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Palau

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Bumphead Parrotfish

Bolbometopon muricatum

Up to about 4½ ft

Rounded adult forehead and strong beak among group swimmers.



Giant Trevally

Caranx ignobilis

Up to about 5½ ft

Deep-bodied jack with steep head and deeply forked tail.

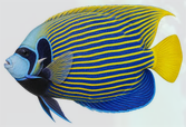


Moorish Idol

Zanclus cornutus

Up to about 9½ in

Black-and-yellow markings, tubular snout and long curved dorsal streamer.



Emperor Angelfish

Pomacanthus imperator

Up to 15 in

Adult has yellow-blue horizontal stripes and a dark mask.



Ocellaris Anemonefish

Amphiprion ocellaris

Up to about 3 in

Three white bars cross orange body near anemone tentacles.



Bohar Snapper

Lutjanus bohar

Up to about 3 ft

Reddish snapper with groove from nostril toward the eye.

Compare shape and markings. Observe without touching or chasing.

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Giant Moray

Gymnothorax javanicus

Up to about 8 ft

Heavy moray with dark spots and a broad head.



Yellow Boxfish

Ostracion cubicus

Up to about 18 in

Young fish look like yellow cubes with black dots.



Redtooth Triggerfish

Odonus niger

Up to about 20 in

Blue-purple triggerfish with pale fin margins and crescent tail.



Bluefin Trevally

Caranx melampygus

Up to about 4 ft

Bright blue fins and tiny dark spots on sides.



Bluestreak Cleaner Wrasse

Labroides dimidiatus

Up to about 5 in

Dark side stripe broadens toward tail; watch cleaning stations.



Raccoon Butterflyfish

Chaetodon lunula

Up to about 8 in

Dark eye mask with a white band behind it.

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