

The Red Sea



This document is a pictorial description of the wildlife we have seen in the upper Red Sea area, with photographs mostly taken at Sharm el Sheikh but also including some from Eilat, Hurghada, Tiran Island and Ras Mohamed.

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Pigeons and Doves: Laughing dove (*Spilopelia senegalensis*)



Gulls, Terns and Skimmers: Black-headed Gull (*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*)



Common Tern (*Sterna hirundo*)



Crows - Hooded Crow (*Corvus cornix*)



Leaf Warblers - Common Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*)



Sylviid Warblers - Sardinian Warbler (*Curruca melanocephala*)

Old World Flycatchers - Bluethroat (*Luscinia svecica*)

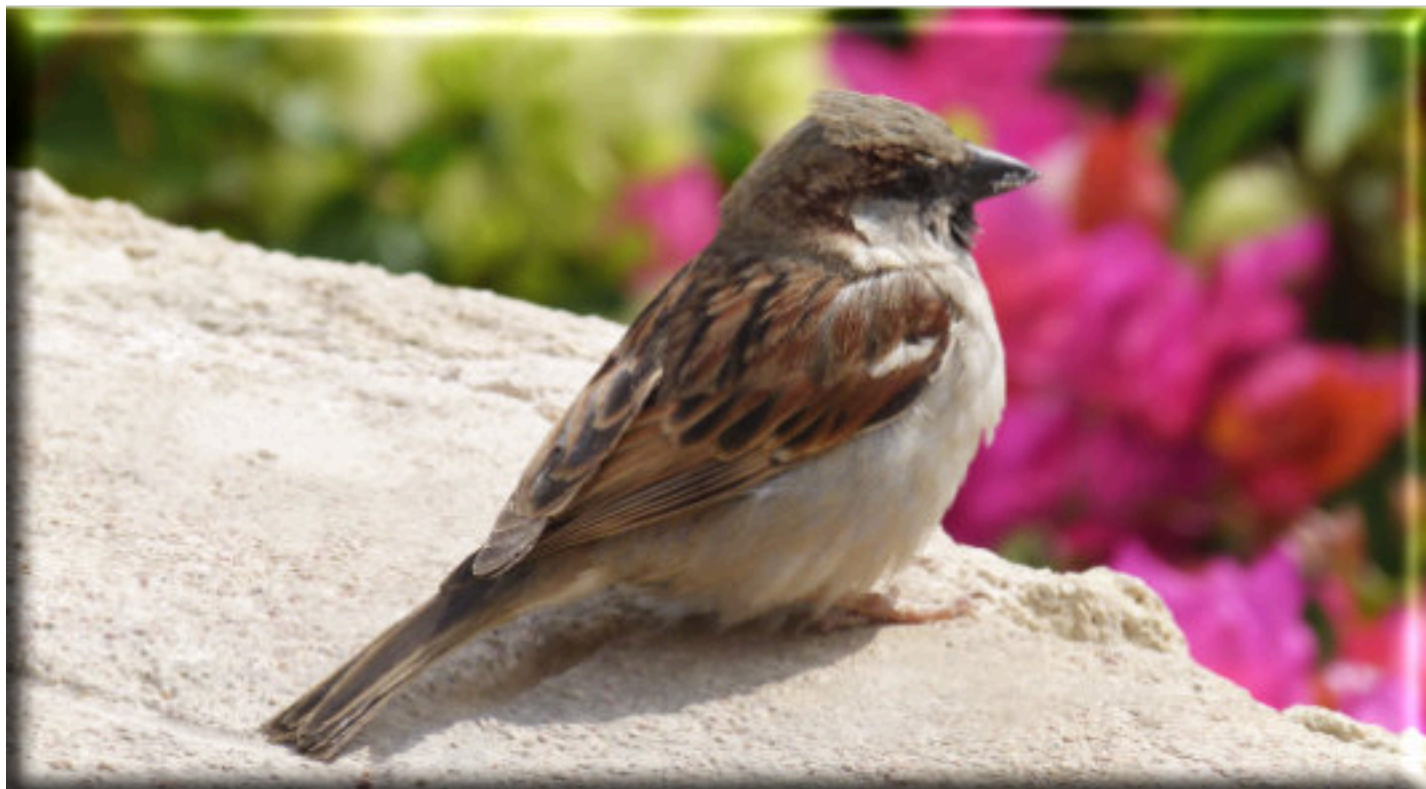


Male



Female

Old World Sparrows - House Sparrow (*Passer domesticus*)



Male



Female



Wagtails and Pipits - White Wagtail (*Motacilla alba*)



Kingfishers - Common Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)

Falcons and Caracaras - Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)



Male



Female



Ospreys - Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)



Plovers and Lapwings - Ringed Plover (*Charadrius hiaticula*)

Herons, Egrets and Bittens - Little Egret (*Egretta Garzetta*)



(Dark variant)



Little Egret (juvenile)

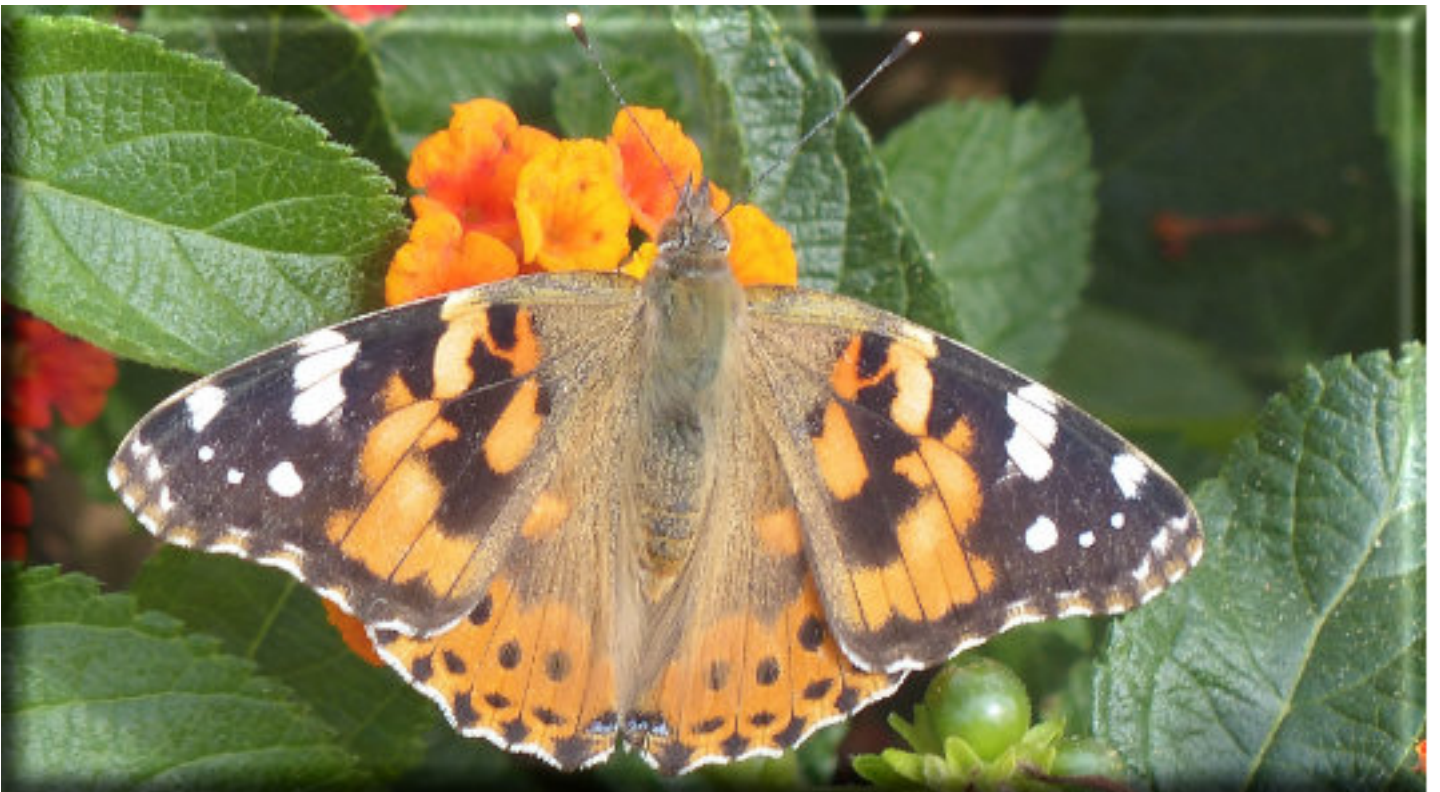


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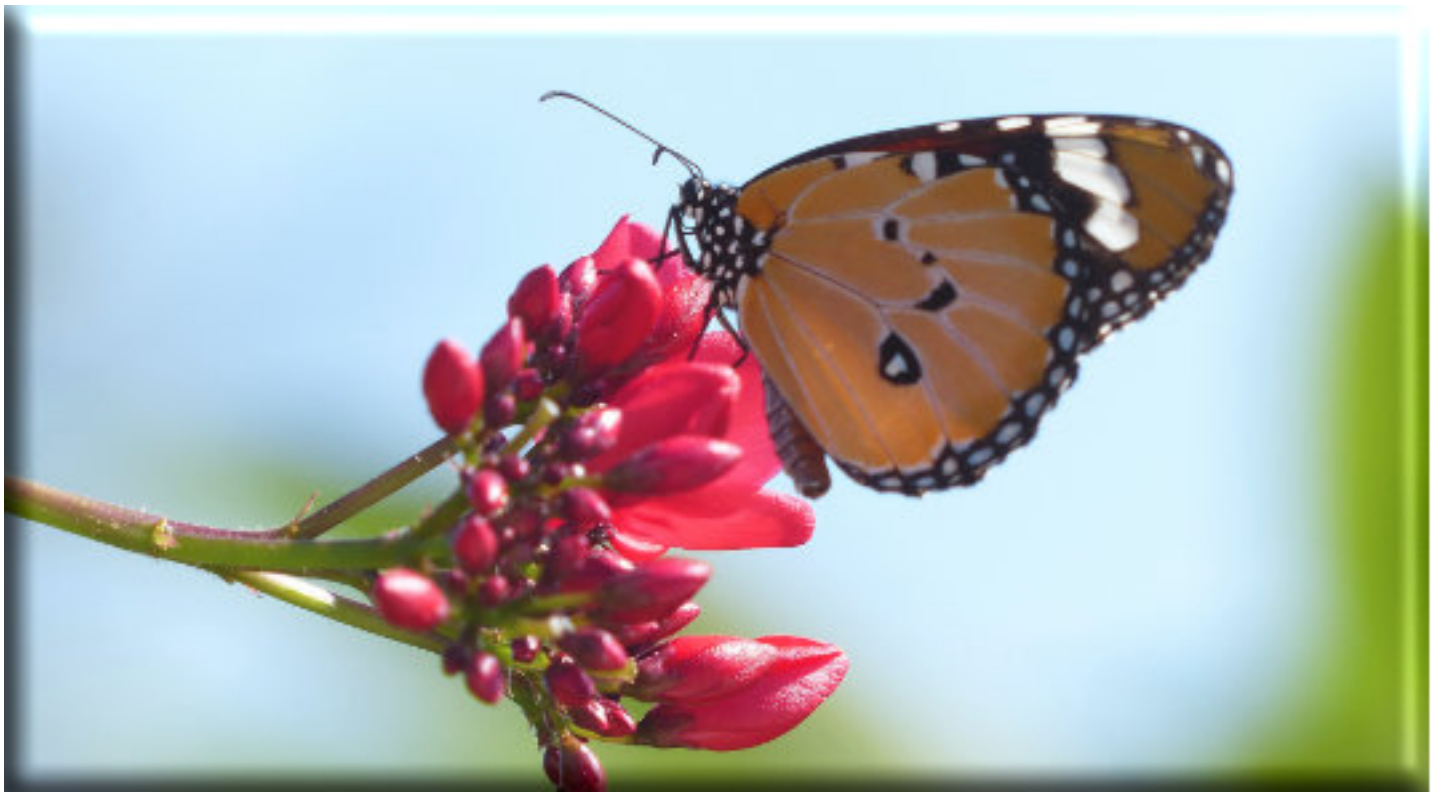


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Pieridae - African Migrant (*Catopsilia florella*)



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Female



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Reptiles - Lizards



Geckos - Ragazzi's Fan-footed Gecko (*Ptyodactylus ragazzii*)

