

FINDING RHINOPIAS

What the white truffle is to the gourmand, the *Rhinopias* is to the fish collector—save a few minor details. The truffle grows 15 inches below ground, the *Rhinopias* swims 1,000 feet deep. The truffle likes oak trees, the *Rhinopias* prefers caves. The truffle comes from Italy, the *Rhinopias* from East Asian seas. (Floating here is the *Rhinopias eschmeyeri*, native to the Lembeh Straits, off the coast of Sulawesi.) Says Justin Muir of New York's City Aquariums, all types of *Rhinopias* run upwards of \$1,500. "As with cats and dogs," Muir explains, "it's all about color, markings, and pedigree." *City Aquariums*, 120 W. 21st St., New York; 212-243-0503; www.cityaquarium.com.

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