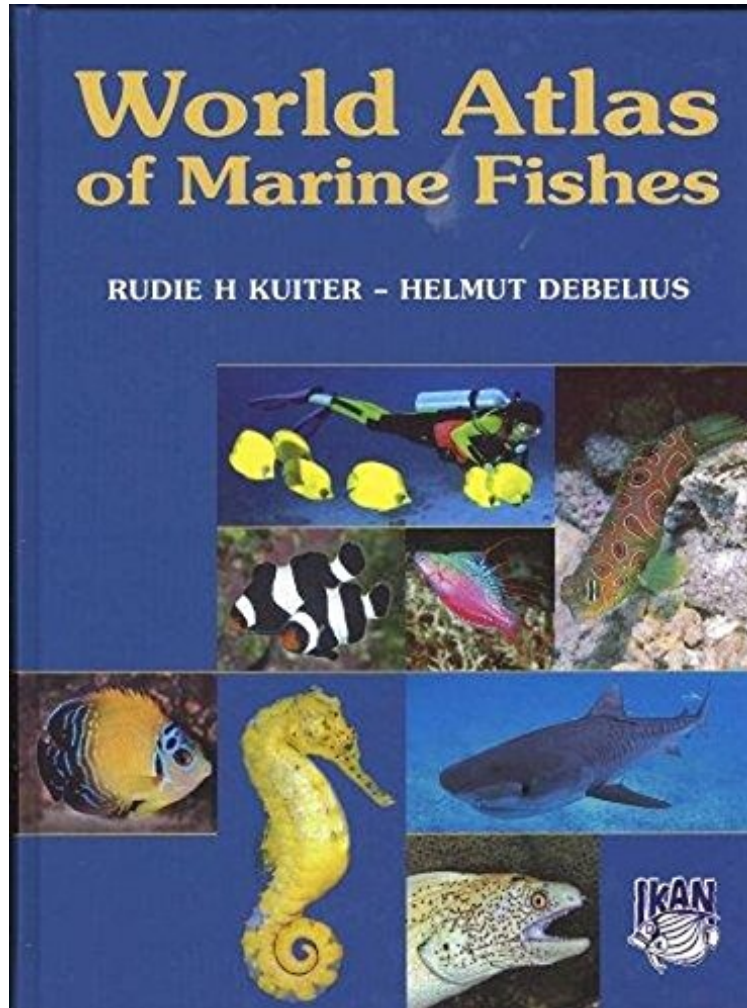


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Helmut Debelius, Rudie H. Kuiter : World Atlas of Marine Fishes before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised World Atlas of Marine Fishes:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. great resource for identifying what you see By Sedna This oversized book has photographs! And they are not dead fish photos, but fish in their environments. It's very useful because all your choices are on the same page(s), so you can more easily lock on to what you saw. I do miss the use of common names and depth, but it does include the area where the fish is found and where the photo was taken along with the scientific name. Before finding this book, I was using one with line drawings. This is a big improvement and I've been able to find fish from the Gulf of Aqaba that I saw on a recent vacation. I snorkel all around the world, so wanted to have Atlantic and Pacific species. 10 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Good picture reference: Extensive but not exhaustive content. By Jerome Bosset Very good catalogue of fish for those who seek an overview of

all families. One or two more infos would be sometimes helpfull (sex, size). Some families are underrepresented (Gobiidae, Blenniidae) but including all of them would have been difficult as they are huge families. I would recomend using it as a first identification source (not on the field though...big!) and then switch to a more specialized book providing more infos about the species. A must have for all marine fish enthusiast!

With more than 6000 photographs of marine fishes this book sets a new benchmark for their identification. It provides the greatest possible coverage and is aimed primarily to assist people interested in marine fishes and their scientific names or classification. Presented here are the fishes one is likely to see when diving or snorkeling in the sea, as well as those that are traded in the aquarium industry. This World Atlas includes both tropical and temperate fishes. Depending on the size and popularity of the groups or families, introductions to these provide general information, distribution and habitat, number of species, interesting facts on behavior and aquarium suitability. In the case of very large families like wrasses, damsels or gobies, separate introductions may be dedicated to each distinctive group or subfamily. The greatest possible number of photographs is used on a page, but in sizes that clearly identify the fish. Variable species may be illustrated with more than one picture. In all, included are some 4,200 species. This is an invaluable reference book for the great variety of marine fishes found in the worlds seas. As such it addresses all fish enthusiasts - divers, snorkelers, fish watchers, fisherman, reef surveyors, aquarists, ichthyologists and bio-geographers.