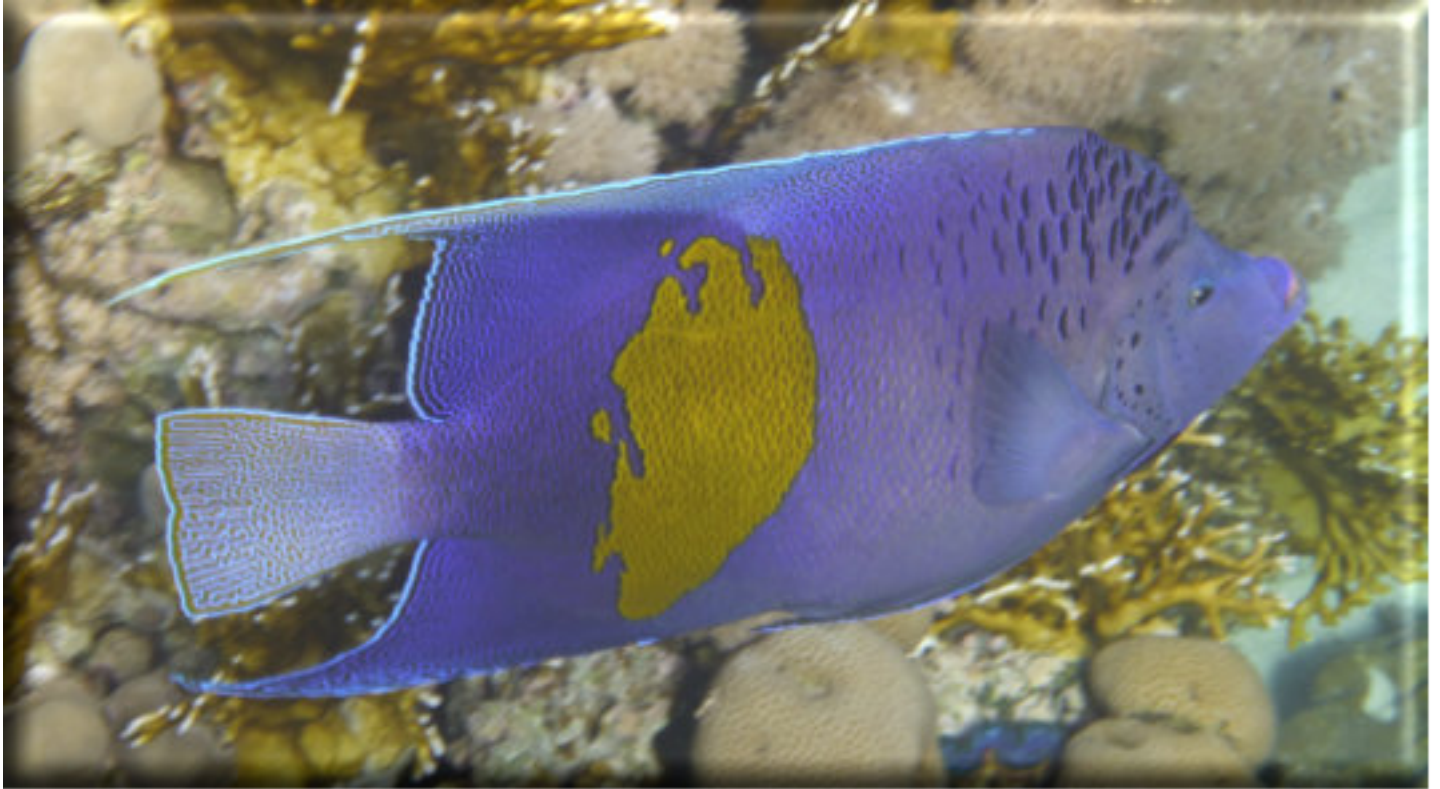


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Ophisops - Western Snake-eyed Lizard (*Ophisops occidentalis*)

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Regal Angelfish (*Pygoplites diacanthus*)



Zebra Angelfish (*Genicanthus caudovittatus*)

Barracudas (Sphyraenidae)

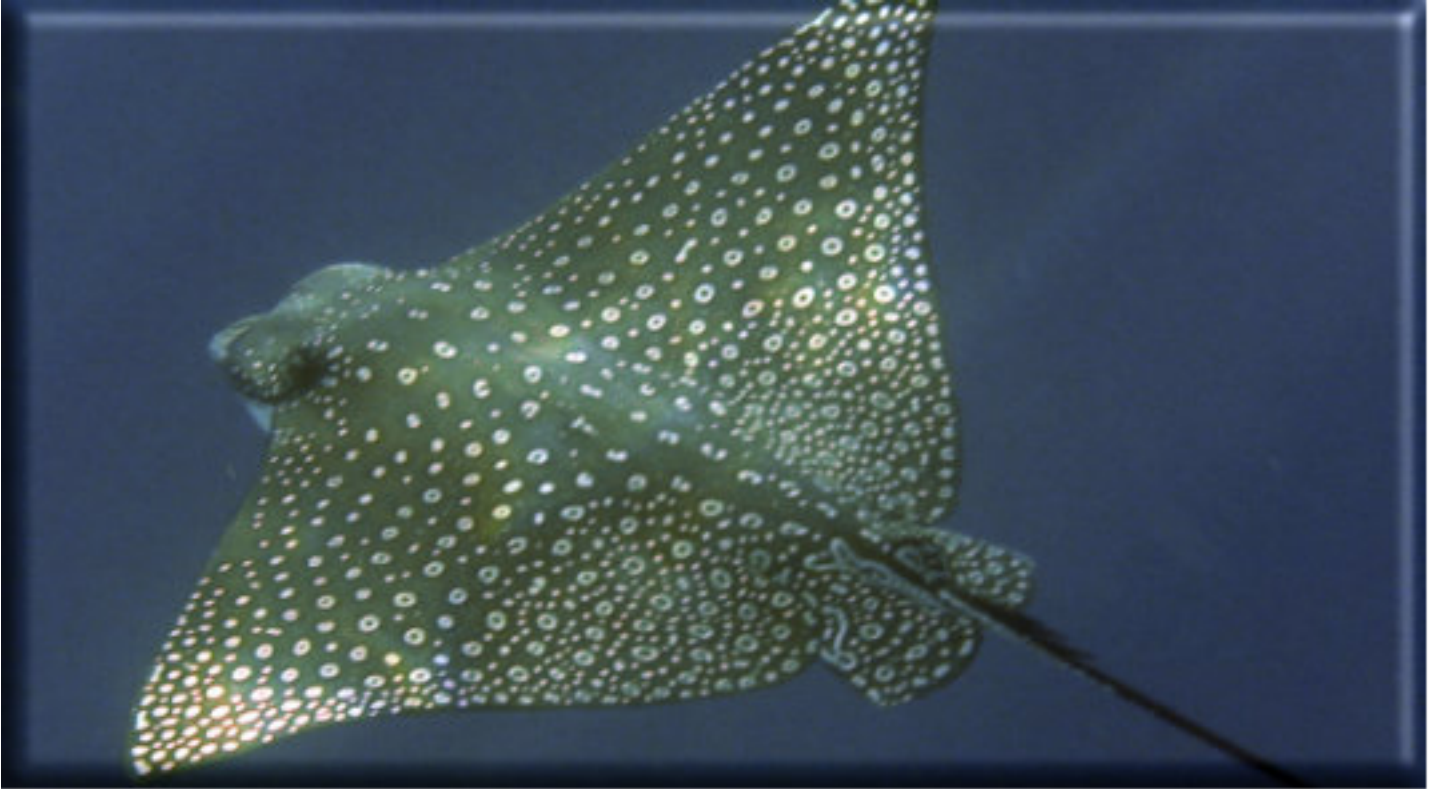


Blackfin Barracuda (*Sphyraena genie*)



Yellowtail Barracuda (*Sphyraena flavicauda*)

Batoid Fishes (Rays)



Eagle Rays (Myliobatidae) Spotted Eagle Ray (*Aetobatis narinari*)

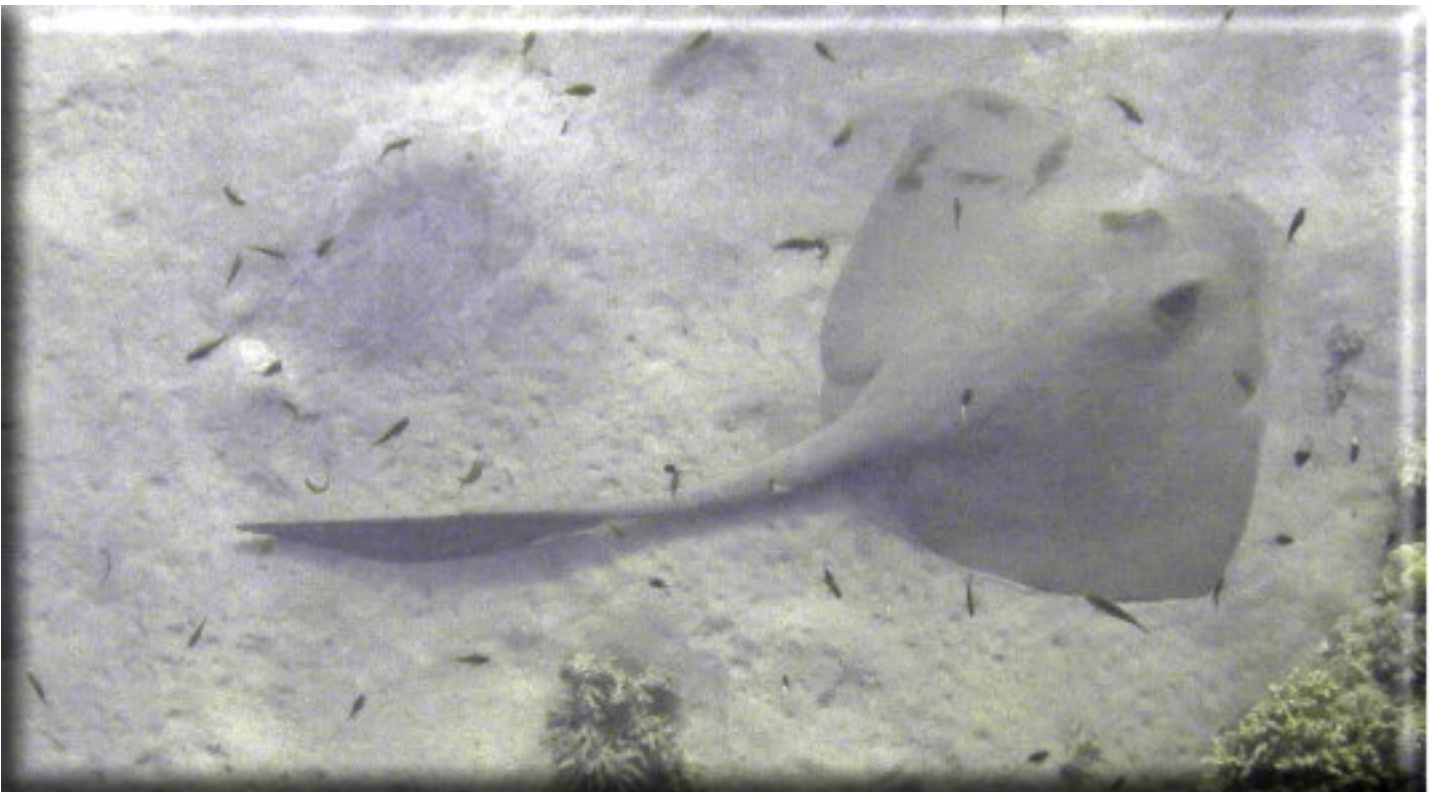


Manta and Devil Rays (Mobulidae) Manta Ray (*Manta birostris*)

Stingrays (Dasyatidae)



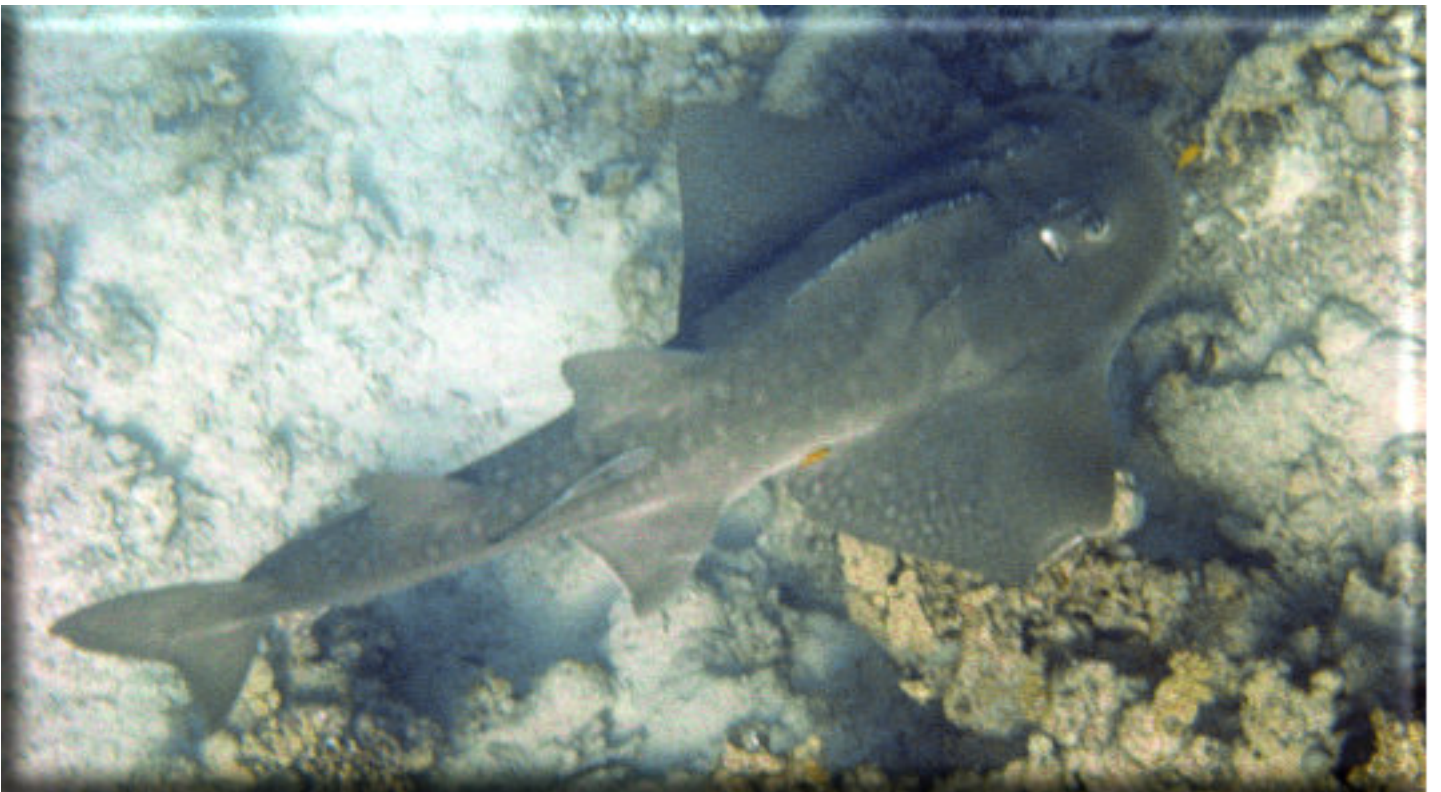
Bluespotted Stingray (*Taeniura lymma*)



