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Virtual ARTSmart Classes for Salt Air



Fish and More

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This fish lived in the artist's aquarium. She used it to study/draw fins for illustrations for *The Little Mermaid* (see below)!



Dorothy P. Lathrop (United States, 1891 - 1981)
Gold Fish, 1944 - 1945
Wood engraving on paper
KSU, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, gift of
the family of E. Hubert Deines, 1969.124a



Crabs and lobsters turn red when they are cooked! These creatures are called crustaceans, which also include lobsters and shrimp.



Jack Beal (United States, born 1931)
Blue Crab, 1975
Color lithograph on paper
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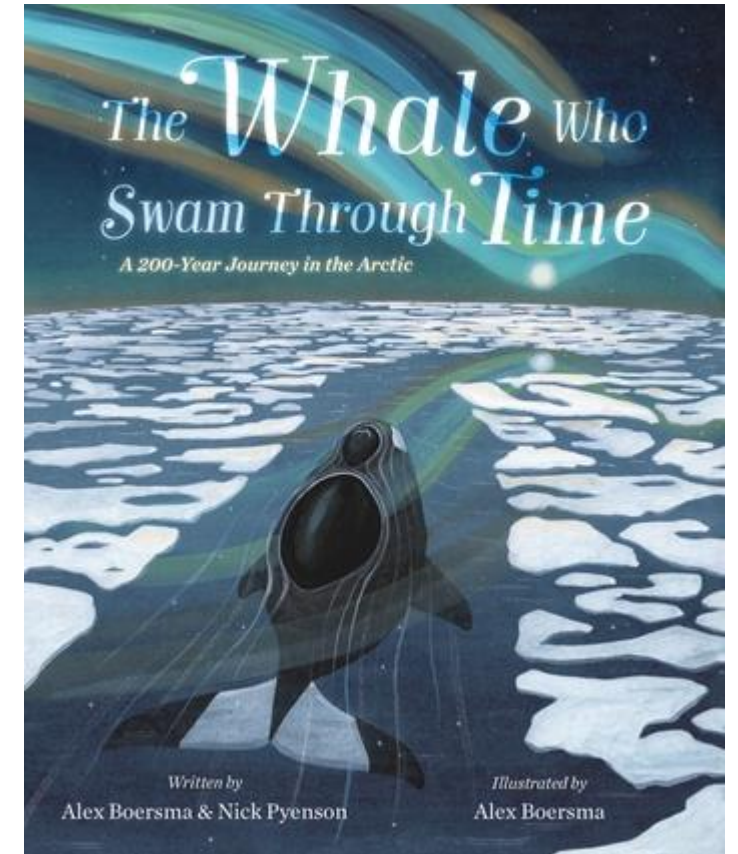
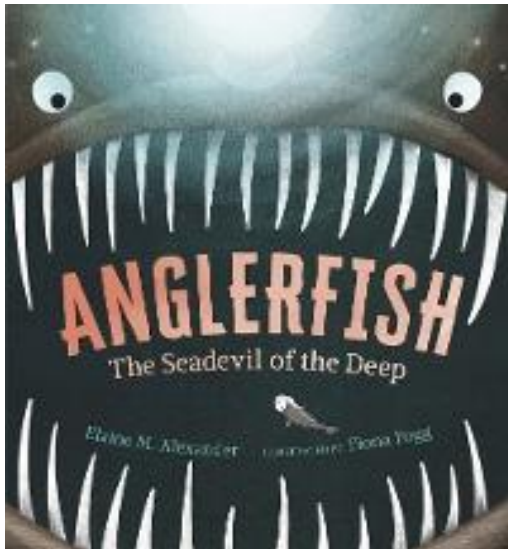
Lydia Victoriano Aseneta (Phillipines, 1925 - 2021)
Shrimps, 20th century
Screenprint on paper
KSU, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, gift of Lydia V. Aseneta, 2009.174



When an artist puts things together that don't usually belong, (like in your dreams) we call it Surrealism.

Can you identify the type of whale shown?

Whales, seals and sea lions are marine mammals (not fish).

