

2019 WINTER PRINT: PICASSO TRIGGERFISH

Dear Friend,

We at REEF greatly appreciate your generous contribution. As a token of our sincere thanks, enclosed is a limited-edition print of a picture I took in the Red Sea. I hope you enjoy.

The picture is of a Picasso Triggerfish, *Rhinecanthus assasi*. It is found primarily in the Red Sea; its range extending into nearby areas such as Oman and the Persian Gulf in the Indian Ocean. Surrounding it is a large school of Scalefin Anthias, *Pseudanthias squamipinnis*, that includes both males and females. The Picasso Triggerfish is not uncommon and from a photographers' standpoint, usually not shy. They are generally solitary and are found on patch reefs and fringing reefs with sandy surroundings.

We chose this image to celebrate REEF's recent expansion of the Volunteer Fish Survey Project to the Indian Ocean and Red Sea. This vibrant and healthy reef scene reminds me that, despite all of the threats facing today's oceans, there is still hope that we can turn the tide. Your support helps make this possible!

The picture was taken years ago on film. In those days I was using a Nikon film camera with a 28mm lens.

Best "Fishes"

Thank you for supporting marine conservation!