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JUPITER TO BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA "Imagine a hundred goliath groupers the size of Mini Coopers clustered about a shipwreck," says photographer David Doubilet. In South Florida, one of Doubilet's top places for underwater photography, divers can get close to these endangered fish.



A goliath grouper skims a shipwreck off West Palm Beach, Florida.

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Raja Ampat, Indonesia

Dubbed the Amazon of the oceans, this archipelago off the coast of West Papua is "the heart of marine biodiversity," says photographer Doubilet. "Raja Ampat is underexplored and laden with life. The currents can rise like a wind, bearing nutrients that feed this ocean wilderness."

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Gardens of the Queen, Cuba

"This time capsule of a national park represents what the Caribbean was 50 years ago," says Doubilet. The protected 1,000-square-mile stretch off Cuba's southeast coast teems with sharks, large reef fish oblivious to divers, and crocodiles that patrol at the edge of dense mangroves.

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Magdalen Island, Quebec

"My partner, Jennifer Hayes, and I name this our favorite place on the planet," says Doubilet. "There is nothing else like it on Earth. We work on and below the ice with harp seal mothers and pups. The sounds of the pups crying for their mothers waft through our ship's hull at night into our dreams."

TIPS: When photographing underwater, work within about ten feet of your subject. The deeper you go, the less light you'll have and the more important flash becomes. Flash will bring out all the colors in the fish and reef. It will also allow you to "freeze" or convey the movement of a subject.