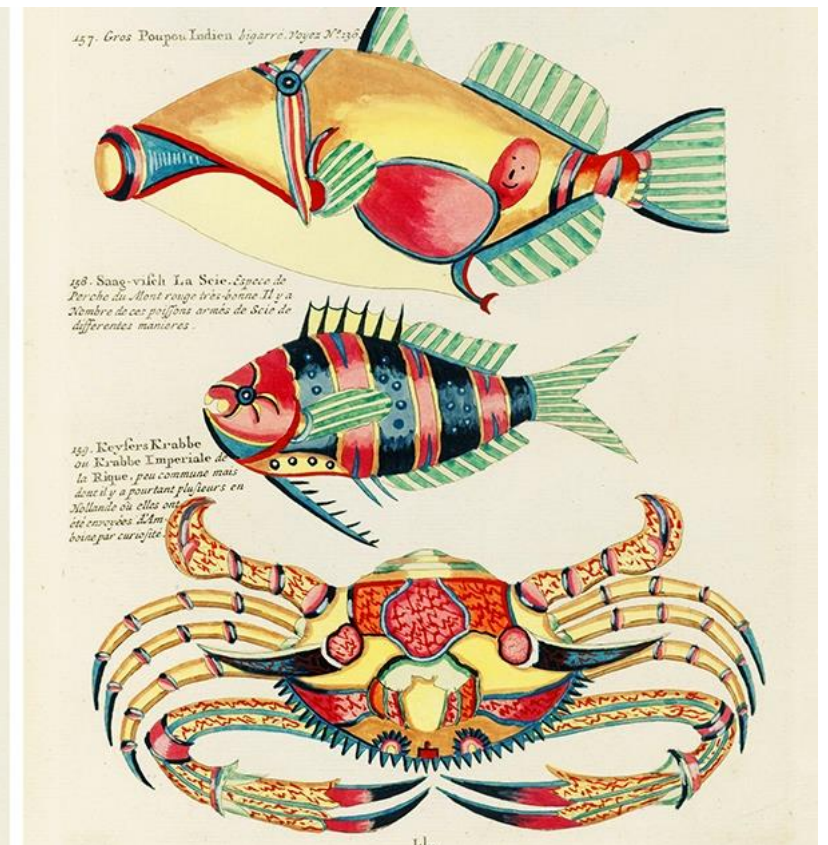
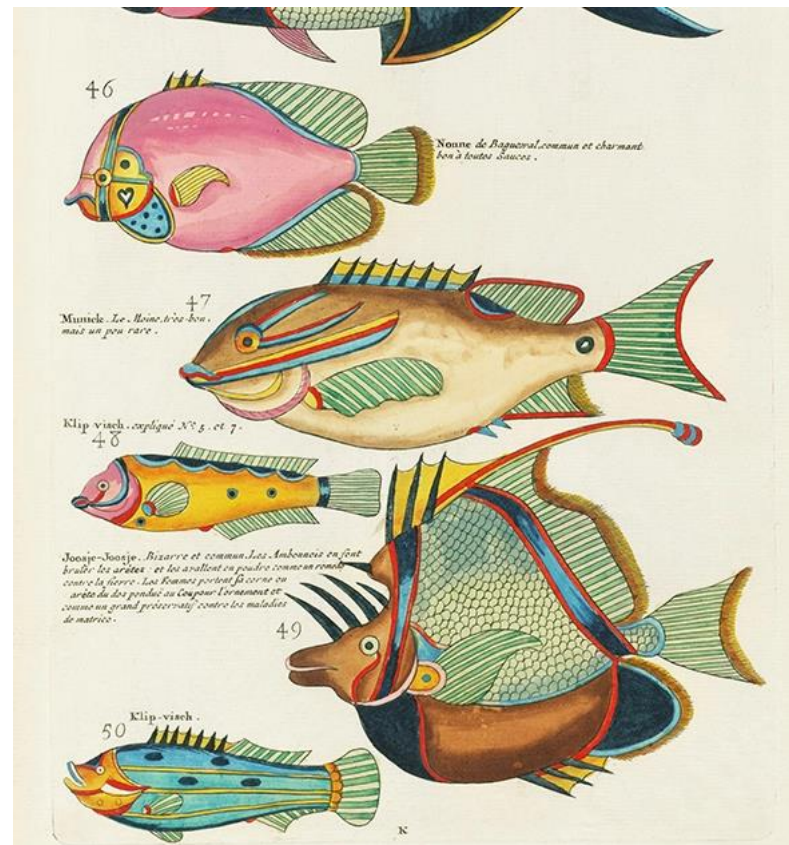


Ben Mahmoud (United States, 1935 - 2009)
A Whale, A Tornado, A Magpie, & A Fire, 1984
Acrylic on canvas
KSU, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art,
1986.11

Originally published in 1719, with a second edition in 1754, *Poissons, Ecrevisses et Crabes* can lay claim to being the earliest known publication in color on fish - in this case, celebrating those hailing from the waters of the East Indies. This book is the creation of Louis Renard; a publisher, bookseller, and spy for the British Crown. All in all, across the two volumes, the book contains 100 plates bearing 460 hand-colored engravings.

