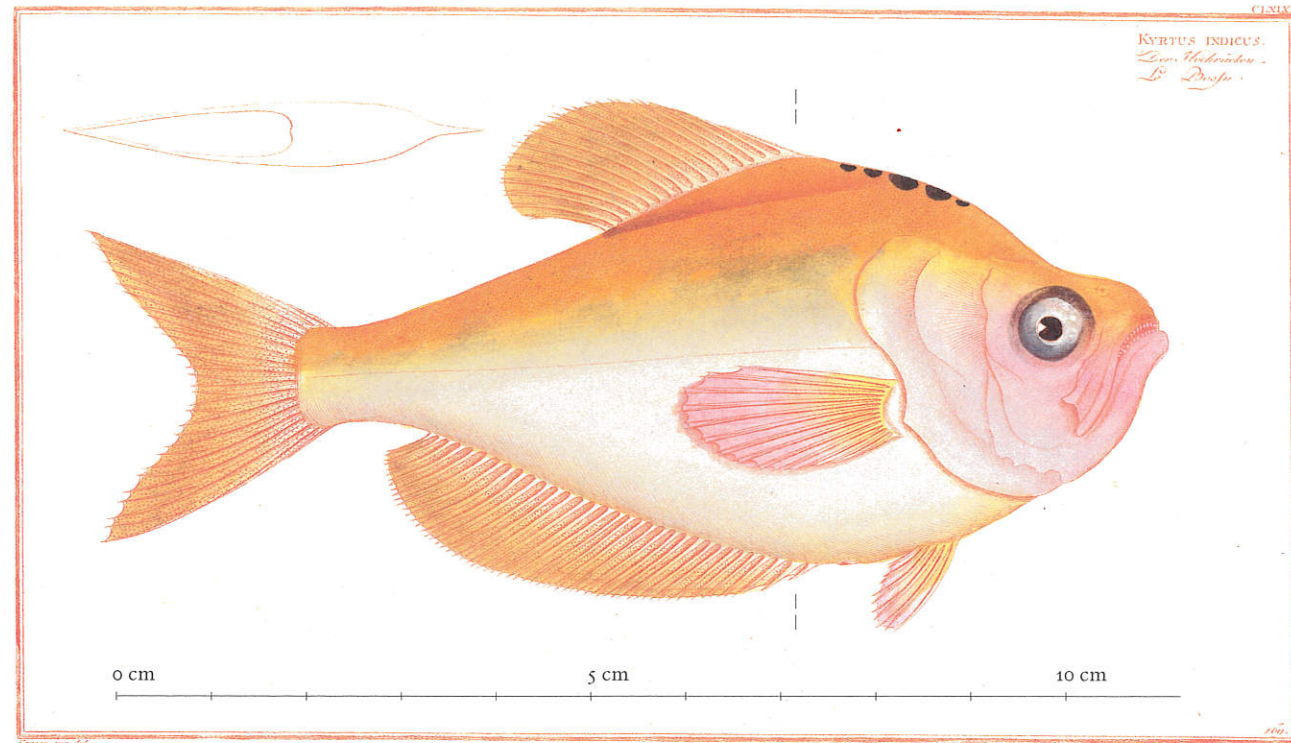
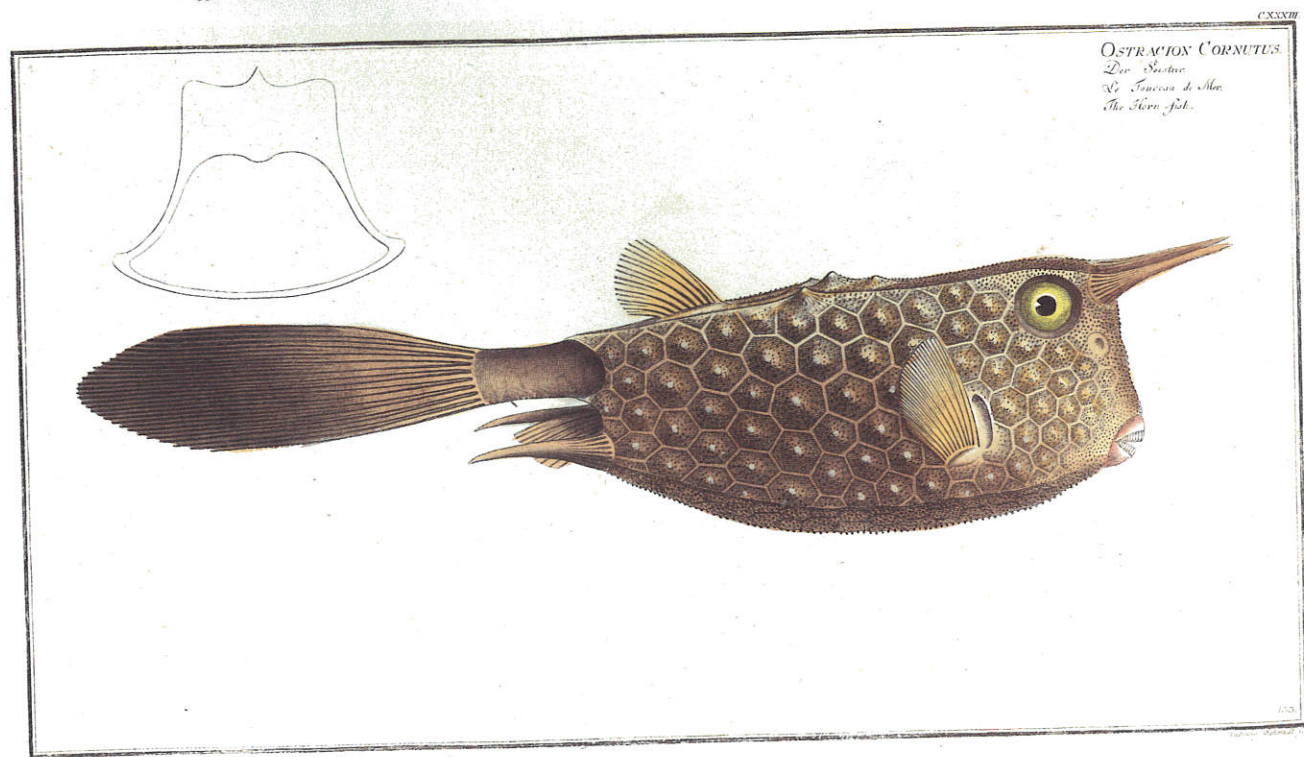


AMONG the most beautiful natural history books ever, Markus Bloch's *Ichthyologie* presents 216 fishes, from tiny seahorses to large sharks, all drawn to fit exactly into identical boxes framing the images. Thus every fish has both a *different and unknown* scale of measurement.

Markus-Eliezer Bloch, *Ichthyologie, ou Histoire Naturelle, Générale et Particulière des Poissons*, 6 volumes (Berlin, 1795).



All the more reason to map the images on the universal ruler. Here gentle redesigns show measurement scales and the locations of cross-sections. The original hand-colored engravings at least map the images by means of cross sections and multilingual names.

Above, *Kürtus indicus*, volume 5, 98-99; below, *Ostracion cornutus*, volume 4, at 110-111. Redrawn.