Fantail Stingray (*Pastinachus sephen*)



Torpedo Rays (Torpedinidae) Leopard Torpedo Ray (*Torpedo panthera*)



Wedgefishes (Rhinidae) Bowmouth Wedgefish (*Rhina ancylostoma*)

Bigeyes (Priacanthidae)



Crescent Tail Bigeye (*Priacanthus hamrur*)

Blennies (Blenniidae)



Chestnut Blenny (*Cirripectes castaneus*)



Leopard Blenny (*Exallias brevis*)

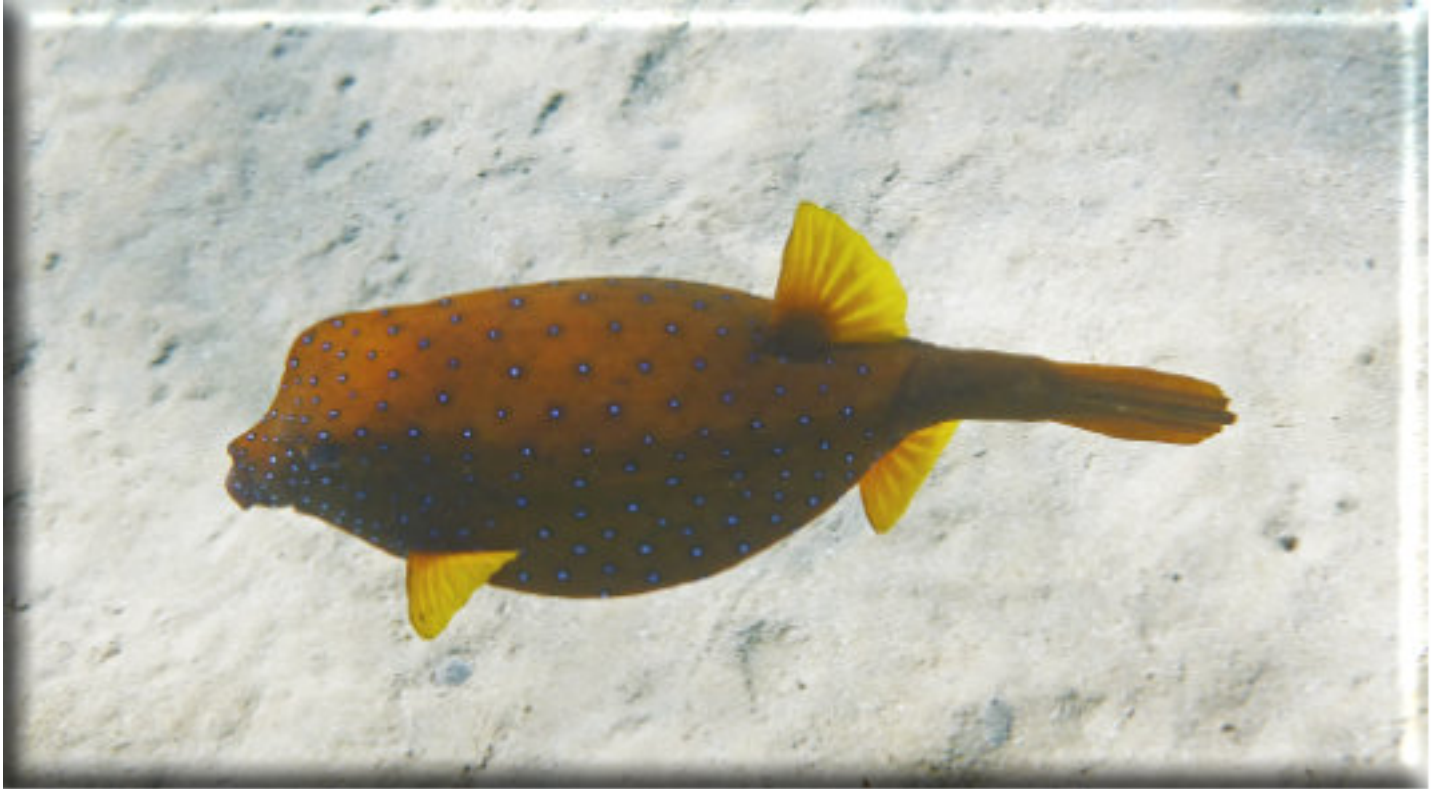


Rippled Rockskipper (*Istiblennius edentulus*)

Boxfishes or Trunkfishes (Ostraciidae)



Bluetail Trunkfish (*Ostracion cyanurus*)



Female



Yellow Boxfish (*Ostracion cubicus*) Male

Breams (sea) (Sparidae)



Doublebar Bream (*Acanthopagrus bifasciatus*)

Butterflyfishes (Chaetodontidae)



Blackbacked Butterflyfish (*Chaetodon melannotus*)



Chevron Butterflyfish (*Chaetodon trifasciatus*)



Crown Butterflyfish (*Chaetodon paucifasciatus*)



Exquisite Butterflyfish (*Chaetodon austriacus*)



Lined Butterflyfish (*Chaetodon lineolatus*)



Masked Butterflyfish (*Chaetodon semilarvatus*)



Orangeface Butterflyfish (*Chaetodon larvatus*)



Red Sea Bannerfish (*Heniochus intermedius*)



Red Sea Raccoon Butterflyfish (*Chaetodon fasciatus*)



Threadfin Butterflyfish (*Chaetodon auriga*)

Cardinalfishes (Apogonidae)



Fiveline Cardinalfish (*Cheilodipterus quinquelineatus*)

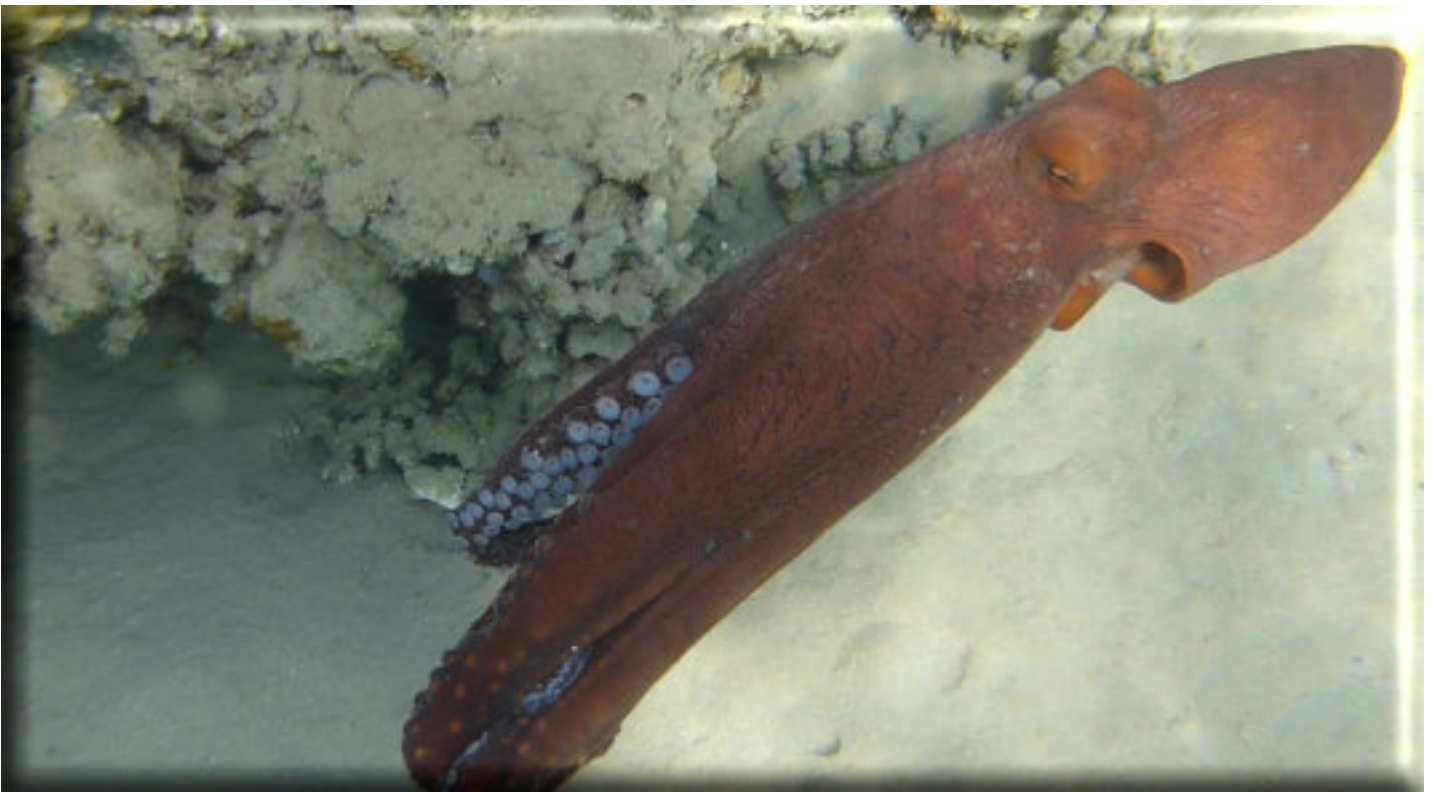


Tiger Cardinalfish (*Cheilodipterus macrodon*)

Cephalopods (Cephalopoda)



Bigfin Reef Squid (*Sepioteuthis lessoniana*)



Reef Octopus (*Octopus cyaneus*)

Cornetfishes (Fistulariidae)



Smooth Cornetfish (*Fistularia commersonii*)

Crinoids (Crinoidea)



(Acanthasteridae) Crown of Thorns Starfish (*Acanthaster planci*)



(Colobometridae) Sawtoothed Feather Star (*Oligometra serripinna*)

Basket and Brittle Stars (Ophiuroidea)



Basket Stars (Gorgonocephalidae) Gorgon Head (*Astroboa nuda*)



Reef Brittle Stars (Ophiocomidae) Flat Brittle Star (*Ophiocoma scolopendrina*)

Sea Stars (Asteroidea)



(Ophidiasteridae) Egyptian Sea Star (*Gomophia egyptiaca*)

Crustaceans (Arthropoda, Crustacea)



Coral Shrimps (Stenopodidae) Boxer Shrimp (*Stenopus hispidus*)



Crabs (Brachyura) Red Sea Ghost Crab (*Ocypode saratan*)



Hepatic Box Crab (*Calappa hepatica*)



Thinstripe Hermit Crab (*Clibanarius vittatus*)

Sally Lightfoot and Land Crabs (Grapsidae)



Common Sally Lightfoot (*Grapsus tenuicristatus*)



Mottled Sally Lightfoot (*Grapsus albolineatus*)

Damselfishes (Pomacentridae)



Arabian Chromis (*Chromis flavaxilla*)



Black Damselfish (*Neoglyphidodon melas*)



Bluegreen Chromis (*Chromis viridis*)



Half-and-half Chromis (*Chromis dimidiata*)



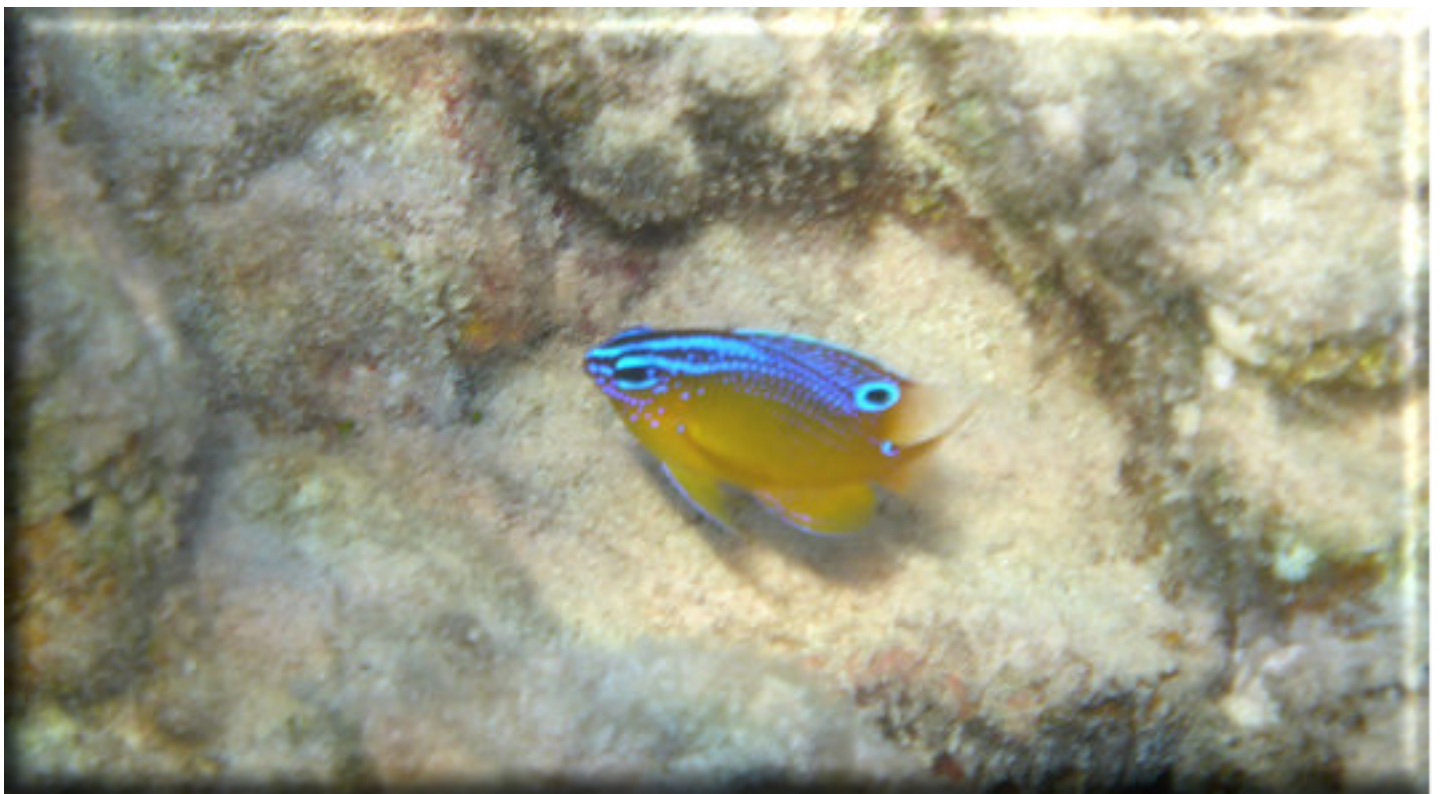
Humbug Dascyllus (*Dascyllus aruanus*)