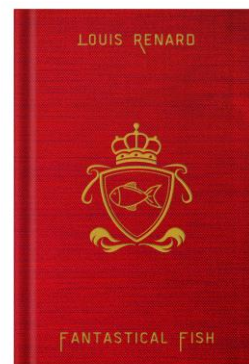
If you think these fish look wild and crazy, they are! Renard used artistic embellishment – and approximately 9% are completely fantastical! There is even a mermaid.

The book has recently been republished.



Fantastical Fish

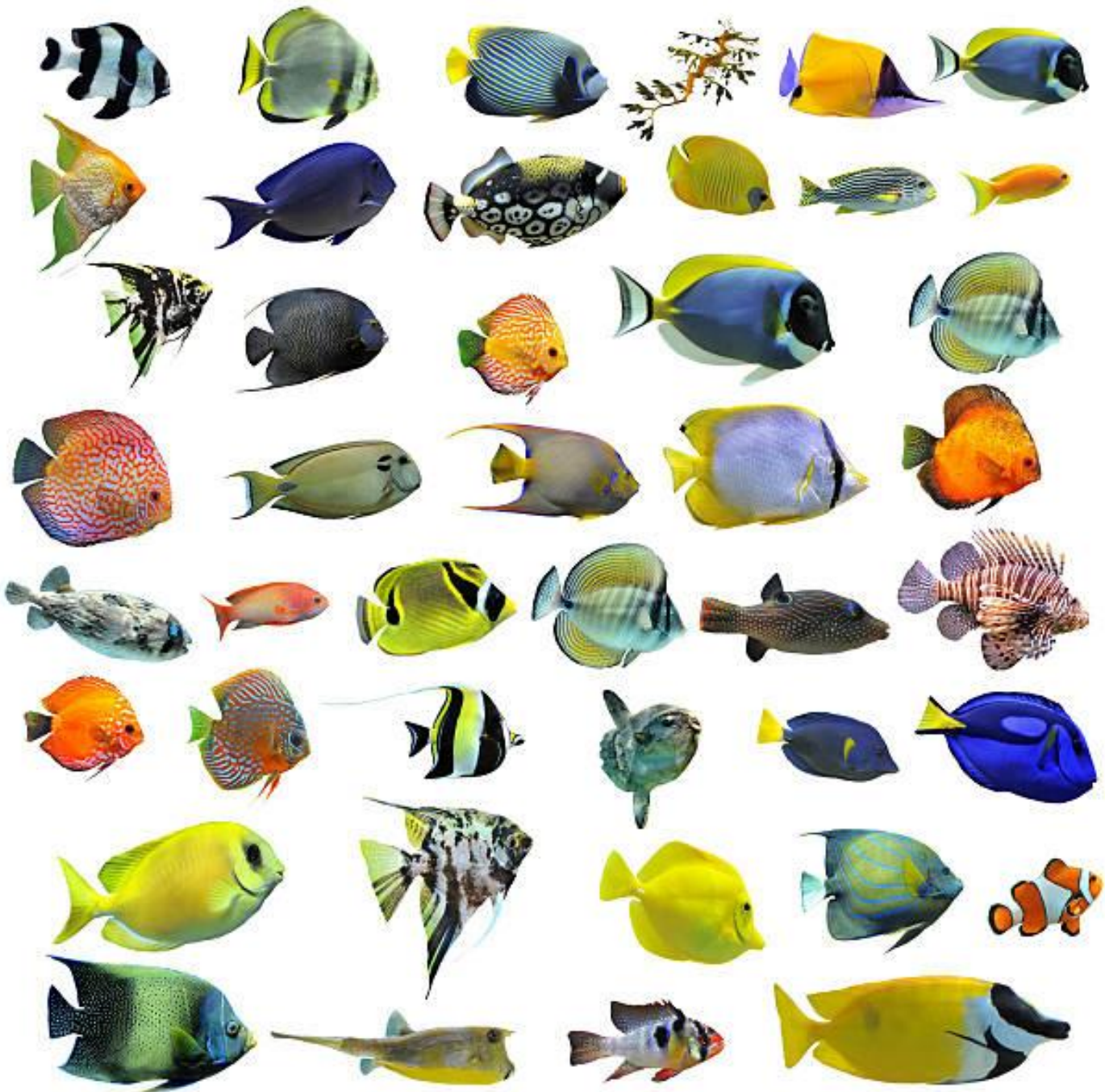
The re-edition of the 1754 classic book on tropical fish.



