



REEF RESPONSIBLE SUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD INITIATIVE

REEF RESPONSIBLE describes the use of coral reefs and other marine natural resources in a way that does not deplete stocks or otherwise cause harm or degradation to those natural resources.

REEF RESPONSIBLE FISH LIST

GOOD CHOICE	USE CAUTION	DON'T EAT
✓	⚠	⊘
<p>LIONFISH</p> <p>DOLPHINFISH/MAHI MAHI</p> <p>WAHOO</p> <p>TUNA (Yellowfin, Skipjack, Little Tunny, Albacore)</p> <p>BONITO</p> <p>MACKEREL (Cero, Spanish, King /Kingfish)</p> <p>GRUNTS</p> <p>SQUIRRELFISH</p> <p>SNAPPERS (Schoolmaster, Queen, Gray/Mangrove)</p>	<p>SNAPPERS (Yellowtail, Black, Vermilion, Blackfin, Mutton, Silk, Lane)</p> <p>GROUPE (Red Hind/Cabrilla, Tiger, Black, Yellowfin, Yellowedge/Grammanik)</p> <p>POTFISH (Porgies, Angelfish, Triggerfish)</p> <p>PARROTFISH (Redband, Princess, Queen, Striped, Redtail, Stoplight, Redfin/Yellowtail)</p> <p>TUNA (Bluefin, Bigeye)</p>	<p>JACKS</p> <p>SWORDFISH</p> <p>SURGEONFISH (Ocean Surgeonfish, Blue Tang, Doctorfish)</p> <p>SHARKS</p> <p>QUEEN CONCH</p> <p>WHELK</p> <p>SPINY LOBSTER</p>
<p>SEA TURTLES (& eggs)</p> <p>GROUPE (Nassau, Goliath)</p> <p>PARROTFISH (Midnight, Rainbow, Blue)</p>	<p>These species are considered good choices because they mature quickly, reproduce rapidly, their populations are in a good state, or are sustainable alternatives to important reef species.</p>	
<p>These species have restrictions based on size and/or season. Certain species are also included due to their ecological role or risk for environmental toxins. Be familiar with restrictions, risks, and consume these seafood options in moderation.</p>		<p>These species are endangered or threatened, are protected by international, U.S. federal, and/or USVI local law, and should never be harvested.</p>

REEF RESPONSIBLE SIZES

ENSURE YOU CATCH OR BUY SEAFOOD THAT ABIDES BY THE FOLLOWING TERRITORIAL AND/OR FEDERAL LIMITS.

SPECIES	REEF LIMITS	MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT
PARROTFISH* (PRINCESS, QUEEN, STRIPED, REDTAIL, STOPLIGHT, REDFIN/YELLOWTAIL)	F	9-INCHES (FORK LENGTH)
QUEEN CONCH	FT	9-IN SHELL TIP TO END, 3/8 INCH (LIP WIDTH)
REDBAND PARROTFISH*	F	8-INCHES (FORK LENGTH)
SPINY LOBSTER	FT	3.5-INCHES (CARAPACE LENGTH)
SWORDFISH	F	47-INCHES (LOWER JAW FORK LENGTH)
TUNA (YELLOWFIN, BIGEYE, BLUEFIN)	FT	27-INCHES (FORK LENGTH)
YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER	F	12-INCHES (TOTAL LENGTH)
WHELK	T	2 7/16-INCHES (SHELL WIDTH)

FT FEDERAL & TERRITORIAL WATERS
 F FEDERAL WATERS ONLY
 T TERRITORIAL WATERS ONLY

*ST. CROIX EEZ ONLY

REEF RESPONSIBLE CALENDAR

SPECIES	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
FEDERAL WATERS ONLY												
RED HIND												
FEDERAL AND TERRITORIAL WATERS												
BLACK GROUPE												
RED GROUPE												
TIGER GROUPE												
YELLOWFIN GROUPE												
YELLOWEDGE GROUPE												
MUTTON SNAPPER												
LANE SNAPPER												
BLACK SNAPPER*												
BLACKFIN SNAPPER*												
SILK SNAPPER*												
VERMILION SNAPPER*												
QUEEN CONCH												
TERRITORIAL WATERS ONLY												
WHELK												

NO HARVEST
 HARVEST OKAY

Based on federal and USVI regulations as of July 2020 – subject to change. Detailed regulations can be found in the USVI Fisher Handbook.

*Exempt in St. Croix



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