Miry's Demoiselle (*Neopomacentrus miryae*)



Onespot Demoiselle (*Chrysiptera unimaculata*)



Juvenile



Pale Damselfish (*Amblyglyphidodon indicus*)



Red Sea Anemonefish (*Amphiprion bicinctus*)



Red Sea Dascyllus (*Dascyllus marginatus*)



Reticulated Damselfish (*Pomacentrus trichourus*)



Indo-pacific Sergeant (*Abudefduf vaigiensis*)



Scissortail Sergeant (*Abudefduf sexfasciatus*)



Blackspot Sergeant (*Abudefduf sordidus*)



Sulphur Demoiselle (*Pomacentrus sulfureus*)



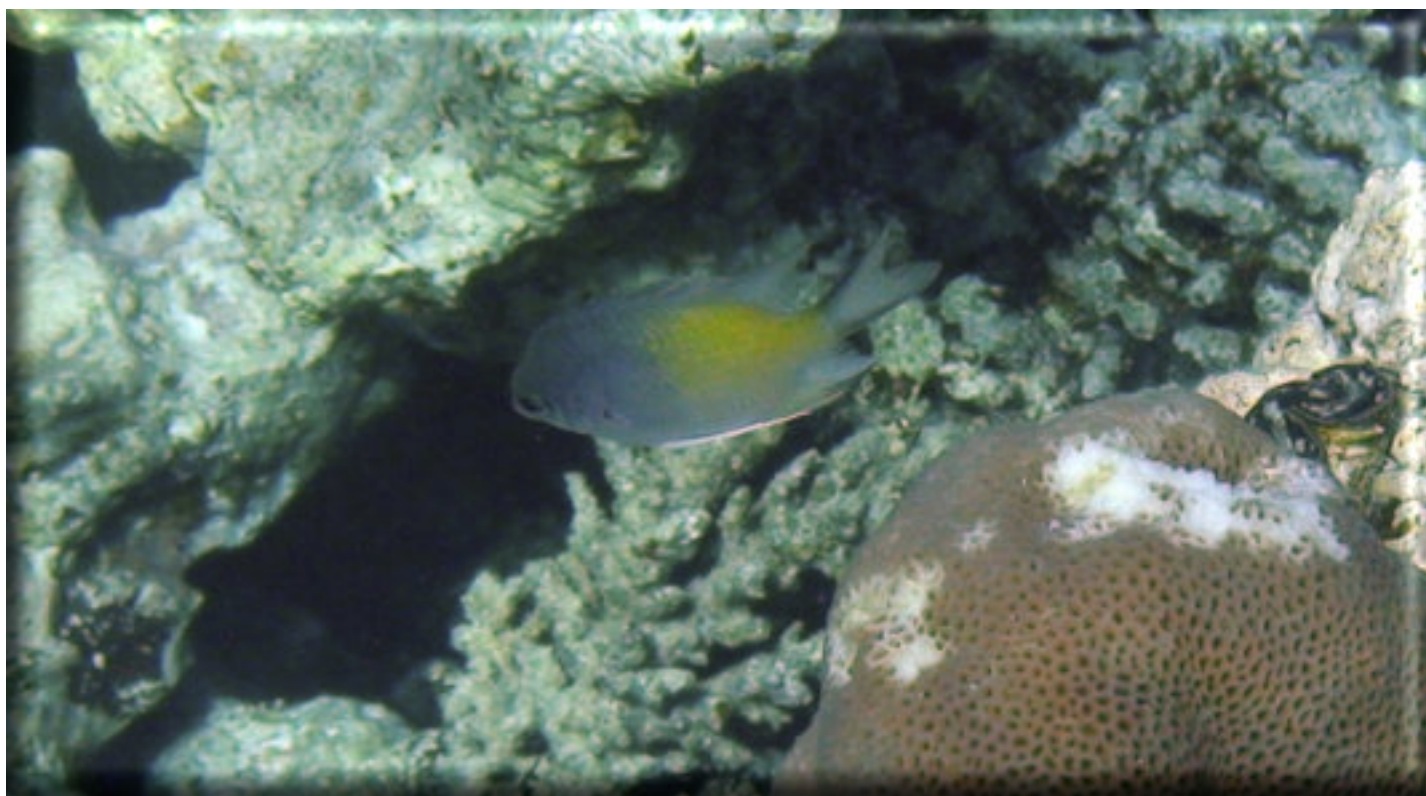
Three Spot Dascyllus (*Dascyllus trimaculatus*)



Whiteband Damselfish (*Plectroglyphidodon leucozonus*)



Whitefin Damselfish (*Pomacentrus albicaudatus*)



Yellow-side Damselfish (*Amblyglyphidodon flavilatus*)



Jewel damselfish (*Plectroglyphidodon lacrymatus*)

Dartfishes (*Ptereleotridae*)



Blackfin Dartfish (*Ptereleotris evides*)

Emperors (Lethrinidae)



Bigeye Emperor (*Montaxis grandoculis*)



Mahsena Emperor (*Lethrinus mahsena*)



Snubnose Emperor (*Lethrinus borbonicus*)



Spangled Emperor (*Lethrinus nebulosus*)



Yellowlip Emperor (*Lethrinus xanthurus*)

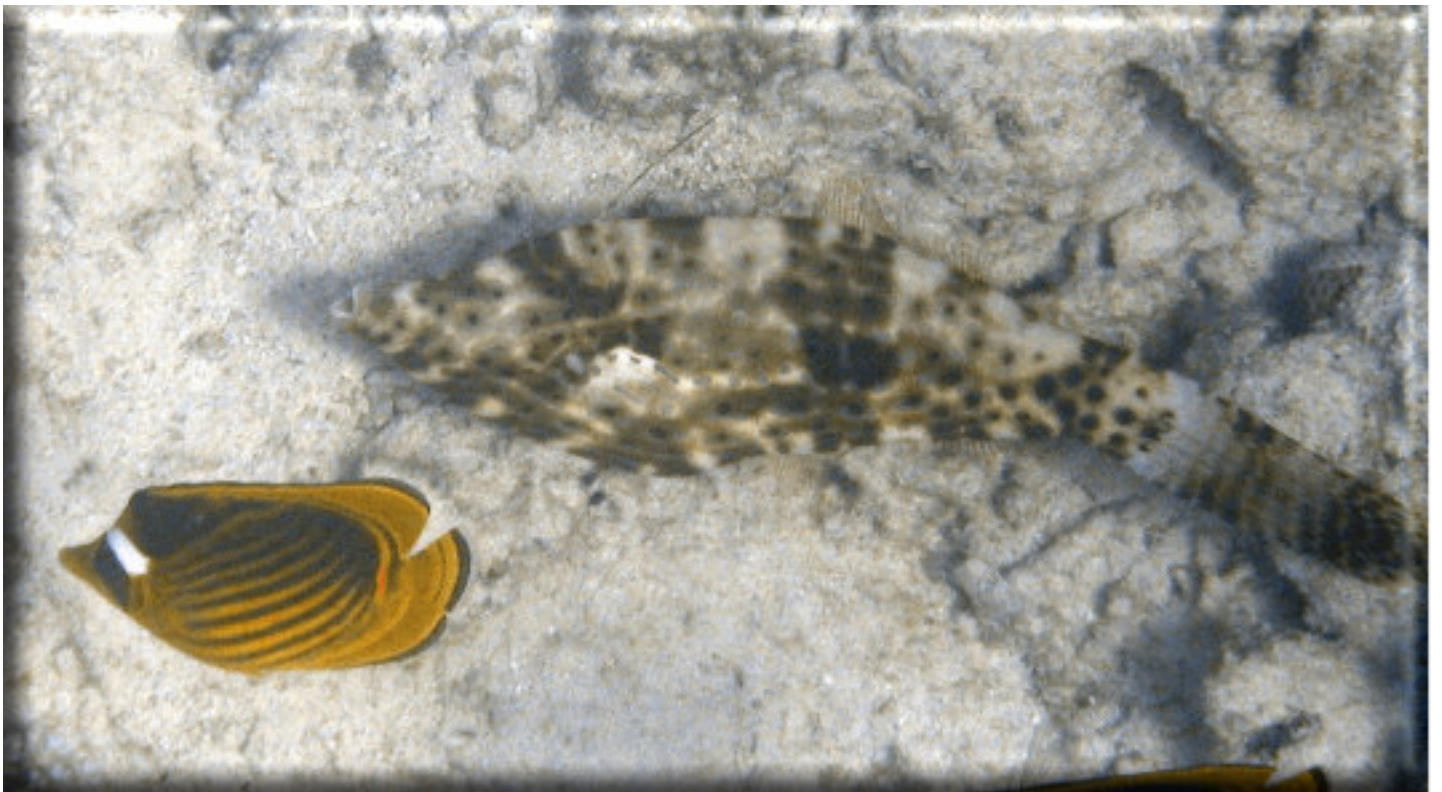
Filefishes (Monacanthidae)



Broom Filefish (*Amanes scopas*)



Honeycomb Filefish (*Cantherinus pardalis*)



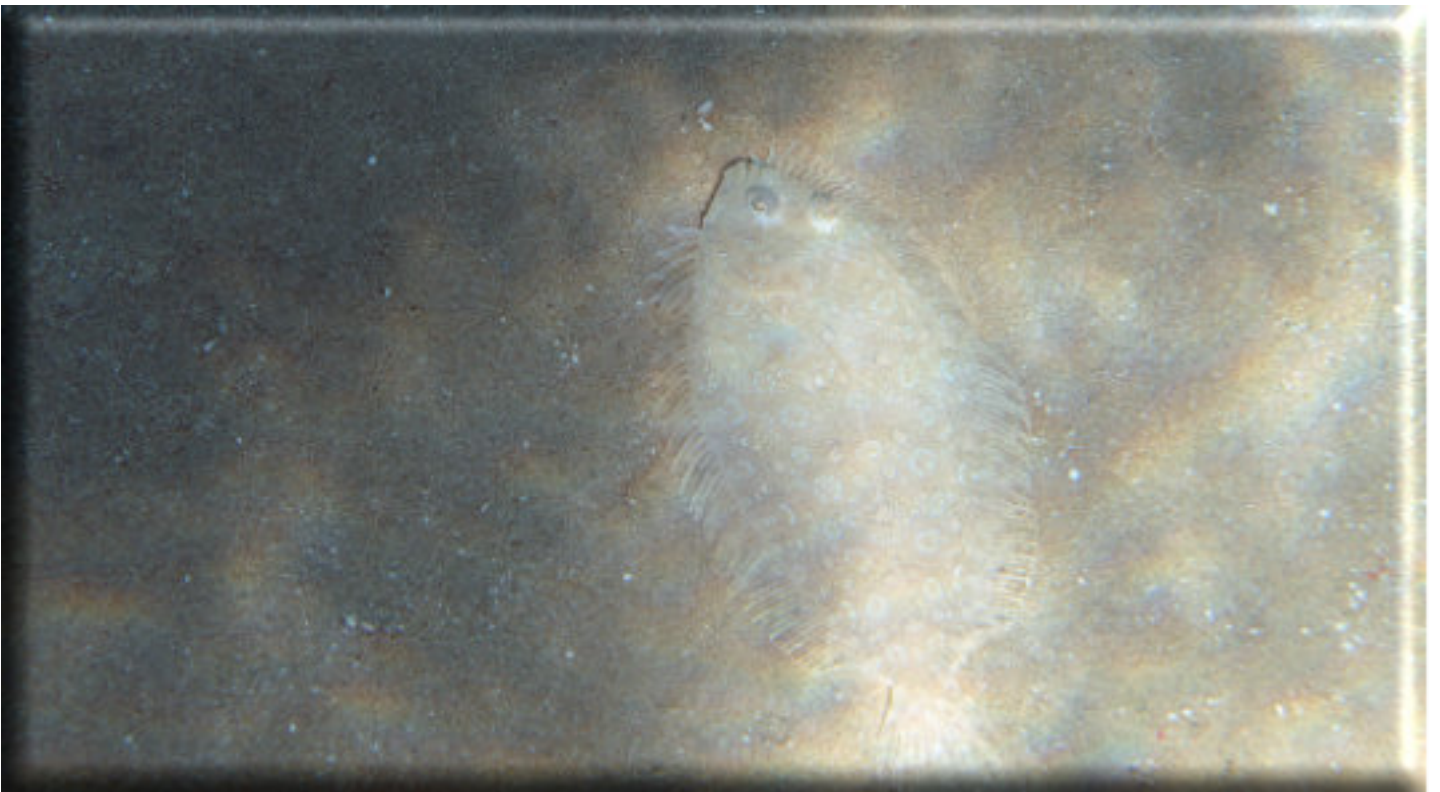
Scrawled Filefish (*Aluterus scriptus*)