To see the whole book on line:

Renard, Louis. *Poissons, ecrevisses et crabes*. 1754. Digitized by the Ernst Mayr Library, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University.

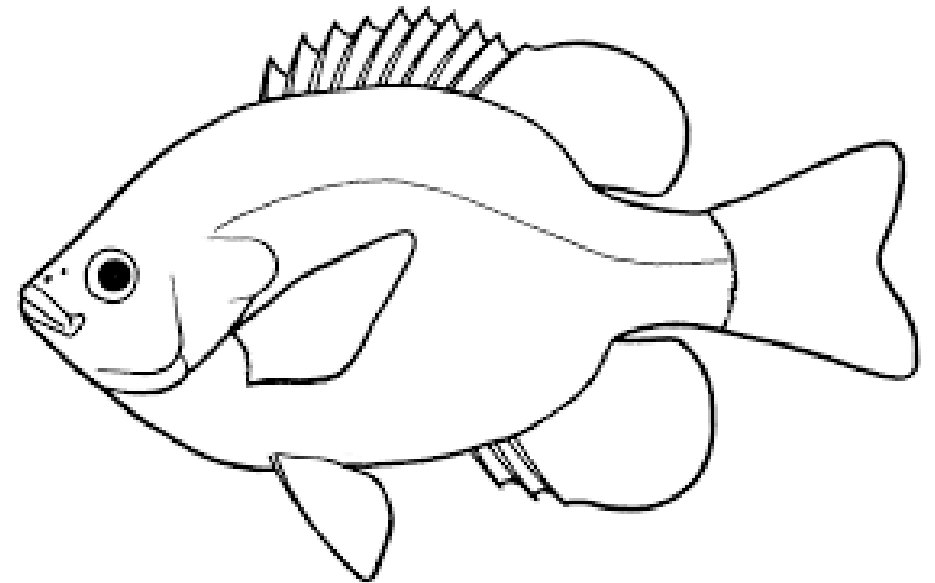
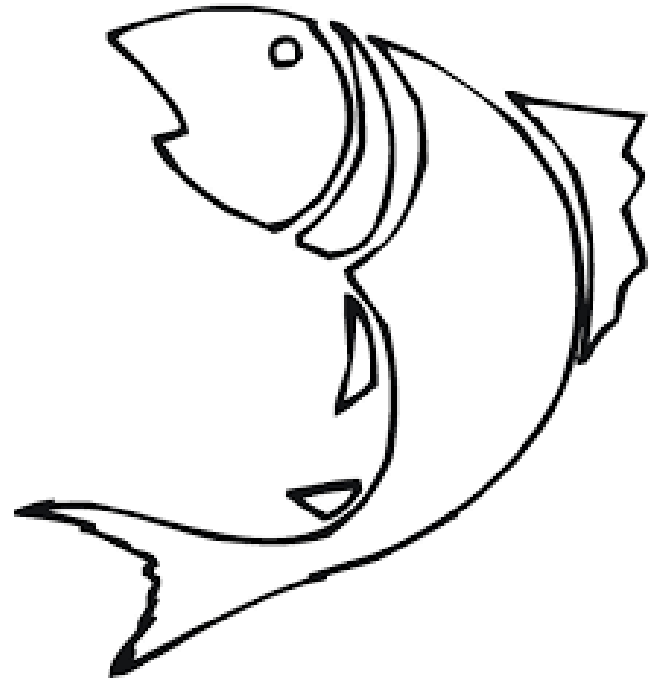
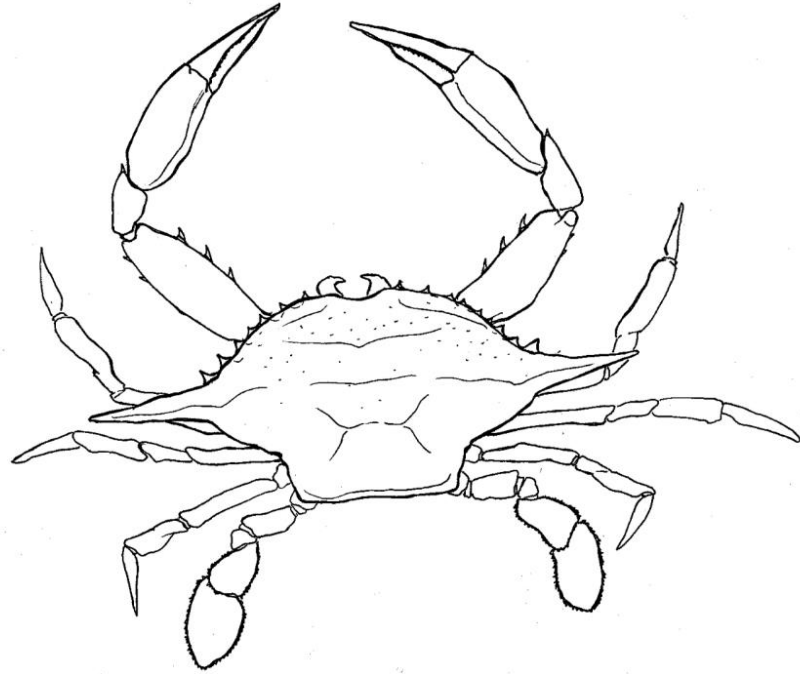
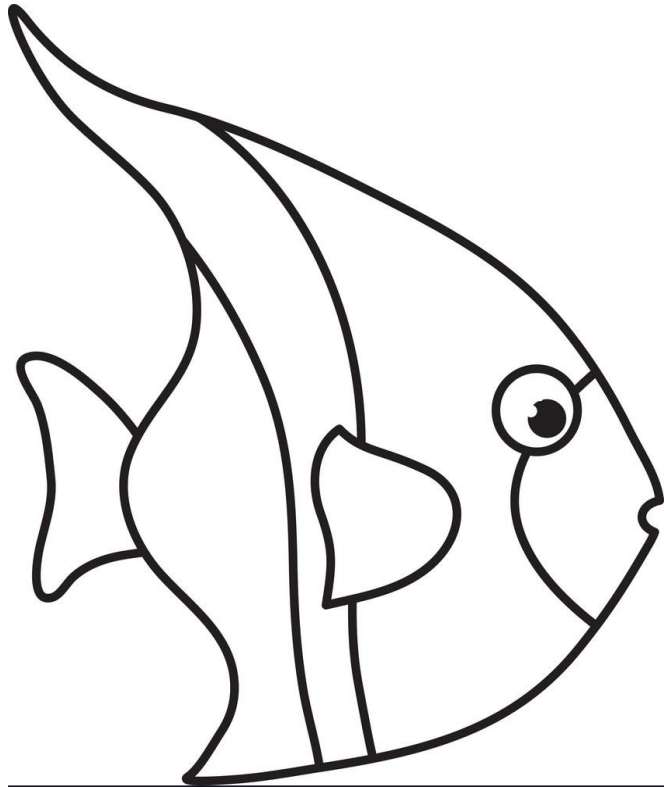
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Tropical fish and crabs are colorful



Here are some basic sea life shapes – how fantastic can you make them?





Use me as a coloring page!
Tropical fish are brightly colored.

Robert Gibbings (Ireland, 1889 - 1958)

The Lost Anchor, 1936

Wood engraving on paper

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E. Hubert Deines, 1969.84a

ARTSmart friends started their aquarium project by looking and noticing the layers of fish and sea plants.



Tropiquarical, 1982
Diane Balsley
Watercolor on paper
1986.10



Some of the things they used: seashells, stickers, wikki sticks and twist ties for seaweed, rocks, florist's moss to create sponges and seaweed, and colored beads and stones. We found some fun sea themed stickers, but you could easily cut out the fish from the earlier slides.

