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Reef Fishes Of The Sea Of Cortez: Rocky Shore Fishes Of The Gulf Of California



Synopsis

First published in 1979, this guide has become the standard resource for scientists, divers, and spearfishers interested in the fishes of the tropical Pacific Coast. The authors have revised and updated this edition to include the most current taxonomic information, additional species descriptions, and new illustrations. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Customer Reviews

From reviews of earlier editions: "This fine book is an authoritative and comprehensive summary of a geographically and zoologically varied region of the Pacific and is an important contribution to ichthyology. The authors have done an excellent job summarising the complex and diverse fish fauna of the Sea of Cortez; the illustrators ... provide a great service to the reader in providing their collection of superb drawings and paintings." -Aquaculture "The collaboration of an ecologist, a taxonomist, and an artist-photographer with years of experience in the Gulf of California has resulted in an excellent book on the reef fishes of this area... Certainly this merging of scientific disciplines has produced a book with a broader scientific, as well as popular, coverage of a regional fish fauna than many of its contemporaries." -Terra "Hallelujah! Fishwatchers, natural historians, and biologists alike are rejoicing with the reprinting of this guide... Contains many fine drawings, colour plates, and photographs; easy-to-read text emphasising ecology, Spanish names for each fish (a nice touch)... A great addition to your library, whether you want to study fish or just catch and

eat them." -Books of the Southwest --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I'm sort of in between the other two reviewers. Yes, the pix are all in black and white, and it doesn't work well as a handy guide after an afternoon's snorkeling trip. But it gives a lot of information -- far more than the other fish guides for the region. So I wouldn't be without it, but I also rely on the other guides that DO have more color pictures. I wish there was one comprehensive guide for this area, but there isn't, so you need to buy two or three if you really want good coverage.

We found this book to be a great resource - both for identification as well as ecology and biology of fish in the Sea of Cortez.

I ordered the book a few days before my class started and it arrived just in time. It was in great condition and i didn't have a problem with anything.

I noticed that one person reviewed this excellent book from a narrow perspective and I want to say that I totally disagree. This book is not really intended as a hand guide to identify fishes for the snorkeling amature. It is intended to give you an overview on what is known about the fishes of this region AND for the experienced snorkeler or diver or fisherman, it truly is an excellent guide in identification to species. I have worked as an ichthyologist in the region numerous times and the book was invaluable. I think it is well written and is full of interesting facts about the fishes of the region. The challenge with the black and white illustrations (which are excellent) is using them in concert with the written description. It's a fun book to use and read. I highly recommend it!

Summed up in one word, disappointed. I never dreamed that the pictures in this book would be in black and white. So much for fish identification when snorkeling, which is why I bought this book. If you want this book for Identification purposes, forget about it. However, if you don't mind seeing page after page of these beautiful fishes in black and white (What is the point?) then this book is for you.

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