Flatheads (Platycephalidae)



Indian Ocean Crocodilefish (*Papilloculiceps longiceps*)

Flounders (Bothidae)



Leopard Flounder (*Bothus pantherinus*)

Fusiliers (Caesionidae)



Lunar Fusilier (*Caesio lunaris*)



Red Sea Fusilier (*Caesio suevica*)



Striated Fusilier (*Caesio striata*)



Yellow-lined Fusilier (*Caesio varilineata*)

Goatfishes (Mullidae)



Long Barbel Goatfish (*Parupeneus macronema*)



Red Sea Goatfish (*Parupeneus forsskali*)



Yellowfin Goatfish (*Mulloidichthys vanicolensis*)



Yellowstripe Goatfish (*Mulloidichthys flavolineatus*)



Yellowsaddle Goatfish (*Parupeneus cyclostomus*)

Gobies (Gobiidae)



Maiden Goby (*Valenciennea puellaris*)



Tailspot Goby (*Amblygobius albimaculatus*)

Groupers, Anthiases, Soapfishes (Serranidae)



Anthiases (Serranidae) Lyretail Anthias (*Pseudanthias squamipinnis*) Female



Male



Red Sea Anthias (*Pseudanthias taeniatus*)

Soapfishes



Red Sea Soapfish (*Diploprion drachi*)



Six Striped Soapfish (*Grammistes sexilineatus*)

Groupers



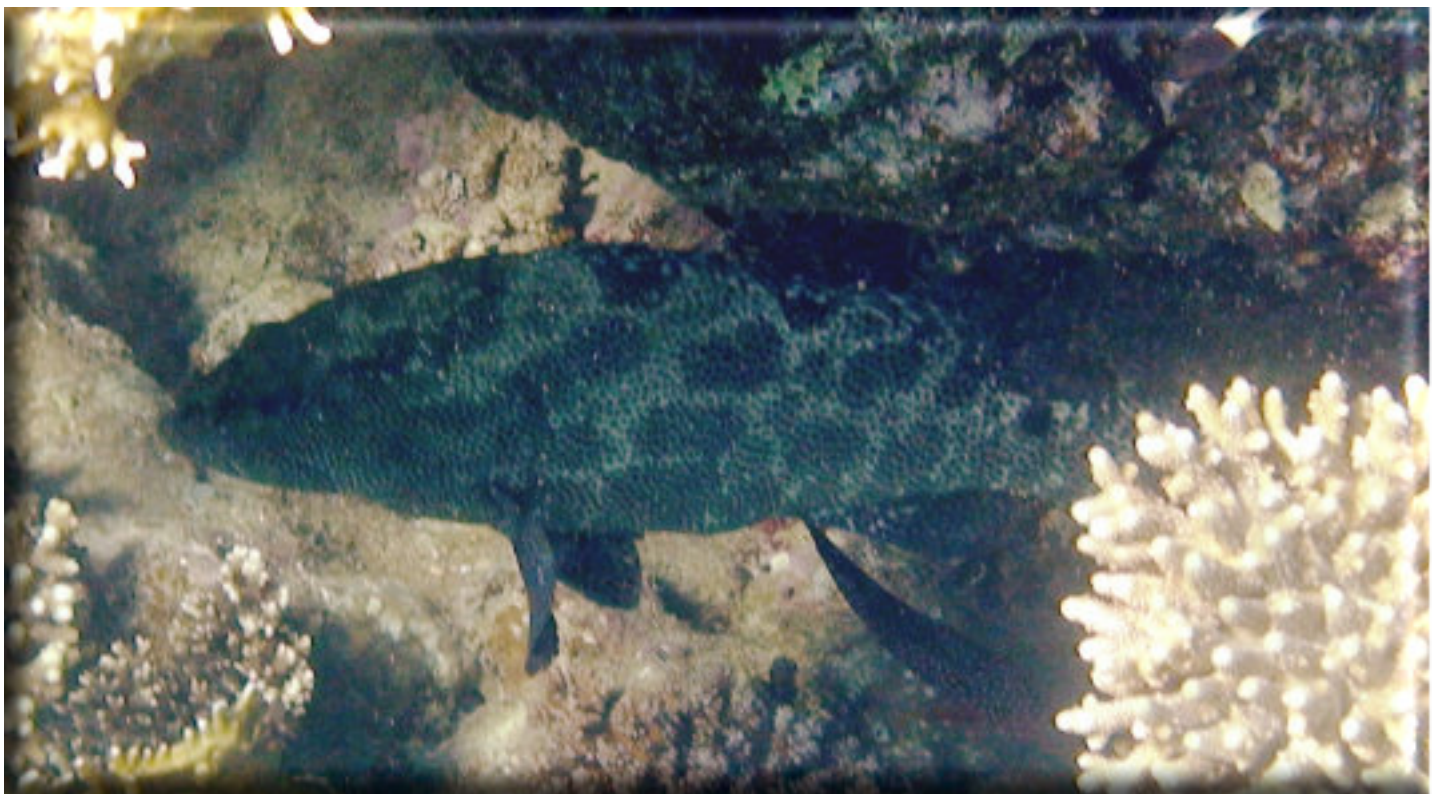
Blacktip Grouper (*Epinephelus fasciatus*)



Blue and yellow Grouper (*Epinephelus flavocaeruleus*)



Brown-marbled Grouper (*Epinephelus fuscoguttatus*)



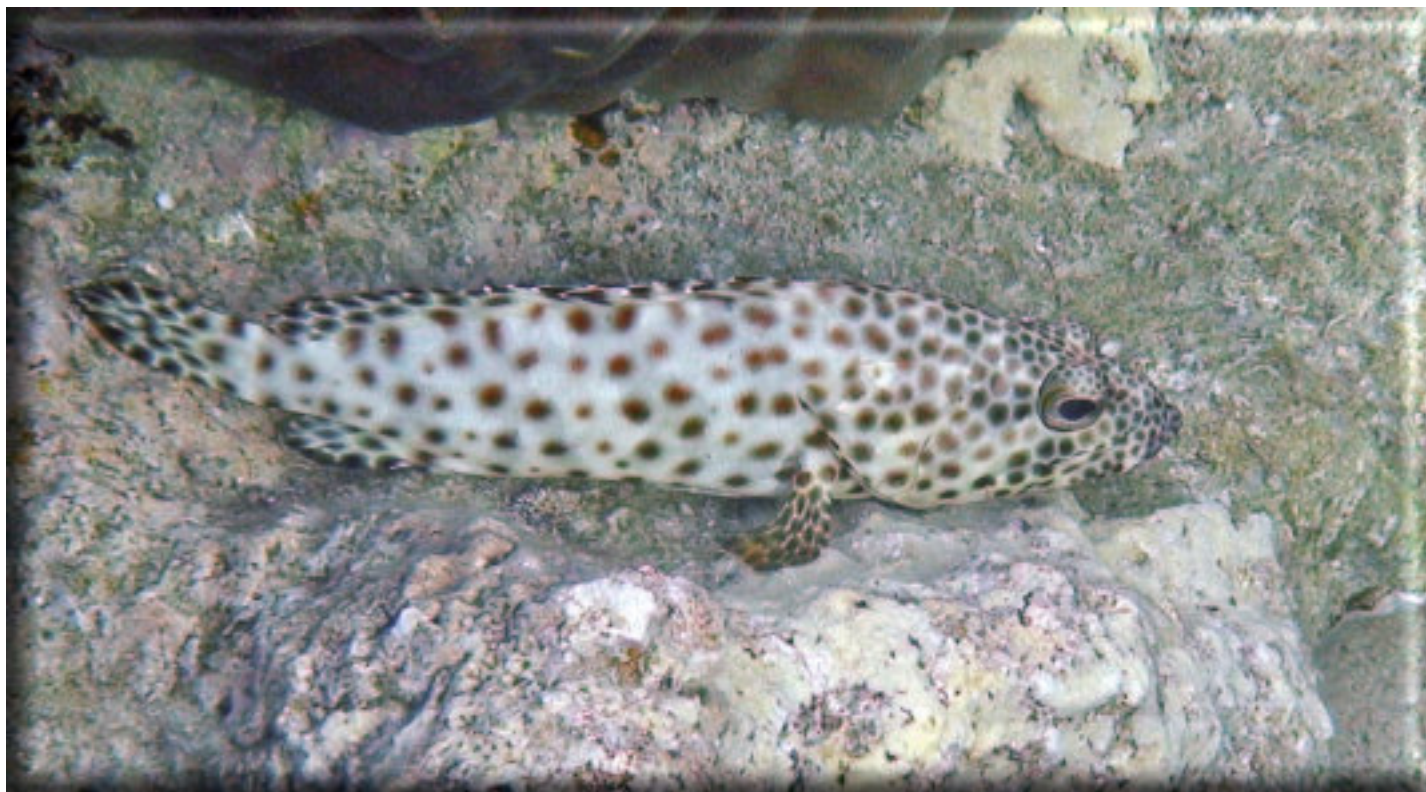
Marbled Grouper (*Epinephelus polyphekadion*)



Coral Hind (*Cephalopholis miniata*)



Halfspotted Hind (*Cephalopholis hemistiktos*)



Greasy Grouper (*Epinephelus tauvina*)



Lyretail Grouper (*Variola louti*)



Peacock Grouper (*Cephalopholis argus*)



Red Sea Coral grouper (*Plectropomus pessuliferus*)



Redmouth Grouper (*Aethaloperca rogaea*)

Grunters (Teraponidae); Grunts, Sweetlips (Haemulidae)



Jarbua Grunter (*Terapon jarbua*)



Blackspotted Sweetlips (*Plectrorhinchus gaterinus*)

Hawkfishes (Cirrhitidae)



Freckled Hawkfish (*Paracirrhites forsteri*)

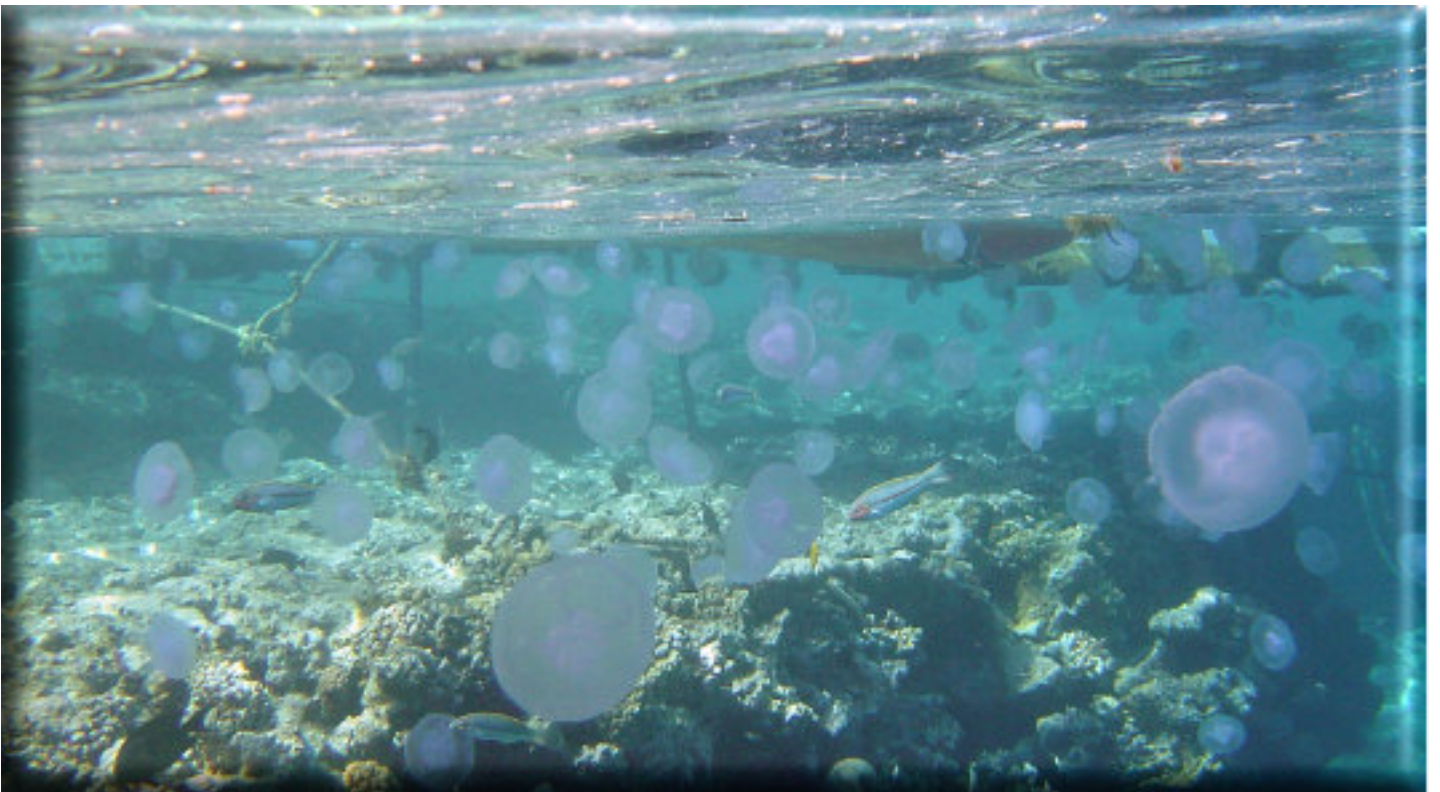
Jellyfishes (Scyphozoa)



