

# Frutti Islands

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Frutti Islands is a series on the theme “Island”. At the beginning of this project I asked myself the questions what images could possibly represent an island and how could one create an image to represent the fullness of the “fruits” of an island? An island, for me, has always been a place in the middle of nowhere, an isolated place full of surprises and joy. Islands are exotic and hold warmth and exotic fruits, they’re surrounded by water and sunshine, sandy beaches and beautiful flora.



I wanted to create images that display exactly this. Images which play on all of these feelings and are captivating. The idea of using exotic fruits to create little islands was therefore a given. Every island has their own little secrets and every island holds their special little “fruits.” Islands are places of individuality, places of mystery and beauty. On an island, time can seem irrelevant, as we lie on sandy beaches receiving warmth and energy from the sun; we dream of endless possibilities, while drinking a fruit cocktail and fantasizing about perhaps being on a pineapple island.

I used a small aquarium in which I placed the individual fruits. I wanted the lighting to be as smooth and authentic as possible, so I did not use a flash. I used a large bright construction light to imitate the sun. The issue of the long exposure, up to 2 seconds, while using water and floating fruit was tricky. To prevent the image from being out of focus, I attached the fruit with a thread to the ceiling. This also proved handy, as I was able to level the height of the fruit. The background was an image, which I had printed on to normal paper and hung behind the aquarium, in which the fruit was held.



**Mango Island**  
Edition of 5 at 17cm x 15cm



**Strawberry Island**  
Edition of 5 at 17cm x 15cm



**Physalis Island**  
Edition of 5 at 17cm x 15cm



**Kiwi Island**  
Edition of 5 at 17cm x 15cm



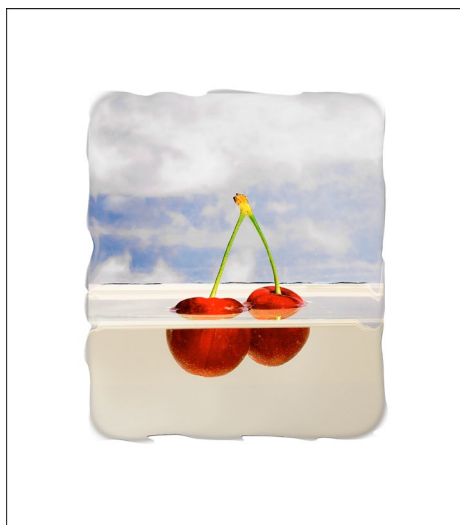
**Kaki Island**  
Edition of 5 at 17cm x 15cm



**Grape Island**  
Edition of 5 at 17cm x 15cm



**Banana Island**  
Edition of 5 at 17cm x 15cm



**Cherry Island**  
Edition of 5 at 17cm x 15cm



**Pineapple Island**  
Edition of 5 at 17cm x 15cm