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UK National Fish Vote

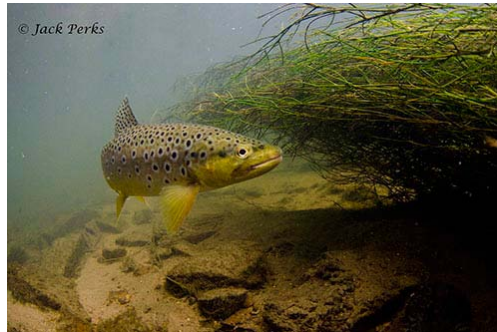
Why have a national fish?

Other countries have national fish with Japan having the Koi carp and South Africa has the Galjoen. The UK already has a national bird with the robin topping the list last year (over 200,000 people voted) We have a plethora of amazing species to be found around our coastline and in freshwater habitats. This vote is a celebration of all things fish and raising awareness for species and issues that face them.

Who can vote?

Anyone! its free and all you need to do its put your email down as verification (all information is kept private and not shared with anyone) Although it has a major interest to anglers theres no reason why anyone else with a interest in fish can't vote from scuba divers, conservationists, aquarists or fish and chip enthusiasts.

As well as the main vote theres some additional questions which are optional to get some info on current subjects like what are the biggest threats to fish, should burbot be reintroduced and should a trust be set up for freshwater fish conservation?



When is the voting?

Voting starts on the 23rd of January and will continue until the 27th February when the top ten will be announced and from those another month of voting will go on until the poll ends on the 26th March and the results will be added up. You won't need to vote again if you have already voted for the first stage.

What to think about when voting

Which species would benefit from being the national fish? - Some fish included on the list have no angling value but are still important additions to british fauna from the huge Basking Shark that visits much of the west coast in the summer to the Vendace the rarest freshwater

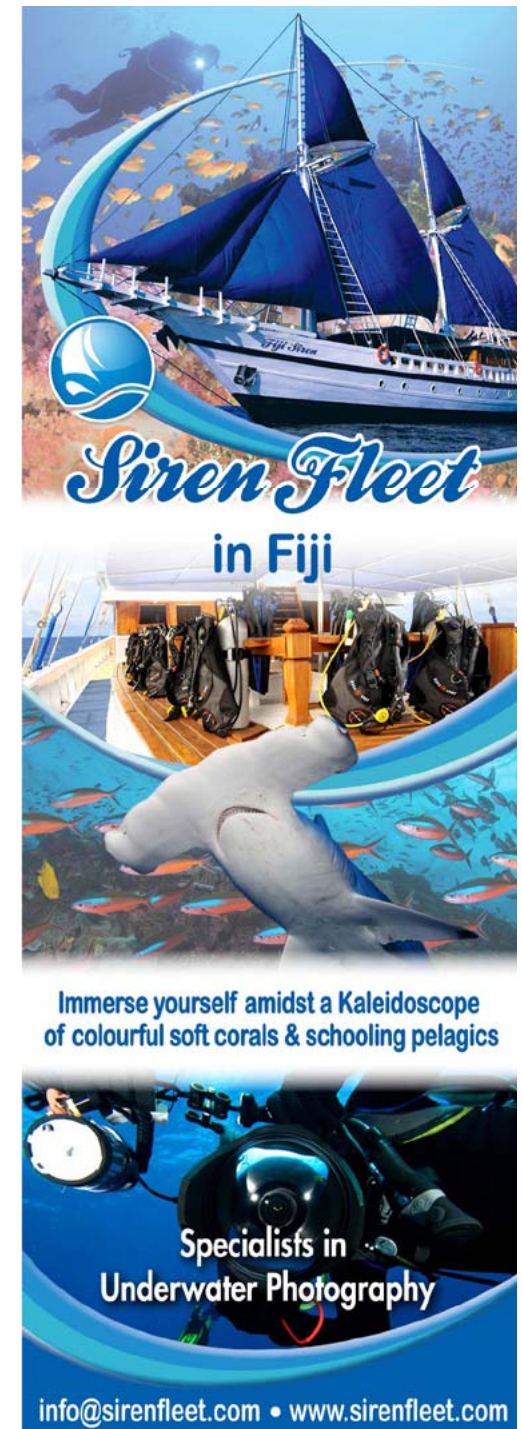


fish in the UK. Others for example are susceptible to over fishing like sea bass and salmon so being voted national fish brings them out into the attention of the public.

Favourite fish - Whether you enjoy a bit of haddock and chips or like catching gudgeon down the local canal you'll likely have a favourite fish which will influence your vote.