Comb Jellyfish (*Ctenophore mnemiopsis*)



Luminescent Jellyfish (*Pelagica noctiluca*)



Moon Jellyfish (*Aurelia aurita*)

Lizardfishes (Synodontidae); Sandperches (Pinguipedidae)



Reef Lizardfish (*Synodus variegatus*)



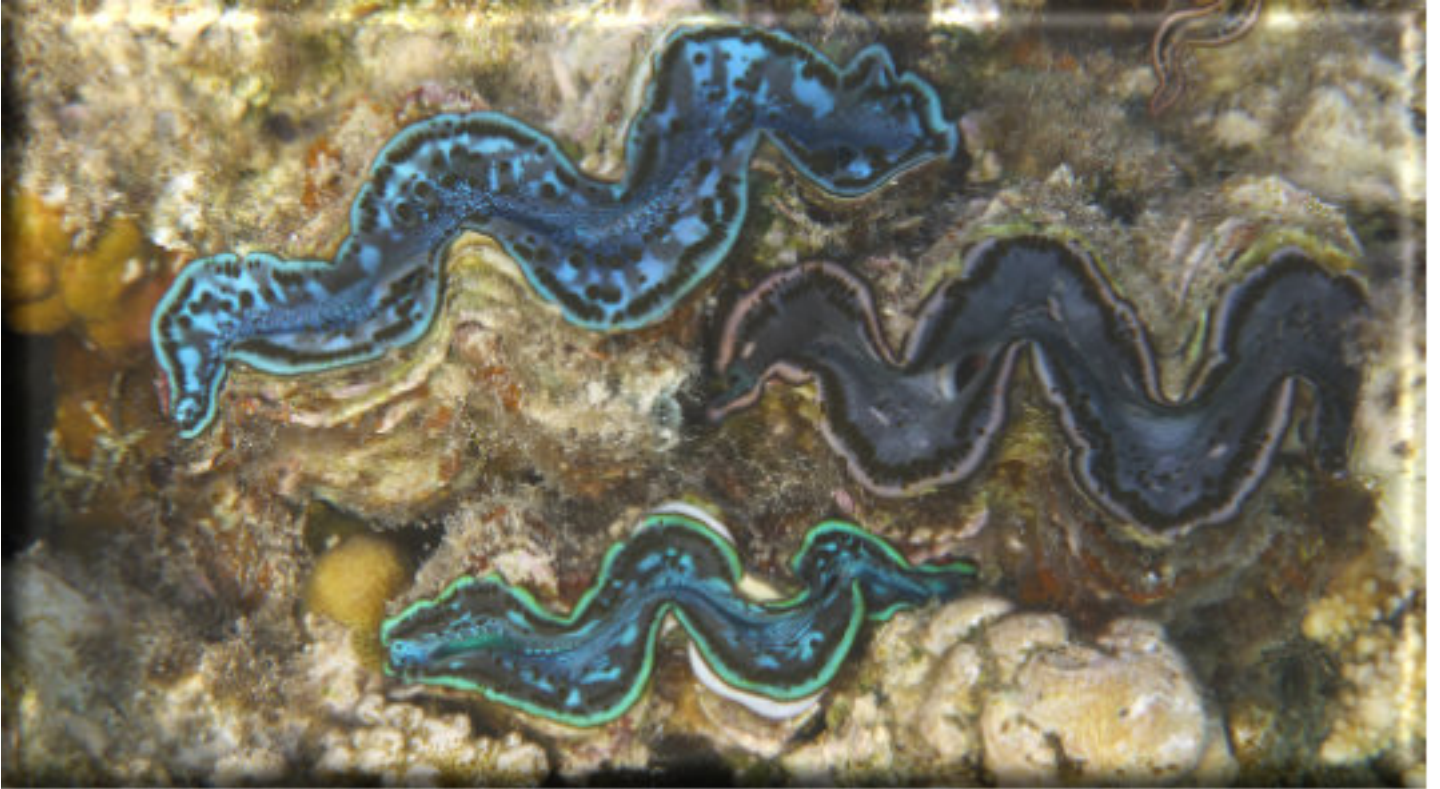
Speckled Sandperch (*Parapercis hexophthalma*)

Milkfishes (Chanidae)



Milkfish (*Chanos chanos*)

Molluscs (Mollusca)



Bivalves - Giant Clams (Tridacnidae) Common Giant Clam (*Tridacna maxima*)



Fluted Giant Clam (*Tridacna squamosa*)



Scallops (Pectiniidae) Coral Scallop (*Pedum spondyloideum*)



Head Shield Slugs (Aglajidae) Blue-spotted H.S.S. (*Chelidonura livida*)



Spanish Dancer (*Hexabranchnus sanguineus*) (Egg Ribbon only)



Common Pearl Oyster (*Pinctada Margaritifera*)

Moray Eels (Muraenidae)



Giant Moray (*Gymnothorax javanicus*)

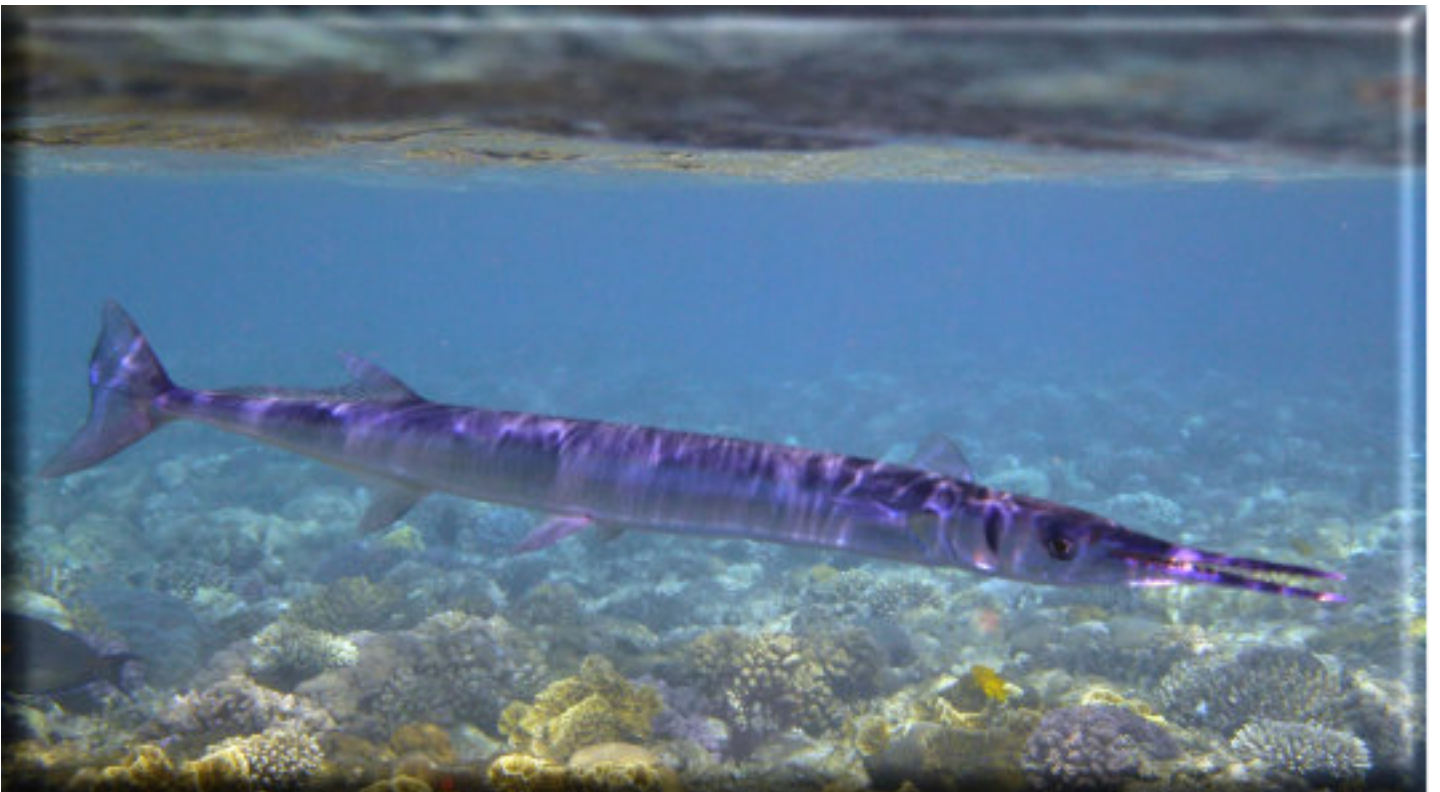


Grey Moray (*Gymnothorax griseus*)

Mullet (Mugilidae); Needlefishes (Belonidae)



Fringelip Mullet (*Crenimugil crenilabis*)



Red Sea Needlefish (*Tylosurus choram*)

Parrotfishes (Scaridae)



Bicolour Parrotfish (*Cetoscarus bicolor*) Male



Female



Bicolour Parrotfish (*Cetoscarus bicolor*) Juvenile



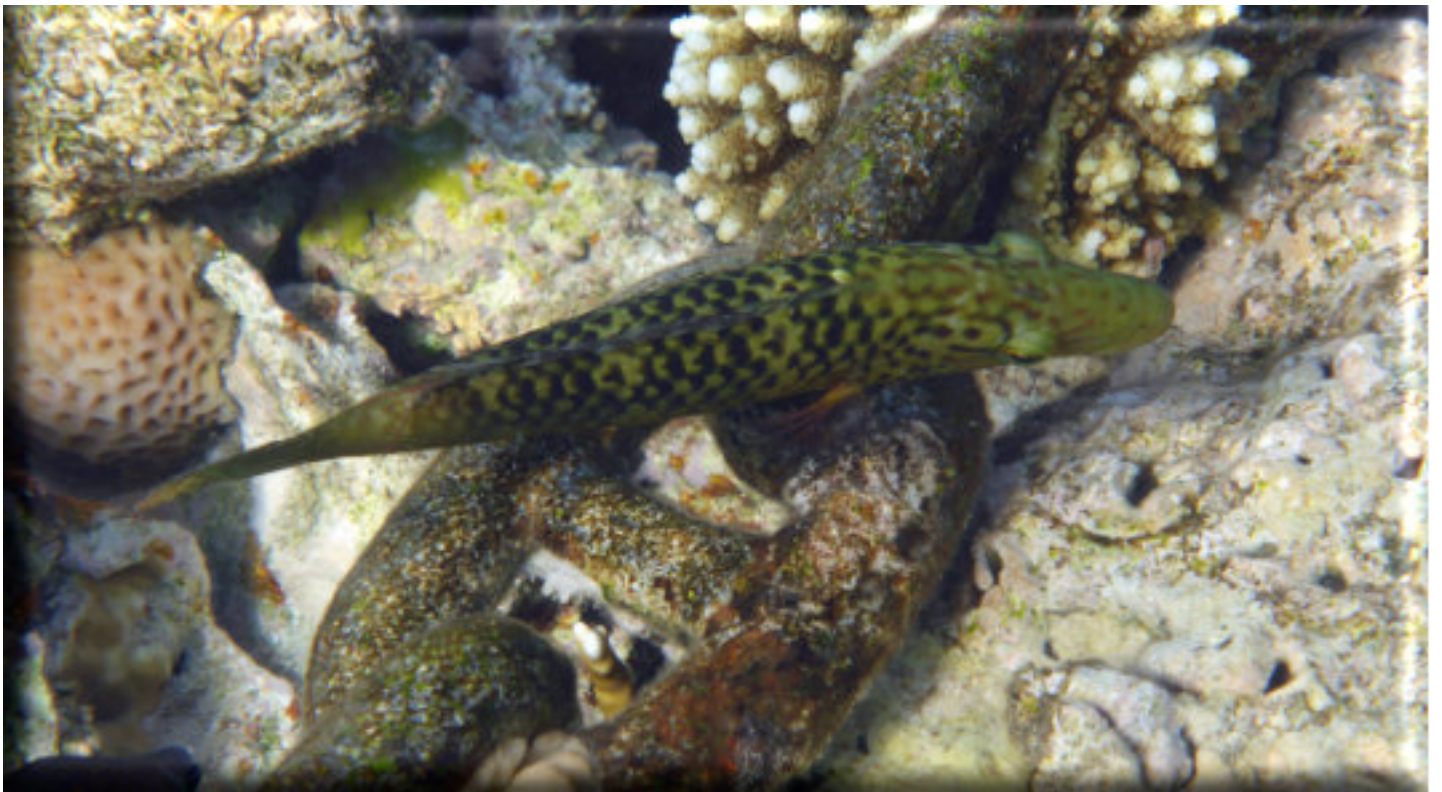
Bridled Parrotfish (*Scarus frenatus*)



Bullethead Parrotfish (*Chlorurus sordidus*)



