



ICHTHYOLOGY

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New Listings



Scott#	Denom	Common Name/Scientific Name	Family/Subfamily	Code
ALGERIA 2018 May 22 (International Day of Biological Diversity) (Single)				
1752	25d	Stylized fish		S B
ANGOLA 2018 December 10 (Kingfishers) (MS/4)				
1467	300k	U/I fish (in beak of Pied Kingfisher, <i>Ceryle rudis</i>)		U C
2018 December 10 (Fish) (MS/4 & SS/1) (ANG18103a&b)				
1504	300k	African Banded Barb, <i>Barbus fasciolatus</i>	Cyprinidae	A
1505	300k	African Butter Catfish, <i>Schilbe mystus</i>	Siluridae	A
1506	300k	Spotted Weever, <i>Trachinus araneus</i>	Trachinidae	A
1507	300k	Upper Zambezi Squeaker, <i>Synodontis woosnami</i> (w/ sea turtle)	Mochokidae	B
1561	SS 1200k	Blackspotted Squeaker, <i>Synodontis nigromaculatus</i>	Mochokidae	A
	Margin	LL & R: African Banded Barb, <i>Barbus fasciolatus</i>	Cyprinidae	Z
ANTIGUA 2018 July 25 (Scalloped Hammerhead Sharks) (MS/4)				
Each stamp has small U/I fish in background.				
3410a	\$4	Scalloped Hammerhead, <i>Sphyrna lewini</i>	Sphyrnidae	A
3410b	\$5	Same species	Sphyrnidae	A
3410c	\$6	Same species	Sphyrnidae	A
3410d	\$7	Same species	Sphyrnidae	A
3410	Margin	LL: Same species	Sphyrnidae	Z
2018 July 25 (Corals & Sponges of the Caribbean) (MS/6)				
3411a	\$1	Yellowhead Wrasse, <i>Halichoeres garnoti</i> (juvenile?)	Labridae	C
3411c	\$3	Bluehead Wrasse, <i>Thalassoma bifasciatum</i> (juvenile?)	Labridae	C
3411d	\$4	Blue Tang, <i>Paracanthurus hepatus</i>	Acanthuridae	C
		Doctorfish, <i>Acanthurus chirurgus</i>	Acanthuridae	C
3411e	\$5	Banded Butterflyfish, <i>Chaetodon striatus</i> (juvenile?)	Chaetodontidae	C
3411	Margin	LL: Lionfish, <i>Pterois</i> sp. ♂ LR: U/I reef fish	Scorpaenidae	U Z U Z
2018 August 28 (Birth of Prince Louis of Cambridge) (MS/4)				
3421	Margin	R: Stylized fish (illustration by Beatrix Potter)		S Z
ARUBA 2018 August 31 (Aspects of Aruban Culture) (Set/4)				
602	420c	U/I fish on plate (typical food)		U
2018 October 31 (Pets) (Set/6)				
612	135c	Stylized marine fish (in aquarium)		S
BOTSWANA 2018 August 30 (Animals) (Single)				
1054	3p	Three-spotted Tilapia, <i>Oreochromis andersonii</i>	Cichlidae	A
		LL: Stylized tilapia silhouette		S
1060a		SS/5 (Sc#1047, 1051-52, 1054, 1060)		

