

# Chelmon Butterfly

Chelmon rostratus is also known as the Copper Band Butterfly-fish. **Photo #1** is the most commonly collected from the Philippines and also the most popular Chelmon found in marine aquariums.

Alternatively, some believe the Chelmon rostratus collected from Singapore and Indonesia does better in the home marine aquarium. C. rostratus enjoys feasting on troublesome aiptisia and grows to about 7 inches / 17.5 cm.

Chelmon muelleri (**photos #2 & #3**) AKA Black-fin Coralfish or Chocolate Banded Chelmon is commonly collected from the Northern Australian coastal reefs to Queensland.

**Photo #2** shows a preserved specimen about 2 inches / 5 cm. Dark coloration on the back of the body will develop into bands with age and size.

**Photo #3** shows C. muelleri in the aquarium at about 4.5 inches / 11.25 cm with adult markings. C. muelleri grows to about 8 inches / 20.5 cm.

Chelmon marginalis (**photos #4 & #5**) AKA Margined Coralfish is found on the Northern Australian coastal reefs through the Great Barrier Reef and as far south as Papua New Guinea. The C. marginalis grows to about 7 inches / 17.5 cm.

**Photo #4** shows C. marginalis in the aquarium. This specimen is about 4.5 inches / 11.25 cm.

**Photo #5** shows C. marginalis with the hint of a vertical center body band and with more yellow coloration. This specimen is possibly a hybrid Chelmon rostratus X Chelmon marginalis. ♦



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Photo 2. by Dr. Randall  
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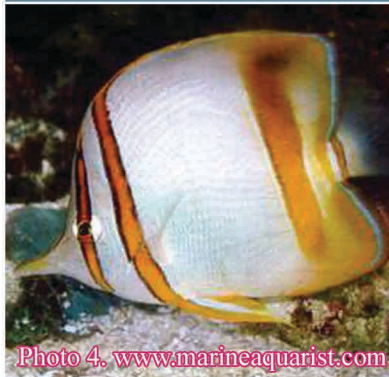


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