Juvenile



Dotted Parrotfish (*Calotomus viridescens*)



Dusky Parrotfish (*Scarus niger*) adult



Initial Phase



Indian Longnose Parrotfish (*Hipposcarus harid*)



Palenose Parrotfish (*Scarus psittacus*)



Purple-brown Parrotfish (*Scarus fuscopurpurens*)



Red Sea Steephead Parrotfish (*Chlorurus gibbus*) Male



Red Sea Steephead Parrotfish (*Chlorurus gibbus*) Female



Juvenile



Rusty Parrotfish (*Scarus ferrugineus*) Male



Female

Porcupinefishes (Diodontidae)



Porcupinefish (*Diodon hystrix*)



Yellowspotted Burrfish (*Cyclichthys spilostylus*)

Pufferfishes (Tetraodontidae)



Crowned Toby (*Canthigaster coronata*)



Red Sea Toby (*Canthigaster margaritata*)



Masked Pufferfish (*Arothron diadematus*)



Starry Pufferfish (*Arothron stellatus*)



Whitespotted Pufferfish (*Arothron hispidus*)

Rabbitfishes (Siganidae)



Rivulated Rabbitfish (*Siganus rivulatus*)

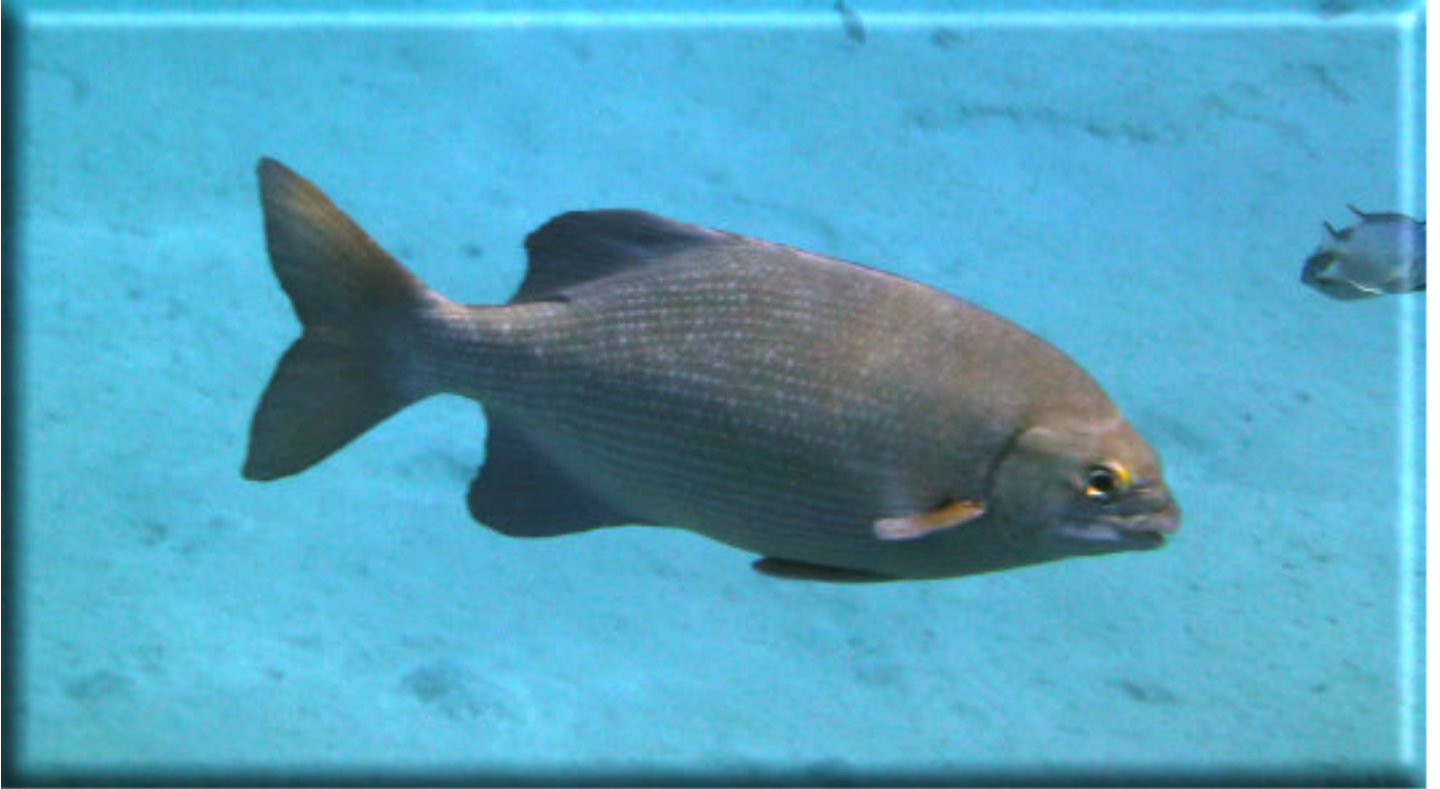


Stellate Rabbitfish (*Siganus stellatus laqueus*)



Squaretail Rabbitfish (*Siganus luridus*)

Rudderfishes (Kyphosidae)



Snubnosed Rudderfish (*Kyphosus cinerascens*)

Scorpionfishes (Scorpaenidae)



Bearded Scorpionfish (*Scorpaenopsis barbata*)



Clearfin Lionfish (*Pterois radiata*)



Common Lionfish (*Pterois miles*)

Sea Anemones (Actinaria)



Bubble Anemone (*Entacmaea quadricolor*)



Knob-ended Anemone (*Cryptodendrum adhaesivum*)



Leather Anemone (*Heteractis crispa*)



Magnificent Anemone (*Heteractis magnifica*)

Sea Cucumbers (Holothuroidea)



Blackmouth Sea Cucumber (*Pearsonothuria graeffei*)



Creamy Sea Cucumber (*Bohadschia tenuissima*)



Surge Sea Cucumber (*Actinopyga mauritiana*)



White-teated Sea Cucumber (*Holothuria fuscogilva*)

Sea Slugs (Opisthobranchia), Sea Turtles (Testudines)



Blue-spotted Head Shield Slug (*Chelidonura livida*)



Hawksbill Turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

Sea Urchins (Echinoidea)



Rock-boring Urchin (*Echinometra mathaei*)



Slate-pencil Urchin (*Heterocentrotus mammillatus*)

Silverbellies (Gerreidae), Silversides (Atherinidae)



Longtail Silverbelly (*Gerres acinaces*)



Hardyhead Silverside (*Atherinomorus lacunosus*)

Snake Eels (Ophichthidae)



Spotted Snake Eel (*Myrichthys maculosus*)

Snappers (Lutjanidae)



Black Snapper (*Macolor niger*)



Juvenile



Ehrenberg's Snapper (*Lutjanus ehrenbergi*)



Twinspot Snapper (*Lutjanus bohar*)

Soldierfishes and Squirrelfishes (Holocentridae)



Blotcheye Soldierfish (*Myripristis murdjan*)



Crown Squirrelfish (*Sargocentron diadema*)



Longjawed Squirrelfish (*Sargocentron spiniferum*)



Spotfin Squirrelfish (*Neoniphon sammara*)



Tailspot squirrelfish (*Sargocentron caudimaculatum*)

Spadefishes (Ephippidae)

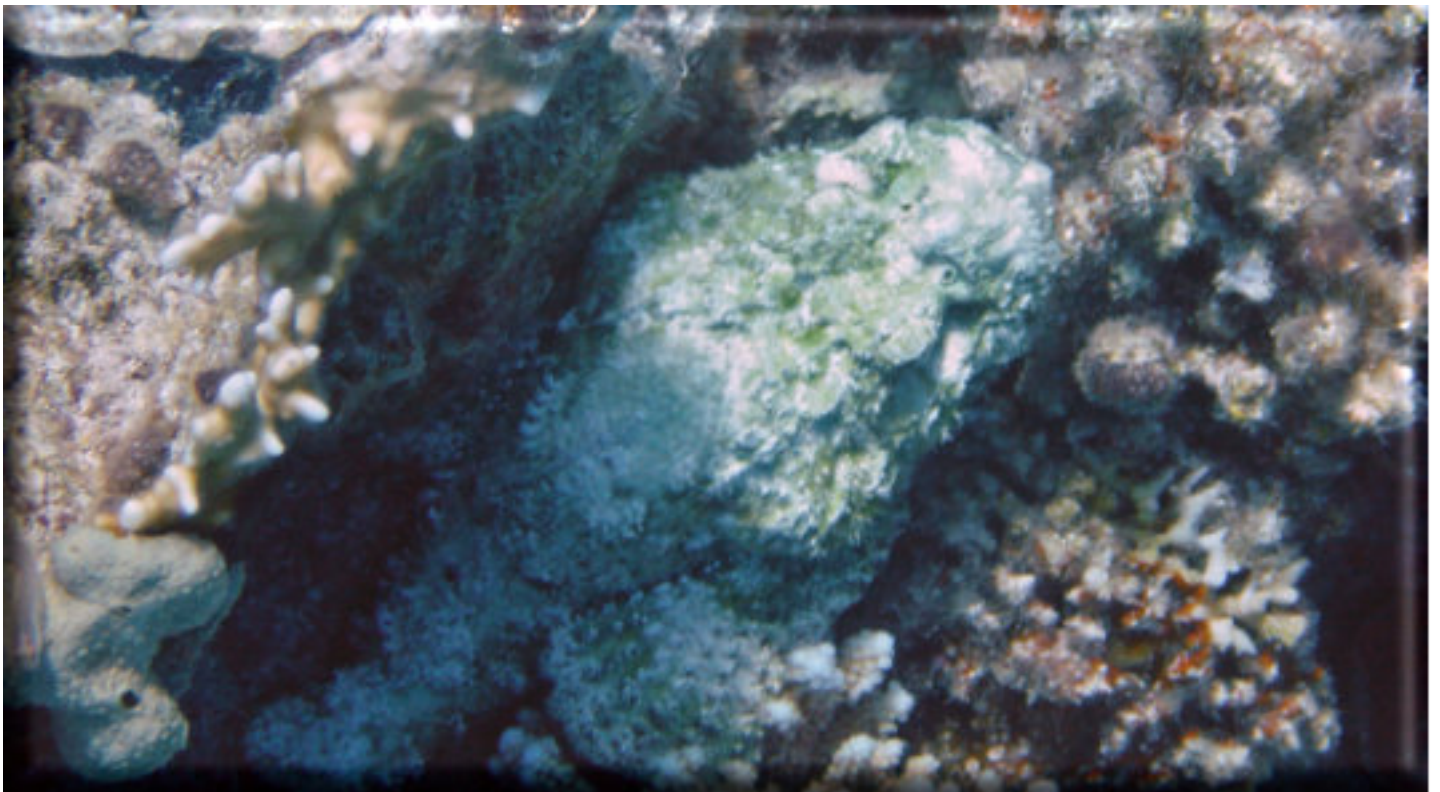


Orbicular Spadefish (*Platax orbicularis*)

Spinecheeks (Nemipteridae) and Stonefishes (Synanceiidae)

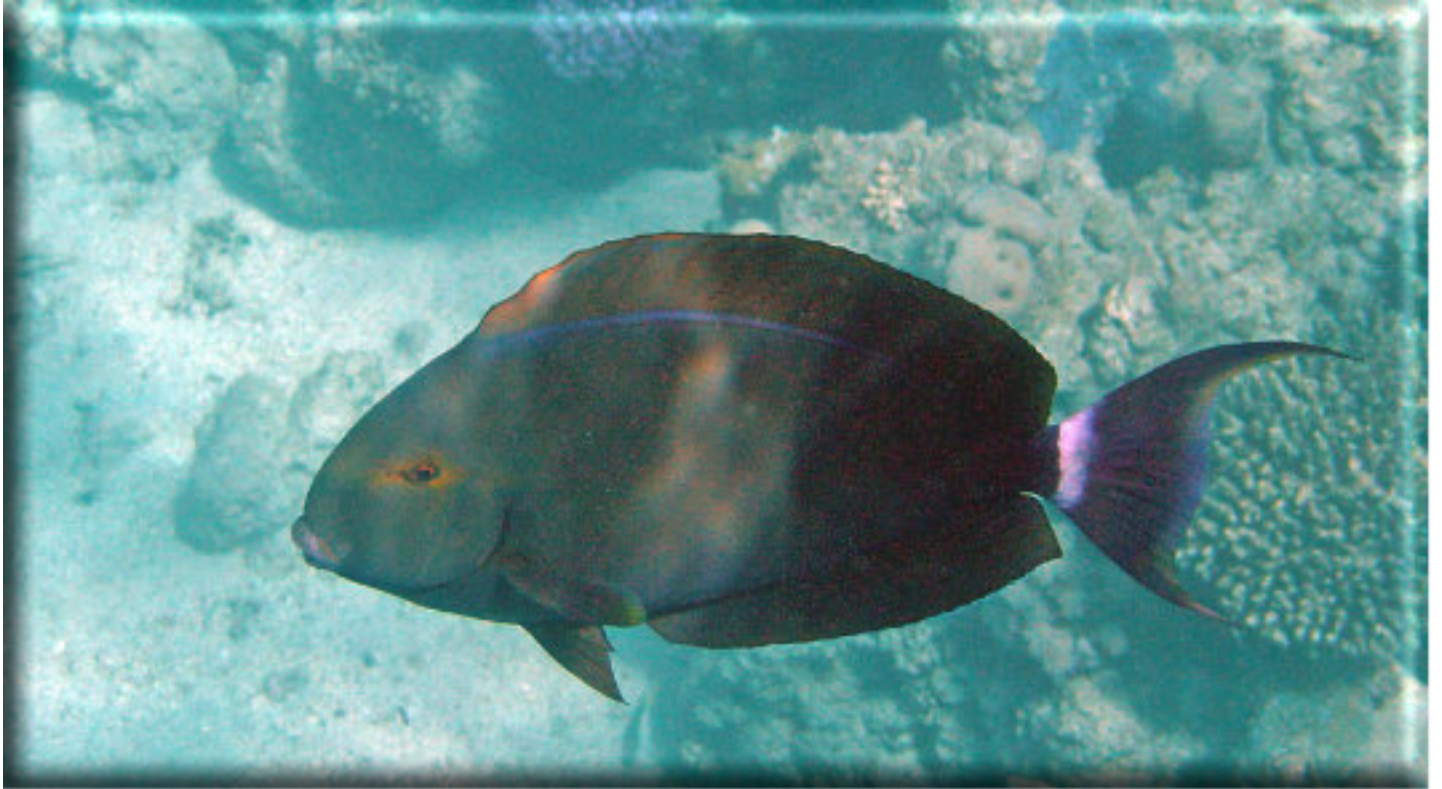


Arabian Spinecheek (*Scolopsis ghanam*)



