

*Dreams from a
Rainbow Sea*

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'Dreams from a Rainbow Sea - Maldives' takes you on an undersea adventure beneath the Indian Ocean, the atolls of the Maldives. Encapsulated in technicolour brilliance, the journey reveals an aqueous frontier of never ending rainbow-coloured reefs, rich beyond the ordinary; immense has a new meaning, impressions entice and thrill the senses.

Frolicking among the fronds of sea anemones, pillow-soft coral and gorgonian fans, we steal your consciousness to find orcas, dolphins, turtles, uncountable numbers of Napoleon wrasse, moray eels, barracudas, dog-tooth tunas, mantas, eagle rays, reef sharks, even the bigger predators like hammerheads, grays silvertips and finally, whale sharks, the biggest fish in the sea.

Dream in nature's intricate network of life, deep into abyssal chambers covered with purple, red and yellow soft luscious coral where thousands of big eyed red fishes wait for the night to fall, their chance to take centre stage where the axiom of survival is played out each night.

'Dreams from a Rainbow Sea - Maldives' is a medley of dream fantasies, a quest in reality to show the myriad of life beneath our fragile planet, our endeavour to preserve the richness and beauty for our generation, our children and the next to enjoy.

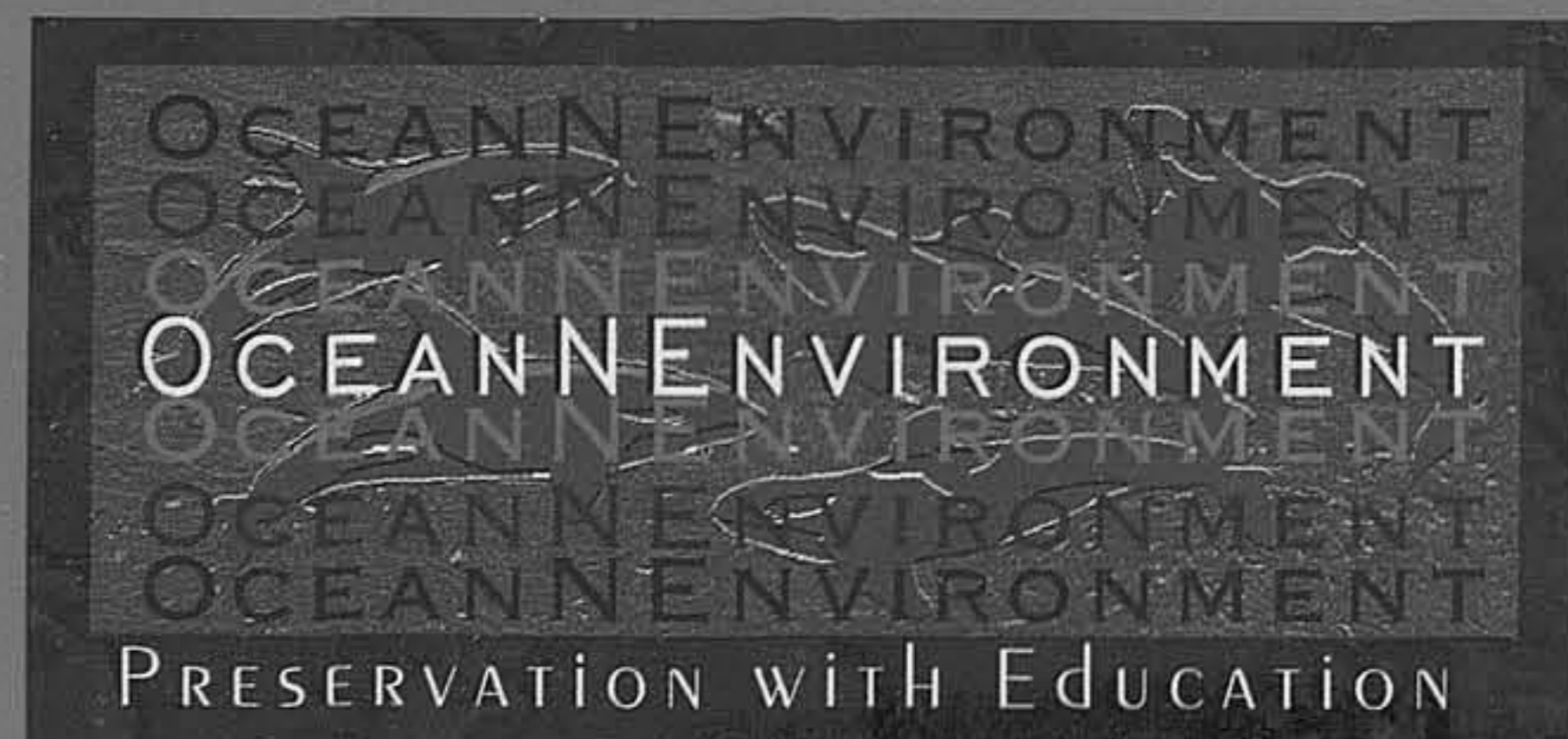
About Michael Aw

Every couple of months or so Michael zips into our office just long enough to commandeer the nearest light table enthusiastically spreading sleeves of 35mm transparencies over it as he quickly offers an outline of his latest underwater adventure. Then, almost before you can persuade him to sign the contract for his previous contribution to the magazine, he's out the door again... off on another project.

