

Yvette started diving when horsecollar type BCD's were standard equipment. Born and raised in Manila, she moved to New York City with her family in the late 1970's and spent the next 12 years working in the technical (darkroom) side of photographic Industry.

It was during her stint as an inter-negative technician, that more than a hundred slides and positives from the very best photographers in NYC and the world passed through her hands and eyes every night, 5 days a week. It was this exposure to innumerable perfect images that she credits for having trained her eye to compose and use light effectively when shooting underwater.

After one bitterly cold winter, she threw in the towel and decided to come back to the Philippines and picked up the sport once more. A friend lent her a Nikonos V sans flash on a trip to Sipadan in 1998 and in 1999, she won and placed in the first 2 international UW Photo contests she entered.

Making up for lost time, Yvette now dives every weekend in pursuit of the perfect image and is a regular contributor to several magazines and newspapers. During the week, she operates a small commercial press. Her free time is devoted to marine conservation and the promotion of the Philippines as a world class dive destination.

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