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Reef fish species of American Samoa



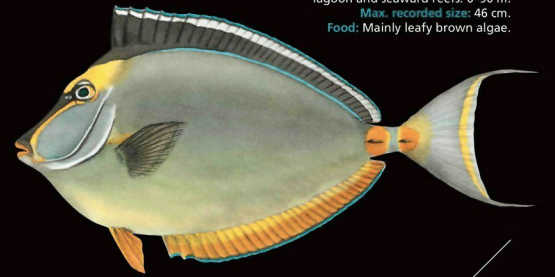
Habitat: Channels, moats, lagoon and seaward reefs with strong surge. 1-180 m.
Max. recorded size: 70 cm.
Food: Mainly leafy brown algae.
Mostly feeds in daytime.

Naso unicornis
Ume-isu • Bluespine unicornfish



Habitat: Reef fronts and rocky shorelines exposed to moderate to strong surge. 0-3 m.
Max. recorded size: 30 cm.
Food: Primarily crabs, and other crustaceans, small fish, sea urchins or brittle stars.

Cirrhitus pinnulatus
Ulutu'i • Stocky hawkfish



Habitat: Areas of coral, rock, or rubble of lagoon and seaward reefs. 0-90 m.
Max. recorded size: 46 cm.
Food: Mainly leafy brown algae.

Naso lituratus
Umelei (> 15 cm); Ila'ilia (< 15 cm) • Orangespine unicornfish



Habitat: Lagoon and seaward reefs. 1-15 m.
Max. recorded size: 35 cm.
Food: Algae and associated material scraped from rocks or dead corals.

Scarus oviceps
Laea-tuavela (TP); Fuga-alosina (IP)
Darkcapped parrotfish



Habitat: Reef flats and lagoon and seaward reefs. 0-30 m.
Max. recorded size: 26 cm.
Food: Surface film of blue-green algae and diatoms, and small invertebrates.

Ctenochaetus striatus
Pone; Pala'ia; Logoulia • Striated surgeonfish



Habitat: Almost every available reef habitat. 3-50 m.
Max. recorded size: 40 cm.
Food: Benthic algae.

Chlorurus sordidus
Fugausi-tuavela (TP); Laea-tuavela (TP); Fuga-gutumū (IP)
Daisy parrotfish



Habitat: Seagrass beds, and sand and rubble areas of lagoons and reefs. 0-30 m.
Max. recorded size: 60 cm.
Food: Molluscs, crustaceans and echinoderms.

Lethrinus obsoletus
Lauloa • Orange-striped emperor



Habitat: Common in surge zones of exposed seaward reefs.
Max. recorded size: 38 cm.
Food: Herbivorous, but also feeds on crustaceans.

Acanthurus lineatus
Alogo • Lined surgeonfish

Habitat: Sandy bottoms in coastal areas, deep lagoons and near coral reefs. Juveniles and small adults commonly over seagrass beds, mangrove swamps and shallow sandy areas. 20-90 m.
Max. recorded size: 52 cm.
Food: Mostly crustaceans and molluscs, but also echinoderms, polychaetes and fish.

Lethrinus lentjan
Mata'ele'ele • Pink ear emperor



Habitat: Sand and rubble areas near coral reefs. 1-100 m.
Max. recorded size: 60 cm.
Food: Gastropods, ophiuroids, echinoids and other invertebrates.
Mostly feeds at night.

Monotaxis grandoculis
Loalia; Matamatāmu (> 15 cm); Matāmu (< 15 cm); Mū-matavaivai
Humpnose bigeye bream



Habitat: Hides in caves and under ledges of subtidal reef flats, channels and margins to outer reef slopes. 1-50 m.
Max. recorded size: 30 cm.
Food: Mainly plankton such as crab larvae.

Myripristis berndti
Malau-ugatele; Malau-va'ava'a
Blotcheye soldierfish

Habitat: Variety of coral habitats from tide pools to reef slopes. 1-40 m.
Max. recorded size: 60 cm.
Food: Mostly fish, but also crustaceans.

Cephalopholis argus
Gatala-uli; Loi • Peacock hind

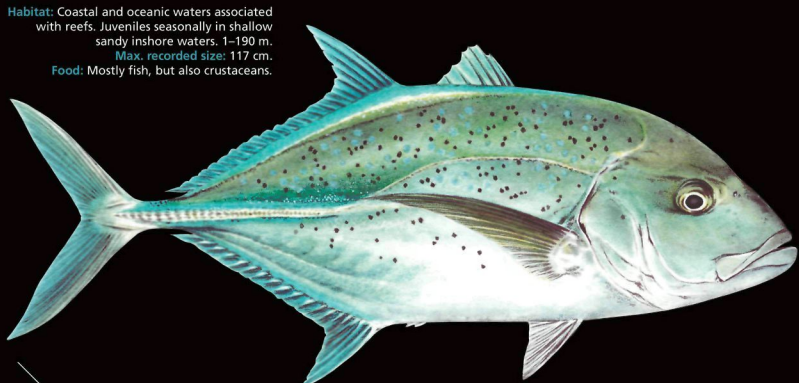


Habitat: Coastal and oceanic waters associated with reefs. Occasionally enters rivers. Juveniles occasionally in estuaries, entering rivers. 2-100 m.
Max. recorded size: 120 cm.
Food: Fish and crustaceans.

Caranx sexfasciatus
Malauli-matalapo'a • Bigeye trevally

Habitat: Lagoon pinnacles, channels, and outer reef slopes, in coral-rich areas with clear waters. 1-60 m.
Max. recorded size: 120 cm.
Food: Fish, crabs, and cephalopods.

Epinephelus polyphekadion
Gatala-aloalo; Gatala-nifoli'i • Camouflage grouper



Habitat: Coastal and oceanic waters associated with reefs. Juveniles seasonally in shallow sandy inshore waters. 1-190 m.
Max. recorded size: 117 cm.
Food: Mostly fish, but also crustaceans.

Caranx melampygus
Malauli-apamoana; Atugaloloa • Bluefin trevally

Habitat: Adults along steep outer reef slopes, channel slopes, and lagoon reefs. Juveniles prefer *Acropora*-rich lagoon reefs. 1-60 m.
Max. recorded size: 229 cm.
Food: Molluscs, fish, sea urchins, crustaceans and other invertebrates.

Cheilinus undulatus
Lalafi (< 30 cm); Tagafa (30-75 cm);
Malakea (> 75 cm) • Humphead wrasse