Typically British fish - Think about which species you would want to represent the UK and what that species reflects for example sticklebacks are small and the males even have the breeding colours red, white and blue like the union jack. Some species can be found all over the UK like brown trout found in streams in cornwall to lochs in shetland and everywhere in between.

<http://fishvap.blogspot.co.uk/2016/01/uk-national-fish-vote.html>
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/2WHCHR9>

An advertisement for Siren Fleet in Fiji. The top half features a large sailboat with blue sails on the water, with a scuba diver visible in the background. Below this, the text 'Siren Fleet in Fiji' is written in a stylized font. The bottom half shows a scuba diver underwater, surrounded by colorful fish and coral. The text 'Immerse yourself amidst a Kaleidoscope of colourful soft corals & schooling pelagics' is written above the diver. At the bottom, it says 'Specialists in Underwater Photography' and provides contact information: 'info@sirenfleet.com • www.sirenfleet.com'.



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Scuba Saint Lucia



Scuba Saint Lucia at Anse Chastanet Resort in Soufrière, St. Lucia has become a SeaLife Underwater Photography Teaching and Rental Center.

Nestled in the hillside next to the majestic twin Pitons lies one of the Caribbean's most beautiful and diverse diving resorts. Scuba Saint Lucia, a part of the Anse Chastanet resort, was established in 1981 and is a PADI 5 Star Dive Resort, offering comprehensive facilities for divers of all levels.

SeaLife recently released its new Micro 2.0 camera, the second generation of permanently sealed cameras that feature a new Sony 16mp CMOS sensor and other features that make underwater imaging easy and enjoyable with impressive high resolution results.

Scuba Saint Lucia offers rentals of the new cameras and all the user needs to do is book a dive and complete a brief orientation and safety check. The rental SeaLife Micro 2.0 camera features will be demonstrated by a staff member who will point out underwater imaging basics, offer assistance and imaging tips.

www.ansechastanet.com

Norway Orcas



Basking Shark Scotland guides Shane and Luke have recently returned from a hugely successful winter whale season in Norway.

Orca numbers were in the hundreds over a two week period providing some fantastic above and below water photographic opportunities. Snorkelling with Killer Whales or Orca is not as dangerous as first imagined given that this particular population are fish-eating specialists, and as much as these iconic cetaceans are the target of these expeditions the real star of the show was the humpbacks.

In addition to the humpbacks the opportunity to photograph fin whales which are the second biggest mammal on the planet was an added bonus and 20m long whales were a spectacular sight.

Basking Shark Scotland uses their highly experienced team, marine biology knowledge and photographic experience to create fantastic tours for this migration.

There are limited spaces available for 2016 and on a week basis.

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Beneath the Sea 2016

Beneath The Sea is pleased to announce and congratulate the winners of the BTS 2016 International Imaging Competition.



Best-In-Show Prize: The David Doubilet Award for Excellence in Underwater Photography.

Turtle Love by Edwar Herreno, France

Equipment: Nikon D300, Tokina 10-17mm, Sea&Sea Housing and Strobes

The winning images can be seen at the Beneath The Sea Film Festival on April 2, 2016

The 40th Annual Beneath The Sea Dive Exposition will take place April 1, 2 and 3, 2016 at The Meadowlands Exposition Center, Secaucus, New Jersey- 10 minutes from Manhattan.

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Bird's Head Seascape Manta ID database

Teaming up with the Bird's Head Seascape website and Conservation International we are excited to announce our online Bird's Head Seascape Manta ID database: a visual and interactive platform that invites you to meet the manta rays, follow our work, and contribute towards manta research.

For the past six years Manta Trust's Indonesian Manta Project has been working to better understand and protect manta rays across this vast archipelago, and one of the most important ways we do this is through the use of photo identification.

Our photo ID work in the Bird's Head Seascape (BHS) began in 2011 when we teamed up with Misool Eco Resort and Papua Diving to start learning about the manta rays of Raja Ampat. Five years later it has expanded into a comprehensive research and conservation program that encompasses much of the Bird's Head Seascape, and includes a passionate team of local, national and international partners.

Our vision for the BHS Manta ID site was to give everybody the opportunity to get to know and love the BHS manta rays through an easy to use and highly visual online platform. In addition, BHS visitors



can use this site to submit (and even ID) their own manta ray photos, contributing directly to our research while learning about "their" manta rays in the process.

As our manta library grows so does our understanding of the manta population, each photo acting like a piece of the puzzle. Increased understanding is critical for the development of successful species conservation and we encourage BHS visitors to get involved and help us with this exciting and important research...every photo counts!

