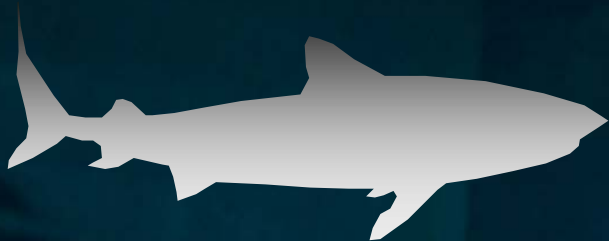


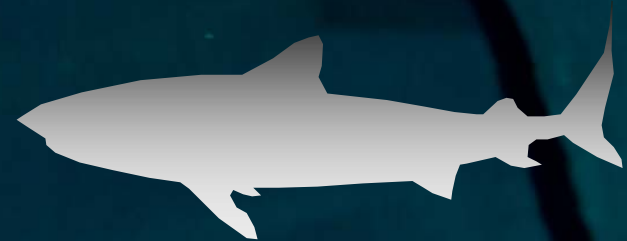
Beqa Lagoon Sharks

Green Water Striped Death

The Search for the Tiger Shark😊



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Nikon D200 with Ikelite Housing
Sea & Sea GX8000

Our journey begins in Los Angeles. We leave on a 747, and after two days of travel, arrive by boat at Beqa Island, Fiji, population 160.









Our first days with the sharks are cloudy and rainy. The lighting at depth is poor. This, and the plethora of fish, makes photography a challenge. Even though we see our first tiger shark, along with many bull sharks, I cannot get the shot I am after.







Bull Shark









Tiger Shark





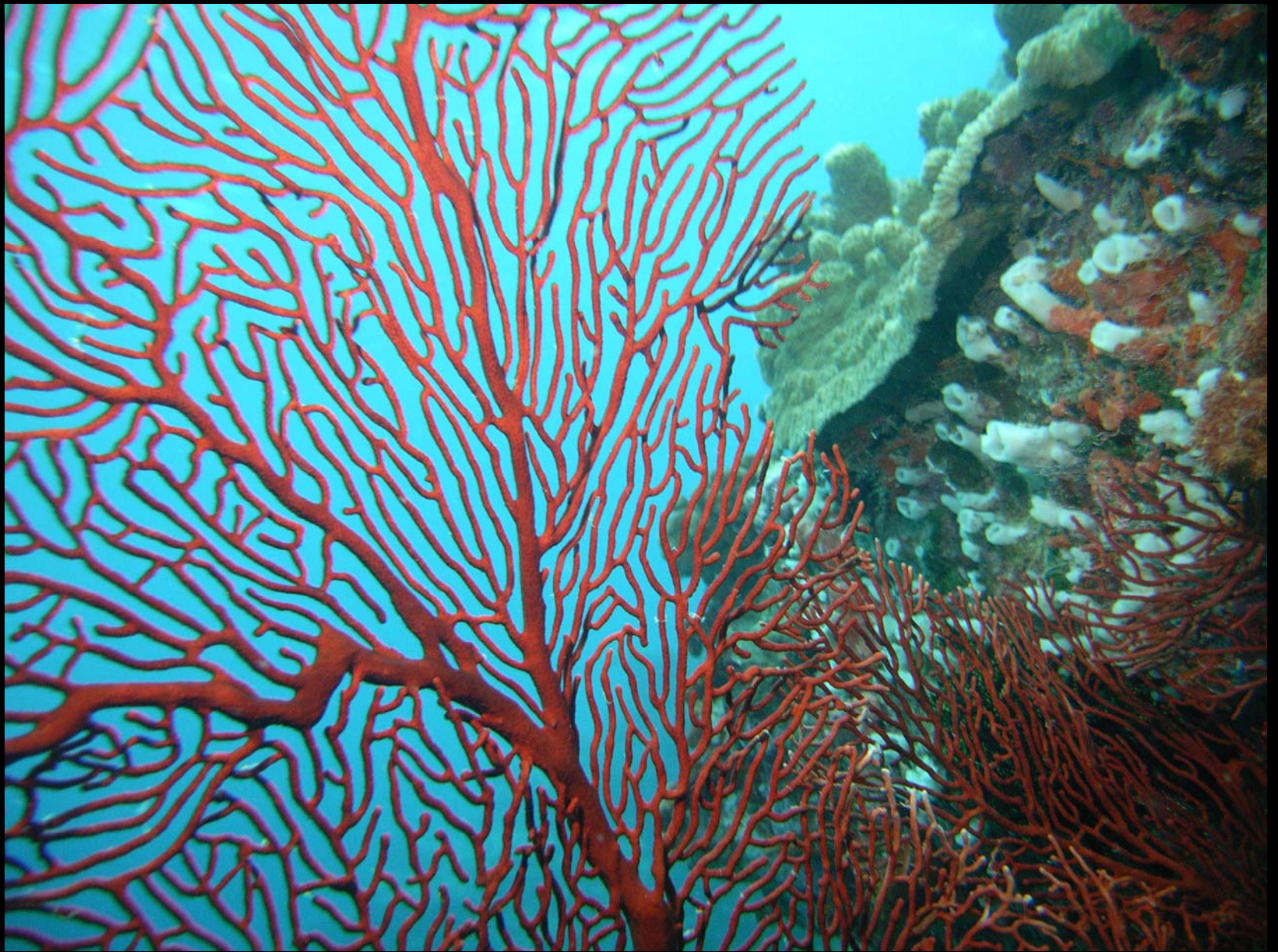




Fiji is renowned for its coral reefs. Before the trip, I modified my Ikelite housing so it would accept a high speed lens that has both wide angle capabilities, for large subjects, and macro capabilities, for small subjects. This allows me to photograph the reef with the exact same camera setup I use for the sharks.



