



2002 WINTER PRINT: SANGUINE FROGFISH

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This year's print is of a Sanguine Frogfish, *Antennatus sanguineus*. The species is found from Baja to Peru including offshore islands. This species has the ability to change its color and markings to blend almost perfectly with the substrate. Often perching on incrusting sponge growth, I've observed this species in shades ranging from yellow to orange, red, violet and brown.

Remaining absolutely motionless (note the extend Christmas tree worm crowns) they use their lure to attract unsuspecting prey. They are usually so well camouflaged that the first thing I see when finding one is the distinctive star-burst pattern of the eye. Only after that do I make out the mouth, head and body. Hope you enjoy!

For the photo buffs, the picture was taken this year while I was exploring the ledges of Punta Vicente Roca cove on northwestern Isabela Island, Galapagos. Shot with a Nikon F4 in a Nexus housing, 60mm macro lens, at 60u' sec., f16, lighted by an Ikelight Substrobe 200 on full power, using Fuji chrome Velvia film. For those wondering how I know f stop, shutter speed and strobe power -I still shoot on manual, automatic and TTL just don't seem to work for me.

Best "Fishes"
Paul Humann

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