

# **urban zintel** photography

## **the king of the pearls**

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arrival at pearl harbor





pictadae maximae



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





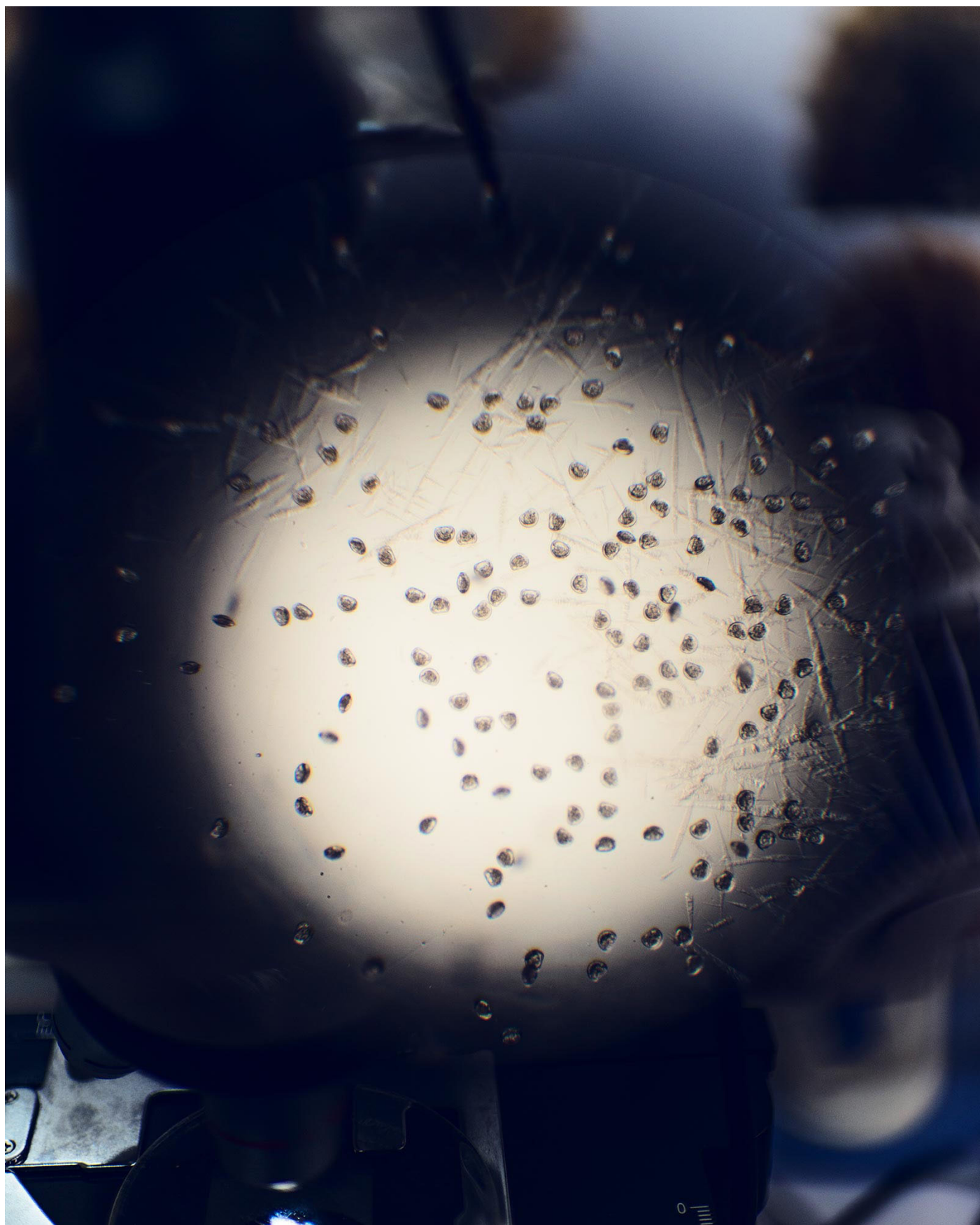
the exact location? top secret





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