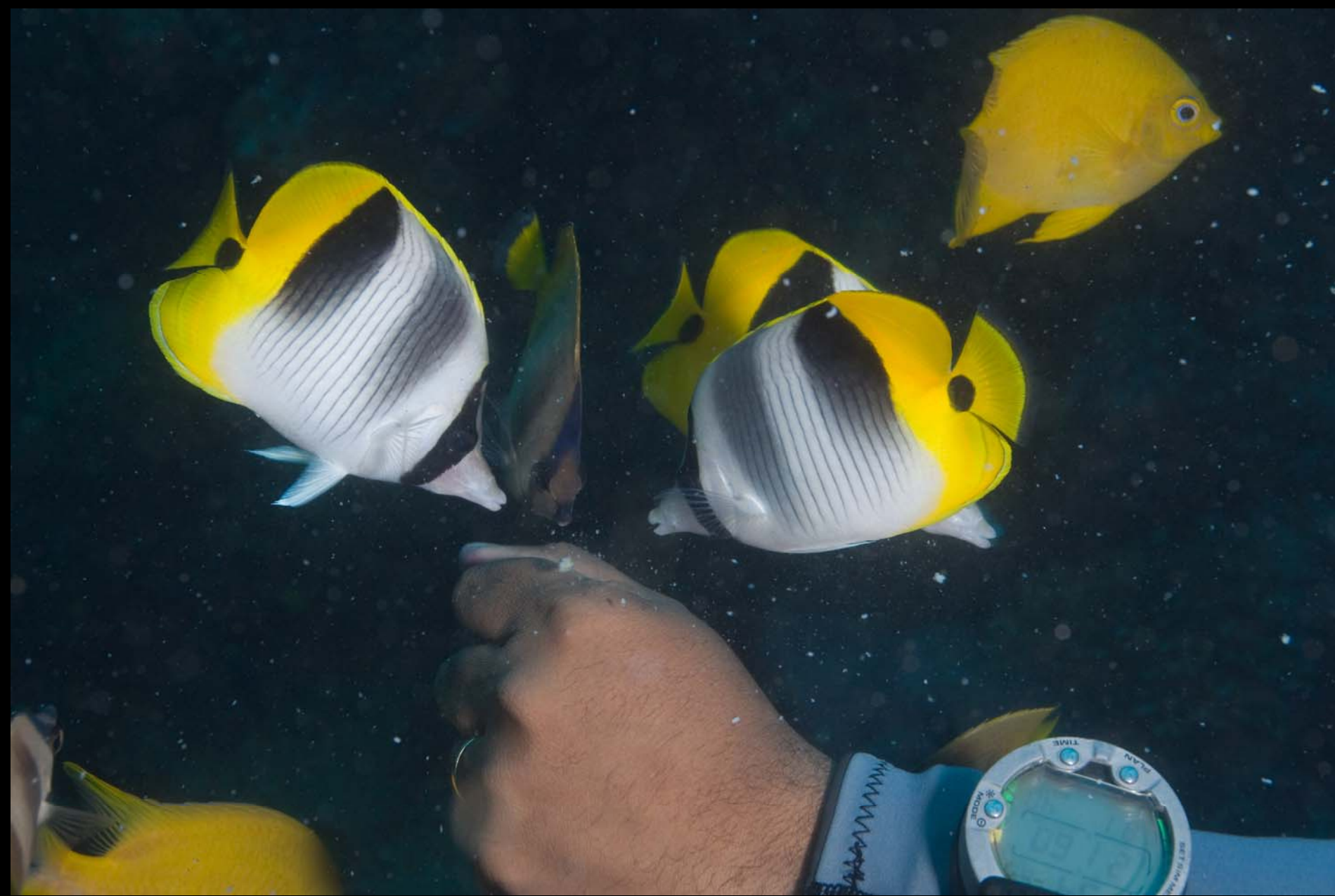




























The sun appears on our last day with the sharks. Now all we need is another tiger shark. The ocean delivers. I get the shot I want (slide 56) and more.





Black tip reef shark









White tip reef shark







Bull shark







Tiger shark



























We found our tiger shark and had a good time in the process. She bumped my camera with her nose, which is how sharks check things out. I gave a gentle shake to her pectoral fin in return. We could hardly ask for more from a shark dive...but we will😊

Today was the day!!!





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Some of the staff



Firewalkers



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