By sharing our science through this site, our hope is to inspire empathy towards these vulnerable rays and connect those people who might not otherwise be able to visit the BHS manta rays.

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Palau Siren



After a full 4 month refit in Cebu, under the watchful eye of the WWDAS team, the Palau Siren will be back in action in February 2016!

If you would like to be hooked in at Blue Corner, drifting in Ulong

Channel or experiencing some mantastic dives in German Channel, please contact the Siren Fleet reservations team, they only have availability from June 2016!

Worldwide Dive and Sail is very excited of have the Palau Siren plying the Rock Islands of Palau once again and they have been working on some very special trips, with Paul Collins and Richard Barnden of Sam's Tours Unique Expeditions, to offer you some very exciting and exceptional trips in 2016 and 2017!

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Site administrators, Burt Jones and Maurine Shimlock, along with web designers, Newmediasoup, announce the launch of www.birdsheadseascape.com.

The new site is the ultimate source for information about one of scuba diving's most popular destinations, including Raja Ampat, Cenderawasih Bay and Triton Bay.

The site provides information about additional sustainable tourism options, local news, conservation initiatives, groundbreaking scientific research, and stunning photography with the aim of conserving this region of West Papua.

www.birdsheadseascape.com

Digital Photo Class with Jack and Sue Drafahl Bonaire. May 7 - 14, 2016

We have been offering this unique underwater photography course now for 15 years, but the 2016 class will take a new direction. We will address the problems encountered when shooting and editing, by lecturing utilizing images submitted by the students.

Sue will be available for help underwater with your camera during the 3 dives each day, and Jack will be in the classroom for consultation on shooting or editing problems encountered throughout the week.



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The Sardine Run

One of South Africa's most unknown, yet spectacular events takes place within a scant window of opportunity every year around June or July. International marine experts and authors have described it as the ocean's equivalent of the spectacle of East Africa's Great Migration, "the Serengeti of the Sea". We are talking, somewhat surprisingly, of the "Sardine Run" which we South Africans have been taking for granted all these years!

Basing ourselves at scenic Port Edward we will be launching daily and heading down the incredible Wild Coast on the lookout for Sardine action. We will be getting air support from helicopters who will put us onto Bait Balls, Mantas and Mola Mola (Sunfish) The Humpback Whale migration will also be in full swing and you will have a chance to photograph these majestic creatures up close.

This stretch of coast is stunning with cliffs on the ocean which provide a spectacular backdrop to the dolphins playing in the surf.



www.TheSardineRun.co.za

Great White Sharks Isla Guadalupe, Mexico Nov 17-24, 2016



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French Polynesia



Master Liveboards will soon launch a new destination: French Polynesia. Built of steel and with a cruising speed of 11 knots the French Polynesia Master welcomes aboard 25 guests for 7 or 10 night dive safaris diving between Fakarava and Rangiroa in the Tuamotu Archipelago.

Her 4 decks provide ample space for relaxation as well as dive equipment and camera preparation, whilst her experienced crew members ensure you receive the highest quality service on your diving holiday.

If you wish to see specific pelagics, book your trip according to the following dates: • June: Grouper Spawning season • June to October: Manta season • July to November: Humpback whale season • December to March: Hammerhead and eagle ray season

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Sony Alpha a7 II, a7R II, a7S II

Introducing an important term that has been missing from all previous discussions about taking the Sony Alpha 7 series underwater: TTL. When your subject is quickly approaching, you'll be glad to have the only housing that provides TTL support for Alpha 7 cameras. An integrated TTL circuit features model-specific encoding, which has been fine-tuned to Sony's latest flash exposure protocol. The circuit is powered by the strobe for zero maintenance and no batteries to change. Exposure compensation in TTL mode is supported using the camera's built-in control. At this time, only Ikelite DS strobes are capable of powering the circuitry. SEA&SEA, INON, and Nikonos strobes will still enjoy fast recycle times and improved battery life, but must be used in manual exposure modes only.



