

2006 WINTER PRINT: QUEEN ANGELFISH

Dear REEF Contributor:

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Thank you for your most generous contribution to REEF. Without your help REEF could not continue to assemble and disseminate vital information about fish population trends and biodiversity needed by the marine life management and environmental communities to help save our marine life heritage.

This years' print is of a Queen Angelfish, *Holacanthus ciliaris*. Of all the fish in the Tropical Western Atlantic, the Queen Angelfish is probably the first fish new divers learn to identify (with the possible exception of the Great Barracuda). Their stunning beauty catches the eye of every new diver and they immediately want to learn its name --hopefully starting them down the path of becoming avid fishwatchers and REEF members! Although there are about a "gazillion" pictures of this species out there, I've been flattered by many saying that this is the best picture of the Queen they have ever seen. With this in mind, we decided on this being the print to give all our contributing "ANGELS" for their generosity in 2006.

For you photo buffs, the picture was taken about 20 years ago with an old Nikon F and 60mm lens in an Oceanic housing with an Oceanic strobe -don't remember f stop, using Kodachrome 100 film. The big 2006 photographic news for me is that I finally went digital (and bankrupt) with a Canon EOS 5-D. Right now I'm in an Ikelite housing, but may move to a Nexus.

Thank you for supporting marine conservation!