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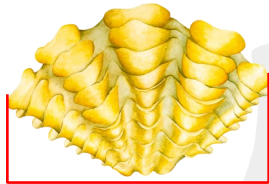
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AMERICAN SAMOA FISHING REGULATIONS STATES THAT IT IS UNLAWFUL TO TAKE, POSSESS, OR SELL THE FOLLOWING SPECIES. ALSO, TAKE NOTE OF THE LEGAL SIZE LIMITS FOR EACH SPECIES.

CORAL - "AMU"

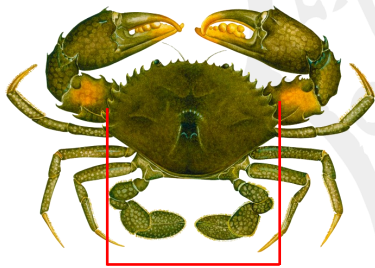
- Living coral in water less than 60 feet deep



6 INCHES—PERSONAL USE
7 INCHES—COMMERCIAL USE

GIANT CLAMS "FAISUA"

- A) Tridacnid clams under 6 inches, or B) sell any tridacnid clam under 7 inches
- Clams are measured across the widest part of the shell. All clams sold or offered for sale must be in whole condition (meat attached to shell).

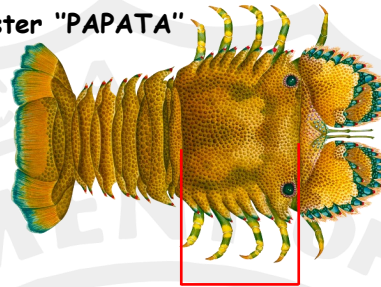


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MANGROVE CRAB "PA'ALEMAGO"

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Slipper lobster "PAPATA"

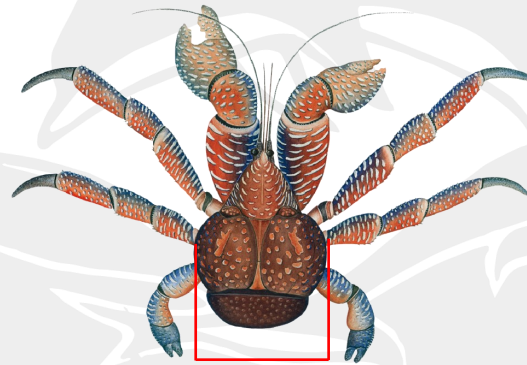


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LOBSTER "ULA"

Slipper lobster "PAPATA"

- Any egg-bearing slipper lobsters
- Unlawful to spear or snag lobsters

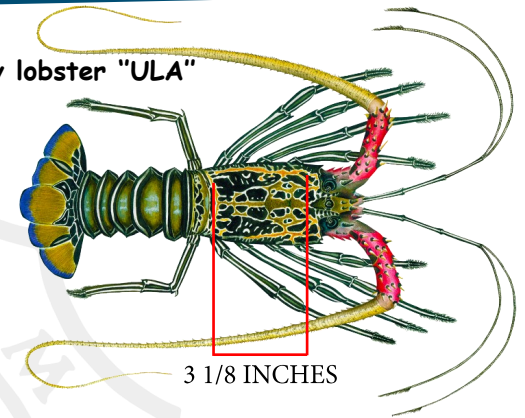


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COCONUT CRAB "UGA UTA" (U'Ū)

- Any coconut crab under 3 inches across the widest portion of the back, or any egg-bearing female, or interfere with a crab releasing larvae

Spiny lobster "ULA"



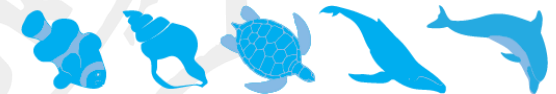
3 1/8 INCHES

SPINY LOBSTER "ULA"

- Any spiny lobster under 3 1/8 inches in carapace length (measure between horns from front to rear edge of carapace), or egg-bearing females
- All lobster must remain whole until processed.

**AQUARIUM FISH & ORNAMENTAL SHELLS
SEA TURTLES AND MARINE MAMMALS**

- Sea turtles (or their eggs), marine mammals (whales, dolphins, and porpoise), or their products



All Shark "Malie" Species



- The US Federal laws and regulations along with American Samoa allows landing of whole sharks but not shark fins in the territory.