐ Asean (excl, S'pore & Malaysia) S\$45/
☐ Rest of Asia S\$50/ ☐ Outside Asia S\$60/

SUBSCRIPTION 12 ISSUES (TWO YEARS) / Renew my Subscription (FREE X'plorer Membership + NEW Say No to Shark Fins T-Shirt)

- ☐ Singapore S\$60/ ☐ Malaysia S\$65/ ☐ Australia A\$70/ ☐ Hong Kong S\$85/ ☐ Asean (excl, S'pore & Malaysia) S\$85/
☐ Rest of Asia S\$95/ ☐ Outside Asia S\$112/

US\$10 postage included –
world wide Or

US\$25 – with
Golden Dolphin DVD ROM Biennial
Edition – postage included



**To subscribe or order the Photo annual 2003
email: lucia@asiangeographic.org**

SINGAPORE: Asian Geographic Magazines Pte Ltd, 36 Jalan Puteh Jerneh, Singapore 278058

AUSTRALIA: Asian Geographic Magazines, PO Box 2138 Carlingford Court Post Office, Carlingford, NSW 2118 (A\$ payment accepted,
A\$ cheque made out to **Asian Geographic Magazines**). SINGAPORE Tel: (65) 6298 3241, Fax: (65) 6291 2068 | AUSTRALIA Tel/Fax: (61) 2 9686 3688