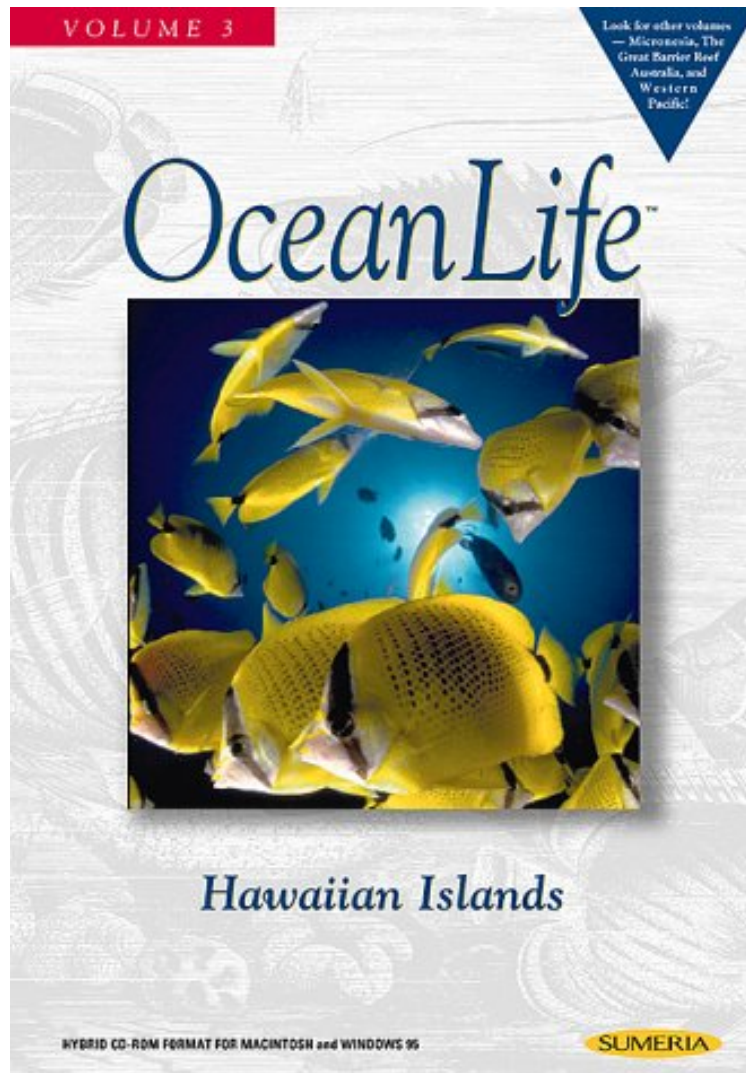


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The most complete collection of video on the fishes of the Hawaiian Archipelago, including the Johnston Atoll and Marshall Islands. The titles features include enhanced still photography, a visual index to fish families, fast-display maps of the Hawaiian archipelago, Latin name access, and extended morphology information on bony fishes. With more than 90 species, this CD-ROM features video of heretofore undocumented fish behavior on such subjects as

mating, predation, camouflage, brooding, and nesting. For educators, students, scuba divers, aquarists, and lovers of the ocean, this series lets you view the inhabitants of the ocean as never before possible.

From School Library Journal Grade 7 Up-OceanLife: Hawaiian Islands, a marvelous undersea feast for the eyes, examines undersea life in the Hawaiian Archipelago. The CD-ROM is divided into four major categories: "Family Index," "Fish Morphology," "Reef Life," and "Charts and Maps." From the attractive and easily navigable contents page, the other areas are easily accessed. From the Family Index, users select from the 32 families of undersea life by clicking on a picture of a representative of that family. Fish Morphology presents a labeled illustration of a fish. By clicking on a feature, variations of that feature are shown. For example, clicking on teeth will show the kinds of teeth that different fish possess. Reef Life contains spectacular film clips of behaviors including brooding, color change, defense, locomotion, and feeding. The Charts and Maps section shows the entire Hawaiian archipelago with the option of enlarging a map of the eight main islands which, in turn, can be enlarged. Accompanying text is readable and not at all intimidating to younger students. An icon appears on each page to provide narration for text. The most appealing aspect of the program is the spectacular film footage of undersea life. The clips are viewable in a small box or can be enlarged to full screen. An appropriately undersea-sounding score accompanies the film clips and narration. The films are viewed using QuickTime Player which is loaded on the CD and effortlessly installed. The program contains a search feature that quickly locates the searched term in the text. Another nifty feature allows the export of text or film clips as well as the printing of individual screens. Users are permitted unlimited export for non-commercial use. Even computer novices will easily find their way around this program which is flawlessly designed, visually and aurally appealing, wonderfully useable, and extremely informative. Michael Brown, Greenbelt Middle School, MD Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. "The grown-up version of 'Fish With Names Like...,' Sumeria has put out an electronic 'book' with more than 90 species of marine life found throughout the Hawaiian Islands, as well as topographical and relief maps of the region." -- Dive Travel, 5/974 Mouse Rating. Top 50 CD ROMs of the Year. Gorgeous Clips, encyclopedic facts. -- Mac User Magazine, 10/945 Disks. Highest Rating. -- CD ROM Today, 3/95A biologist I'm not. Yet I loved it. -- Computer Graphics World, 2/95 Bronze Apple Award. -- National Educational Media Network, 5/95 From the Publisher As with so many aspects of Hawaii's natural history, its underwater resources are unique, many endemic to the Hawaiian archipelago. Filming primarily in the waters from the Big Island to Maui and Lanai, the producers documented most of the commonly seen fish families in Hawaiian waters. The CD tells a story of recovering underwater populations due to long-standing efforts to preserve the states reefs and waters. Most telling is the comeback of Hawaii's green turtle populations, visible even to casual observers in the regions waters. While most divers spurn the states diving, the publishers have documented many extraordinary and overlooked aspects of the regions marine life. Of the families well represented in the region the acanthurids (surgeonfishes) and chaetodontidae (butterflyfishes) have an extraordinary diversity.