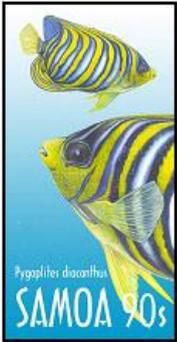
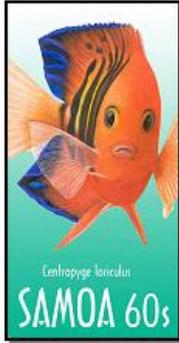


COLLECTORS' BULLETIN

# Angelfishes of Samoa



The majestic appearance of angelfish is easy to appreciate. Most angelfish live on tropical coral reefs and are often confused with butterfly fishes. A large spine on each cheek enables them to be distinguished from these close relations. Highly dependent on the availability of shelter, they exhibit signs of being territorial. The four angelfish chosen are those commonly seen in Samoa.

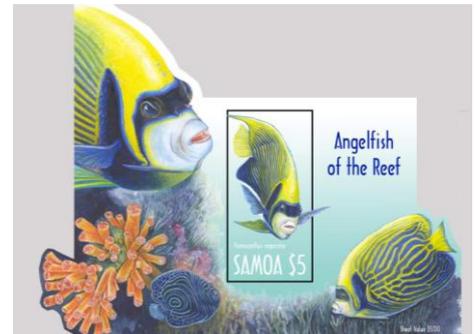
**25s Bicolour Angelfish** *Centropyge bicolor*. Found mostly around areas of rich coral growth on reefs, drop-offs and lagoons, the Bicolour usually swims at depths between 10 and 25M. Common in the region between Indonesia, Japan and Polynesia, this fish feeds on algae and reaches 15cm.

**60s Flame Angelfish** *Centropyge loriculus*. Scattered throughout the western pacific, this Angelfish has a striking colour pattern and grows to 10cm in length. Staying close to shelter, it swims between 5-60M near rich coral reefs.

**90s Regal Angelfish** *Pygoplites diacanthus*. Feeding on sponges and algae, this species like most Angelfish is cautious and is located near crevices in reefs. It swims between 1-48M and is usually found singularly or in pairs. This species grows to 25cm and is widely distributed

throughout the Indo-west and central Pacific.

**\$5.00 Emperor Angelfish** *Pomocanthus imperator*. With a vivid pattern of yellow and blue stripes, this fish is commonly seen near ledges and caves in coastal and outer reefs or in deep lagoons. It can reach 38 cm in length and when disturbed, makes a peculiar knocking sound. Generally found throughout the Indo-west and central Pacific Ocean.



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