STUART SCUBA FISH GUIDE FOR

St. Eustatius · Statia

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Green Moray

Gymnothorax funebris

Usually 5–6 ft

Long greenish eel head peering from shaded reef crevices.



Barred Hamlet

Hypoplectrus puella

Up to 6½ in

Brown bars over pale body, with fine blue facial lines.



Black Hamlet

Hypoplectrus nigricans

Up to 6 in

Deep-bodied fish, dark across head, body and most fins.



French Angelfish

Pomacanthus paru

Up to 16 in

Dark adult with yellow-edged scales and yellow eye rings.



Balloonfish

Diodon holocanthus

Up to 20 in

Large dark blotches and long spines; fins lack spots.



Bluestriped Grunt

Haemulon sciurus

Up to 18 in

Narrow blue lines across a yellow body and head.

Compare shape and markings. Observe without touching or chasing.

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Black Durgon

Melichthys niger

Up to 20 in

Dark triggerfish with pale lines along both rear fin bases.



Queen angelfish

Holacanthus ciliaris

Up to 18 in

Look for the crown spot on its bright forehead.



Smooth Trunkfish

Lactophrys triqueter

Up to 12 in

Rigid triangular body with many pale spots and puckered lips.



Banded Butterflyfish

Chaetodon striatus

Up to 8 in

Silver disk with broad black bars and delicate chevrons.



Blue Tang

Acanthurus coeruleus

Up to about 15 in

Blue adult with pale tail spine; juveniles often yellow.



Great Barracuda

Sphyraena barracuda

Up to about 6½ ft

Long silver fish with projecting jaw and separated dorsal fins.

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