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the king of the pearls
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arrival at pearl harbor



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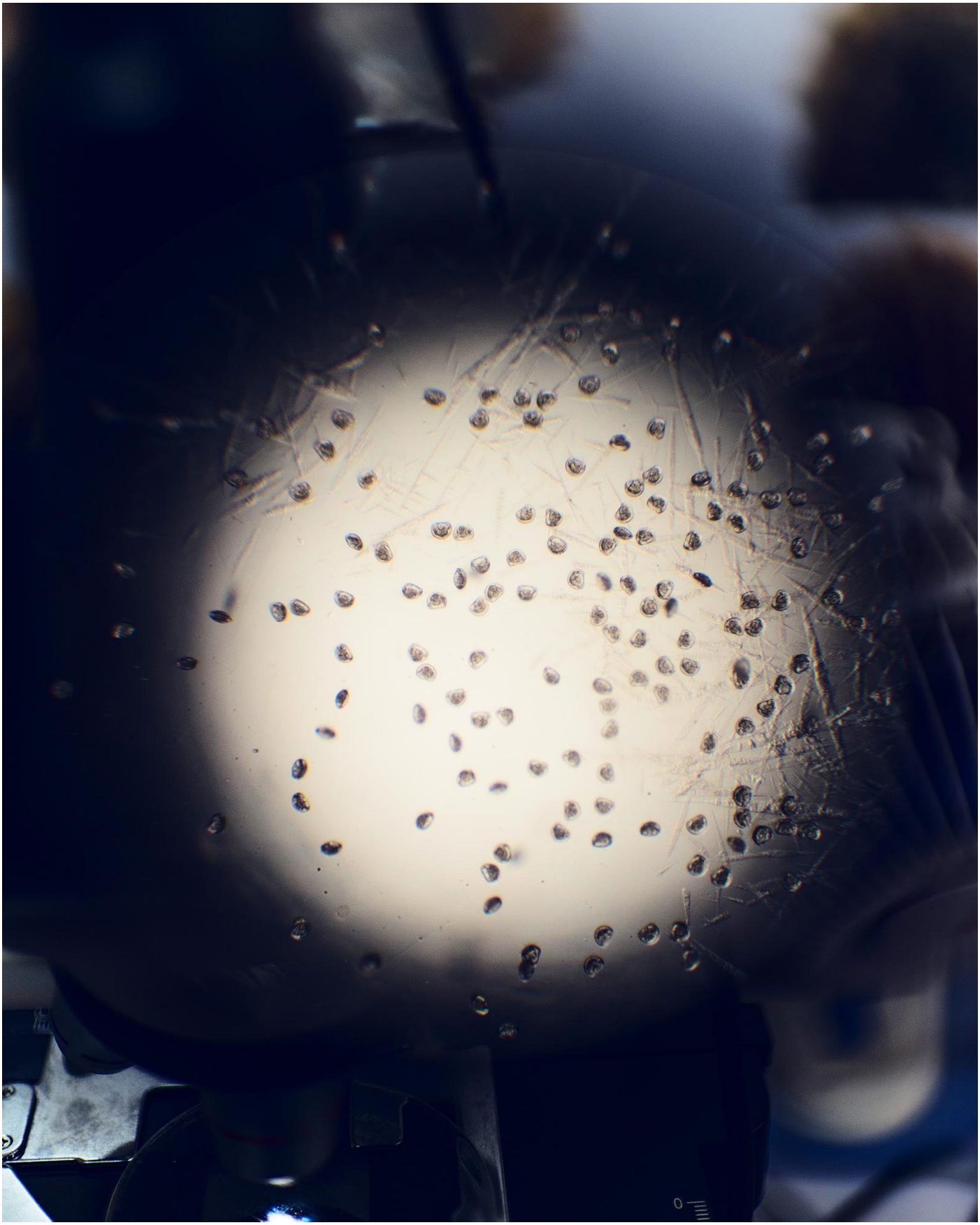
branellecs archipelago is one of more than 7000 islands on the philippines



