



## Tic-Tac-Toe, Three-in-a-Row

*(Synodus sp.)*

**Photograph by Tony Wu**  
**Canon Eos 1Ds Mk II in Zillion housing**  
**ISO 100, 100 mm, f16, 1/ 250**  
**Inon Z220S x 2**

Even common reef fish can make for attention-grabbing photographs — pictured here are a trio of lizardfish, which divers can literally find almost everywhere in Indo-Pacific waters. While diving under the wharf at Samarai Island in Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea, I first came across the yellow-orange fish (middle). Instead of trying to take a photograph, I challenged my elongated piscine friend to a staring contest. Flustered after a few minutes, the lizardfish swam off to recruit first one, and then two, friends for moral support in our inter-species contest-of-wills. It's difficult to say who won — I got the images I wanted, but the tropical trio never blinked. 🐟🐟🐟