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Virgin Islands Reef Creatures Guide Franko Maps Laminated Fish Card 4" X 6"



Synopsis

[A colorful guide that will help you identify more than 100 species of fish and other denizens of the waters surrounding the U.S. and British Virgin Islands Great for snorkelers, divers and nature lovers! This handy, waterproof reference is made of hard, laminated plastic. 4" x 6".

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Customer Reviews

Franko Maps Ltd. is known for producing the best travel, dive and snorkel maps, guides and fish cards for the Caribbean and other locations worldwide.

Item has almost all the common fish and many of the invertebrates found in the Virgin Islands. The card is approximately 4" x 6", is laminated on both sides, and has a single hole punched in the top to be used to attach to a lanyard or strap. The card is meant to be taken in the water while snorkeling or diving, and used as a reference when unknown marine creatures are encountered. Since many fish look completely different in the Juvenile stage than in the Adult stage, there are a few of the more common fish shown with Both pictures. The card is quite compact and can be easily stowed in a BDC pocket or attached to a Dive Slate. My only negative comments are 1) the text is a bit small for all the data on the 4"x6" card and can be hard to read at lower depths due to less light at that level. 2) after 1 week of dives (1 per day) and keeping the card tucked inside my rash guard top, the card de-laminated (that is, the two clear plastic layers separated from the colored paper interior that had the fish printed on it. I have another similar Fish ID card for Hawaii that is 6" x 9" . I prefer that size. The pictures are larger and the text is easier to read. I suggest buying these items BEFORE you take your trip, as they are cheaper online and you can study the

pictures and familiarize yourself with the common fish prior to encountering them; however, you may want to take some glue and sealing the edges of this before submersing it in water. If you just want a splash-resistant card, this would be fine AS IS.

I took this on my trip to St. John, USVI and it was very helpful in identifying fish when I snorkeled. I found this guy right in the middle of the card. It's coated so you can easily take it along with you.

My son recently moved to the Virgin Islands so I got him this card for Christmas before he left. He is now a kayak and snorkel guide at VI Eco Tours. He says the card is very useful and is very common there.

Well when you put 100 fish on a 4 inch by 6 inch card they are very hard to see. Well I should have known this going in. But anyway it was what it was. You need a good full sized book with one page per fish. It is waterproof and easy to carry. We saw lots of wonderful fish in St John.

The pictures are fairly accurate, but small, and there is no sense of the relative sizes of the fish. Several creatures that I saw on my most recent visit to the Virgin Islands are not shown. Still, as a basic starting point reference it is okay.

It is a handy little card to keep in your snorkeling bag. The only caveat is that it's a little hard to see some of the smaller fish. If I had it to do again I would probably look for one in a slightly larger size.

We were able to identify almost all of the fish we saw while snorkeling from our pictures and what we saw. Card is easy to read and PACKED with info. Well worth the cost and provided some good fun in figuring out what fish was what!

so handy, perfect size. heavy plastic seems durable

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