the exact location? top secret



plankton breed



baby oysters under the microscope



doris, the chief biologist, checking the condition of the oysters



once a week the oysters need to be cleaned



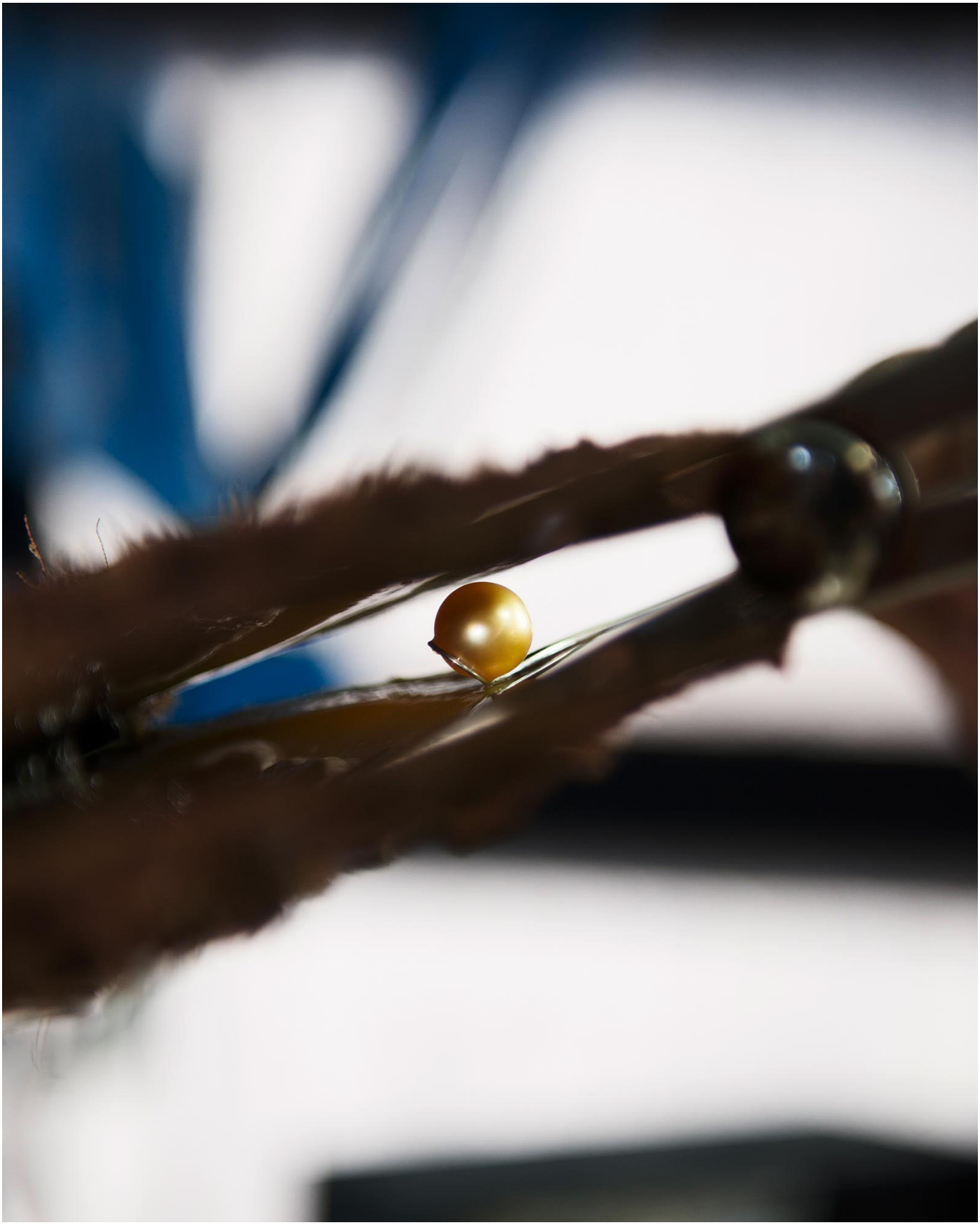
boat patrols along the buoy rows







x-ray reveals the exact size of the pearl



after four years the pearls are ready to harvest





20g pearls; market price 30.000 euro



pearl farmer, pilot, multimillionaire: monsieur branellec



this is how to lift a treasure: workers pulling up the oyster cages...



...from a depth of twelve meters



storm hoods protect against the tropical sun



after-hours on the private beach