CARIBBEAN NETHERLANDS					2018 April 3 (Marine Life) (MS/4) (inscr. "Bonaire")
100c	99c	Bluestreak Cleaner Wrasse, <i>Labroides dimidiatus</i> (in sponge)	Labridae		B
100d	99c	Red Lionfish, <i>Pterois volitans</i> (pectoral fin)	Scorpaenidae		A
					2018 April 3 (Marine Life) (MS/4) (inscr. "St. Eustatius")
102a	99c	U/I Grouper (in Azure vase sponge)	Serranidae		U B
CHRISTMAS ISLAND					2018 November 1 (Christmas) (SS/2)
574	65c	Stylized fish (w/ Santa on surfboard)			S C
575a	Margin	Bot: Stylized butterflyfish and U/I marine fish			S Z
CUBA					2017 October 12 (America UPAEP: Tourist Destinations) (Set/4)
5983	65c	U/I fish (w/ divers at <i>Cienaga de Zapata</i>)			U C
CZECH REPUBLIC					2018 June 20 (Centenary Czech Postage Stamps) (SS/2+3 labels) (s-o-s)
3760b	44k	Freshwater Angelfish, <i>Pterophyllum scalare</i> (Sc#3210b) (s-o-s)	Cichlidae		A
DJIBOUTI					2018 August 27 (Oriental Dwarf Kingfisher, <i>Ceyx erithaca</i>) (SS/1)
1563	SS 950fr	R: U/I fish (in beak of Dwarf Kingfisher)			U Z
GREAT BRITAIN (Isle of Man)					2018 October 8 (Manx Folk Traditions) (Set/6)
1980	£1.75	Stylized fish (<i>Quaaltaugh</i> —first person to enter a home on New Year's Day)			S
GUYANA					2018 August 5 (Fish) (MS/4 & SS/1)
4571a	\$250	Atlantic Sailfish, <i>Istiophorus albicans</i>	Istiophoridae		A
4571b	\$350	Blackfin Tuna, <i>Thunnus atlanticus</i>	Scombridae		A
4571c	\$450	Atlantic Bluefin Tuna, <i>Thunnus thynnus</i>	Scombridae		A
4571d	\$550	Common Dolphinfin, <i>Coryphaena hippurus</i>	Coryphaenidae		A
4572	SS \$850	(Atlantic) Blue Marlin, <i>Makaira nigricans</i>	Istiophoridae		A
HONG KONG					2018 September 17 (Express Rail Link) (Set/4 & SS/4)
1955	\$3.70	Stylized fish			S C
1957a		SS/4 (Sc#1954–57)			
ICELAND					2018 September 13 (Fish) (Single)
1473	225k	Atlantic Mackerel, <i>Scomber scombrus</i>	Scombridae		B
		Capelin (Smelt), <i>Mallotus villosus</i>	Osmeridae		B
IRELAND					2018 September 6 (Scientific Discoveries) (Block/4 & Bklt/3)
2199	€1	Atlantic Mackerel, <i>Scomber scombrus</i> (back/dorsal fin)	Scombridae		B
2199a		Bklt/3 (Sc#2199)			
2201b		Block/4 (Sc#2198–2201)			
JAPAN					2017 October 24 (Rice Balls & Sushi) (Bklt/10)
4162e	82¥	Sardine sp. (w/ rice ball)	Clupeidae		U C
					2017 November 1 (Japanese Foods) (Horiz Pair)
4164	18¥	<i>Taiyaki</i> (fish-shaped bean paste cake)			R
					2017 November 14 (50th anniv. Relations w/ Maldives Islands) (MS/10)
4171f	82¥	Maldivian Anemonefish, <i>Amphiprion nigripes</i>	Pomacentridae		A
4171g	82¥	Giant Manta (ray), <i>Mobula birostris</i>	Myliobatidae		A
					2017 December 20 (<i>Where's the Fish</i> Book Illustrations) (MS/10)
4179a–j	82¥	Various stylized fish (book illustrations)			S
MAURITIUS					2018 July 23 (Art & Science) (Set/2)
1184	33r	Blacklip Damsel, <i>Pomacentrus pikei</i>	Pomacentridae		A
NEW ZEALAND					2018 September 5 (Innovations by New Zealanders) (MS/12 + label)
2818f	\$1.20	Stylized fish (w/ boat wheel)			S

NIUE		2018 September 5 (Map of Niue) (Block/4 & SS/4)		
977a–d	30c–\$4	Various stylized fish		S
977e		SS/4 (Sc#977a–d)		
ST. MARTIN		2016 July 20 (Ocean Life) (Strip/4)		
185a	100c	UR: Queen Angelfish, <i>Holacanthus ciliaris</i> LR: Scrawled Butterflyfish, <i>Chaetodon meyeri</i> Bkgrd: U/I reef fish	Pomacanthidae Chaetodontidae	C C UC
185b	100c	LL: Regal Angelfish, <i>Pygoplites diacanthus</i> Bot: Orange-lined Triggerfish, <i>Balistapus undulatus</i> Bkgrd: U/I reef fish	Pomacentridae Balistidae	B B UC
185c	100c	LR: Foureye Butterflyfish, <i>Chaetodon capistratus</i> LL: Stoplight Parrotfish, <i>Sparisoma viride</i> UL: Bluestriped Grunt, <i>Haemulon sciurus</i> Bkgrd: U/I reef fish	Chaetodontidae Scaridae Haemulidae	B B B UC
185d	100c	Porkfish, <i>Anisotremus virginicus</i> Bluehead (Wrasse), <i>Thalassoma bifasciatum</i> Bkgrd: U/I reef fish	Haemulidae Labridae	B B UC

AQUATIC LIFE ISSUE

On 24 January 2019, the Chunghwa Post (Taiwan) issued a set of four special stamps, the first of a series depicting Aquatic Life. These stamps feature Chinese goldfish.

The stamps measure 40×30 mm and each were issued in sheets of 20. The designer was Jheng Yi-lang. They were printed using offset on phosphorescent stamp paper by the Central Engraving and Printing Plant.

Goldfish come from China, arising from a mutation of Crucian Carp (*Carassius carassius*). Raising goldfish is considered good luck because a common expression for wealth—“gold and jade fill the hall”—sounds like “goldfish fill the hall.”

The stamps portray the following varieties:



Red Swallow-tail (NT\$6): In Japan and the west, this fish is known as the “comet,” but in Taiwan it is known as the “red swallow-tail.” With a single long and flowing caudal fin, it has a shape resembling the tail of a swallow—hence its name.

Ryukin (NT\$6): Its Chinese characters are a homonym for “keeping gold,” suggesting a sense of holding on to wealth and abundance. This fish has a pronounced hump on its back, an egg-shaped body, a small triangular head, a large dorsal fin and two caudal fins. It is highly adaptive and easy to care for.

Dragon Eye (NT\$12): The “dragon eye” or “telescope” goldfish has protruding round eyeballs—its most salient feature—which resemble dragon’s eyes. It has a dorsal fin and typically three or four caudal fins.

Goose Head Pearl Scale (NT\$28): The “goose head” or “crown” pearl scale goldfish has large and bright scales, having a pearl-like appearance. It swims gracefully through the water with a smoothly curving body, and it has a prominent head growth, known as a “hood,” that makes it resemble a goose—hence its name. Commonly seen varieties have both one and two hoods.