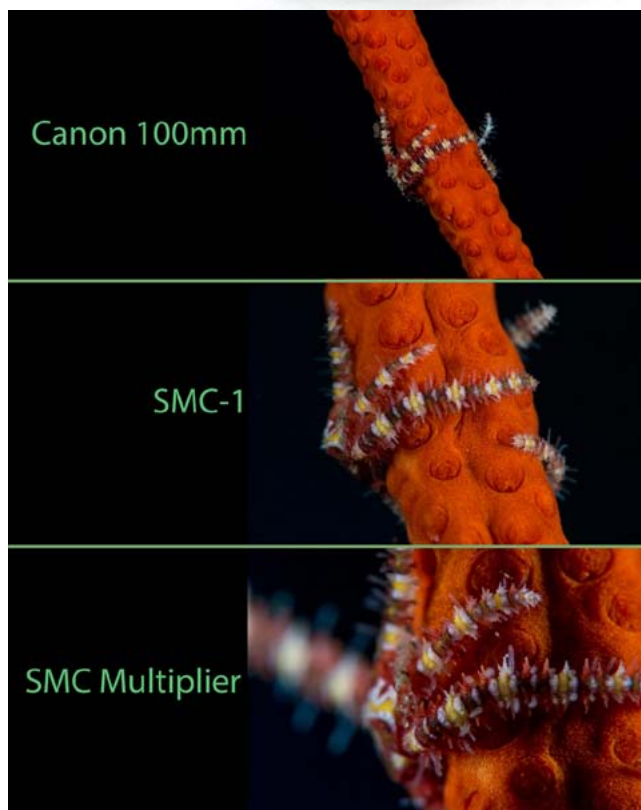
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New Products

Nauticam SMC Multiplier

The SMC Multiplier is an add-on lens for the Nauticam SMC. Not familiar with the SMC? This is Nauticam's Super Macro Converter 1, and it has certainly taken the underwater super macro shooting world by storm. It was designed from the ground up for use underwater, and optically engineered for maximum image quality, reducing distortion, aberrations and other lens defects common with simpler wet macro lenses.

The SMC achieves a maximum of 2.3:1 reproduction when using a lens like the Canon 100mm or Nikon 105mm. It is ideal for either full frame (i.e. Canon 5DSR, Nikon D810, Sony A7RII) or APS-C (i.e. Nikon D7200 or Canon 7D Mark II) cameras. And while this sort of magnification clearly falls into the realm of super macro, we've already established that you want to go beyond that. You want "Super Duper Macro"; fear not, the SMC Multiplier is ready to fill that need.



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Recsea Sony video housing

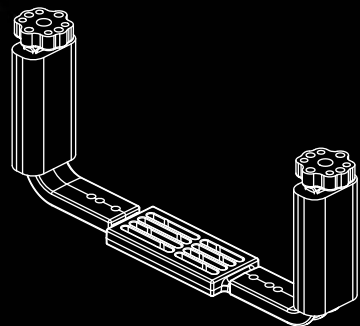


This compact, lightweight housing is compatible with Sony FDR-AX30/AX33/AXP33/AXP35 video cameras. The Recsea underwater housing is machined from solid blocks of aluminum. The end result of this meticulous attention to detail is one of the smallest, lightest underwater video housings ever produced.

This is a rugged housing yet it only weighs 2.4kg. Small and light enough to hand carry on aircraft, it's the perfect tool for the travelling diver. Because the housing body conforms so closely to the camera, the housing attains nearly neutral buoyancy (slightly negative) for effortless underwater handling.

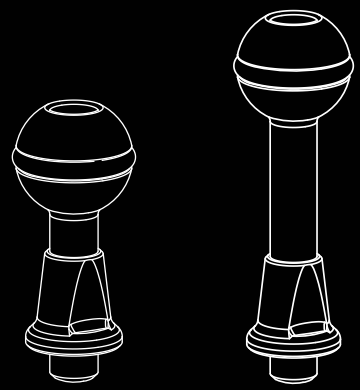
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- * Color temperature 5700k
- * Wide 120-degree beam angle
- * 70 minute burn time at full power
- * Removable 25W Li-Ion battery
- * Universal mount fits all cameras with 1/4 20" screw
- * Waterproof to 200ft / 60m

Like all Sea Dragon dive/photo/video lights, the 1500F light can be easily mounted to one or more extendable flex arms, grips and trays.

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Isotta housing for Sony RX100 IV



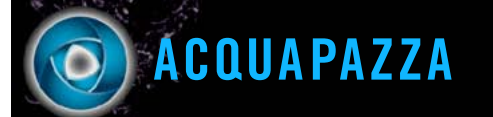
This new ISOTTA housing from Italy offers extremely high quality workmanship and numerous innovative elements. All functions are very easy to use.

The trigger is spring-loaded and has a fine pressure point. The keys are all engraved or inscribed legibly. The camera is mounted on a carriage and ensures a perfect fit.

All buttons are double sealed and made of extremely stable POM. The entire housing is made of aluminum.

The built-in water alarm was installed at the bottom on the housing and the port provides 67mm filter threads.

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