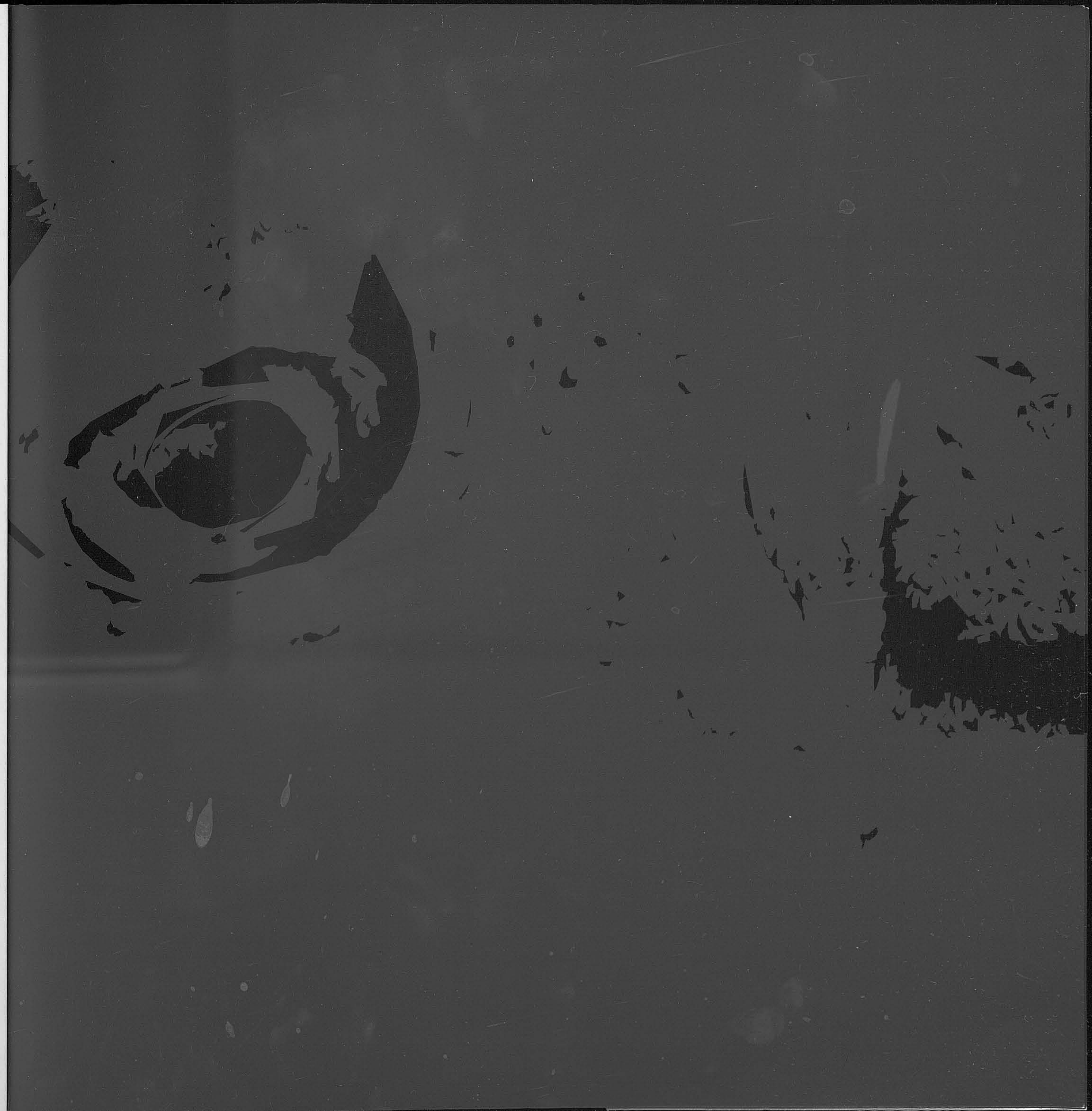
Michael isn't one to let sea grass grow under his fins and I also know that invariably his photographs will be something special as this latest book, *Dreams from a Rainbow Sea*, attests. His dream was to capture on film the wonderful and colourful world of our marine life. He does that expertly, with always an eye on conserving it.

Michael Hohensee
Editor, GEO Australasia

Proceeds from *'Dreams from a Rainbow Sea'* contribute to OceanNEEnvironment's efforts in developing educational material and research to preserve the quality of our fragile water planet.



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*Preserve the
Last of Our Kind*

Napoleon Wrasse
Napoleon wrasse *Cheilinus undulatus*



I am beginning to not know whether I am a man dreaming I am a fish, or whether I am now a fish dreaming I am a man.

私自身とは、自分が魚であると夢想している人間であるのかそれとも自分が人間であると夢想している魚であるのかわからなくなってきている...

Ich fange an nicht wissend, ob ich ein Mann bin, der träumt ein Fisch zu sein; oder ob ich nun ein Fisch bin, der träumt ein Mann zu sein.

Sto cominciando a non capire se sono un uomo che sta sognando di essere un pesce o se ora sono un pesce che sta sognando di essere un uomo.

Michael Aw inspired by the writing of Chuang Tsu 369 - 286 BC Chinese philosopher and teacher