Stonefish (*Synanceia verrucosa*)

Surgeonfishes and Unicornfishes (Acanthuridae)



Black Surgeonfish (*Acanthurus gahhm*)



Lined Bristletooth (*Ctenochaetus striatus*)



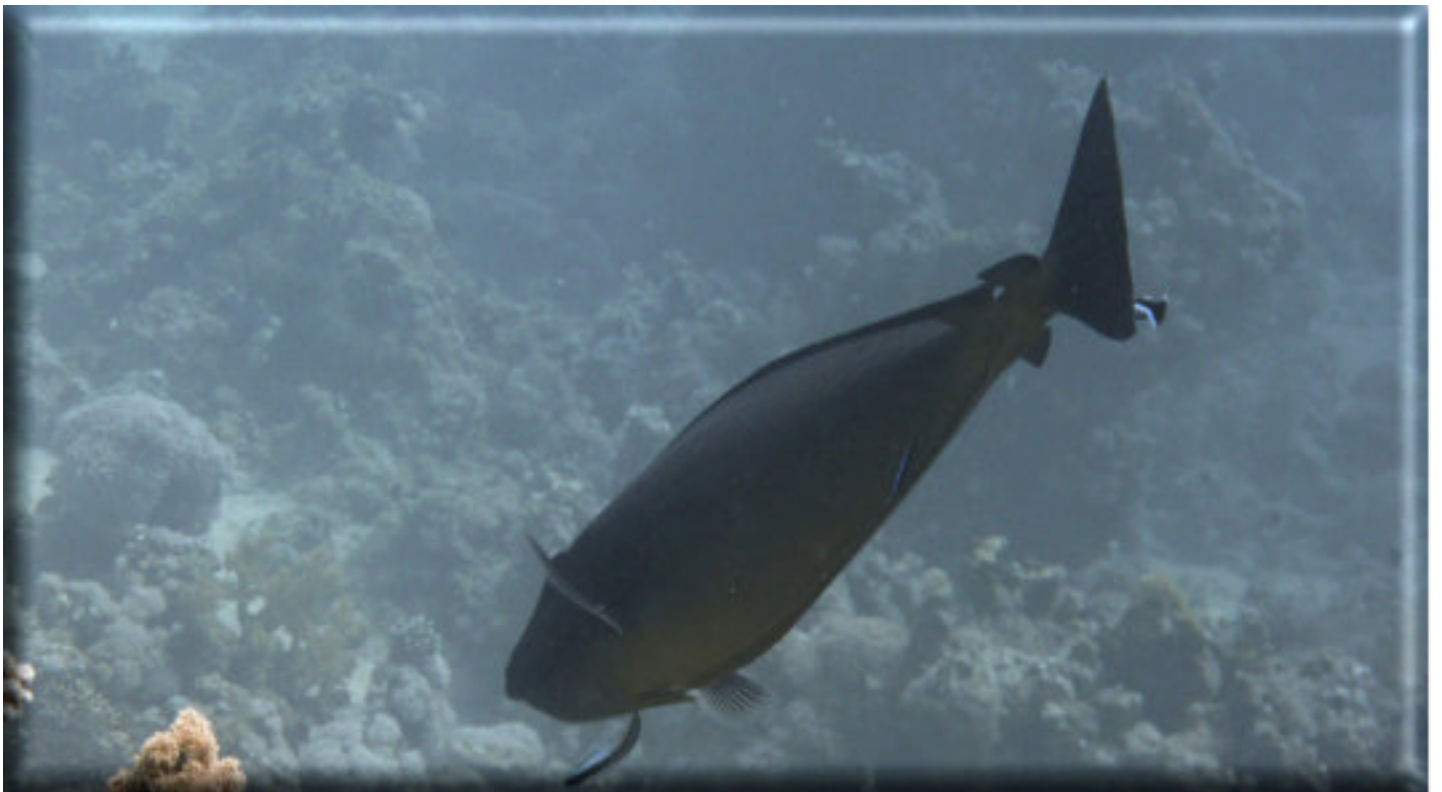
Bluespine Unicornfish (*Naso unicornis*)



Orangespine Unicornfish (*Naso elegans*)



Sailfin Tang (*Zebrasoma desjardini*)



Sleek Unicornfish (*Naso hexacanthus*)

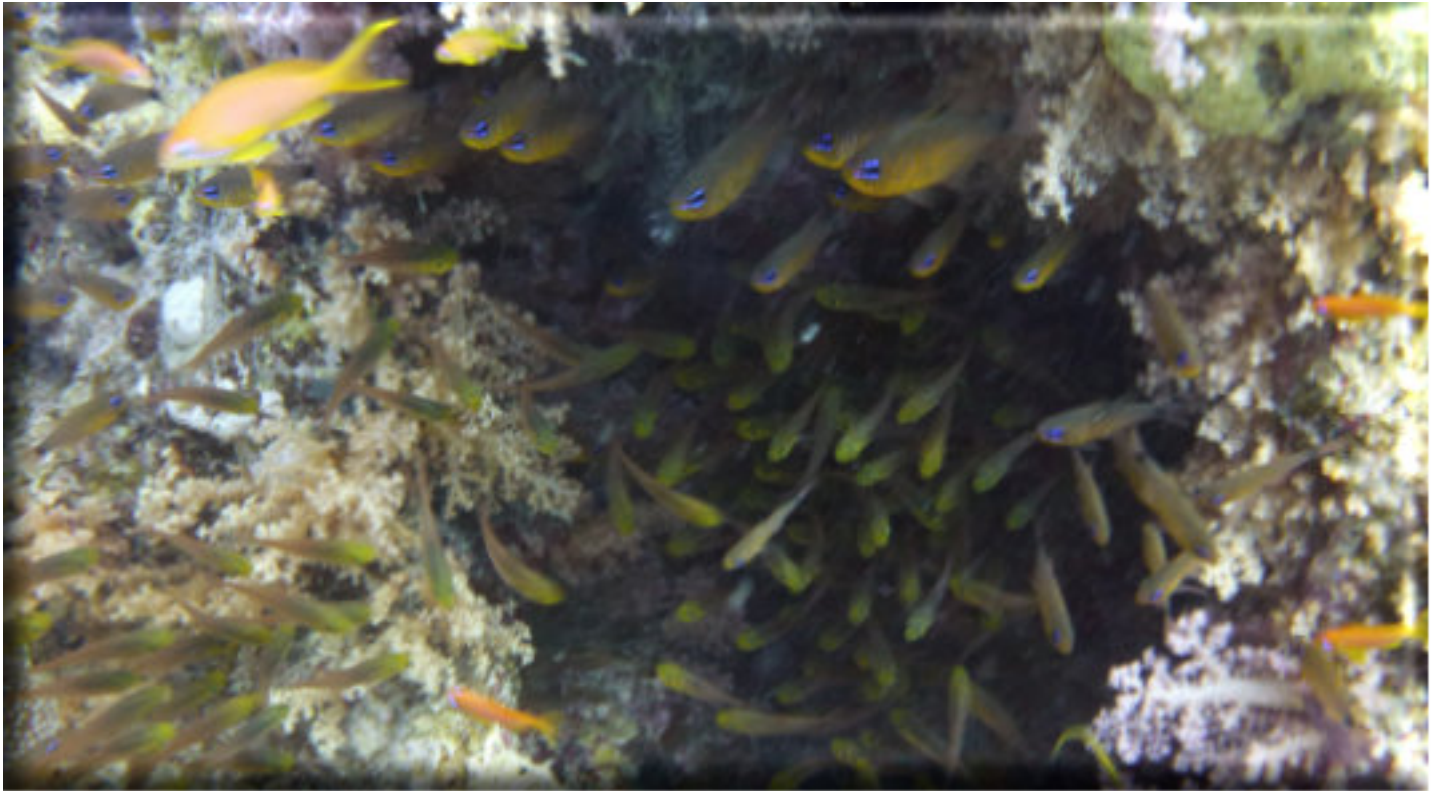


Sohal Surgeonfish (*Acanthurus sohal*)



Yellowtail Tang (*Zebrasoma xanthurum*)

Sweepers (Pempheridae)



Golden Sweeper (*Parapriacanthus ransonneti*)



Red Sea Dwarf Sweeper (*Parapriacanthus guentheri*)



Vanikoro Sweeper (*Pempheris vanicolensis*)

Tilefishes (Malacanthidae)

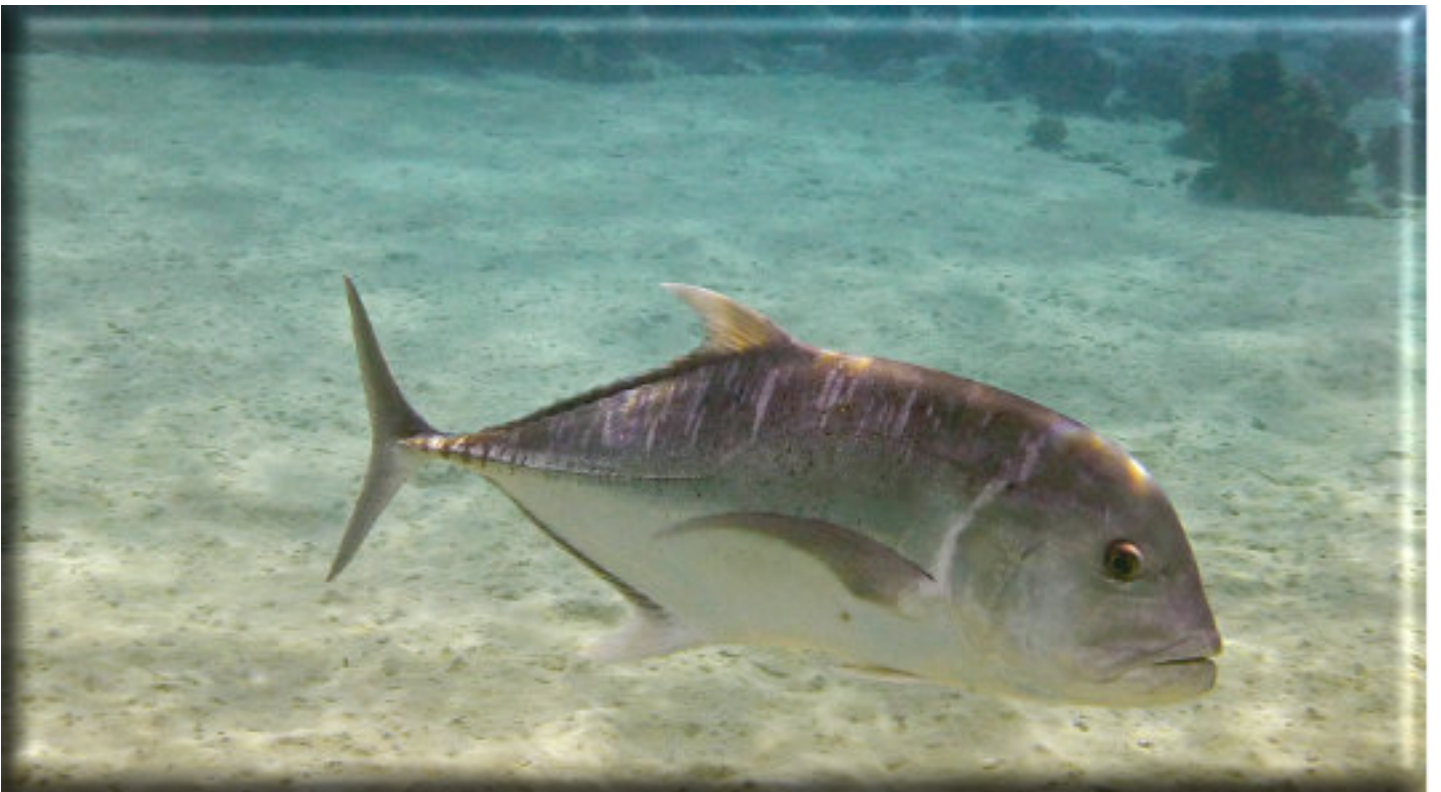


Flagtail Blanquillo (*Malacanthus brevirostris*)

Trevallies (Carangidae)



Bluefin Trevally (*Caranx melampygyus*)



Giant Trevally (*Caranx ignobilis*)



Orangespotted Trevally (*Carangoides bajad*)



Yellow adult variant

Triggerfishes (Balistidae)



Blue Triggerfish (*Pseudobalistes fuscus*)



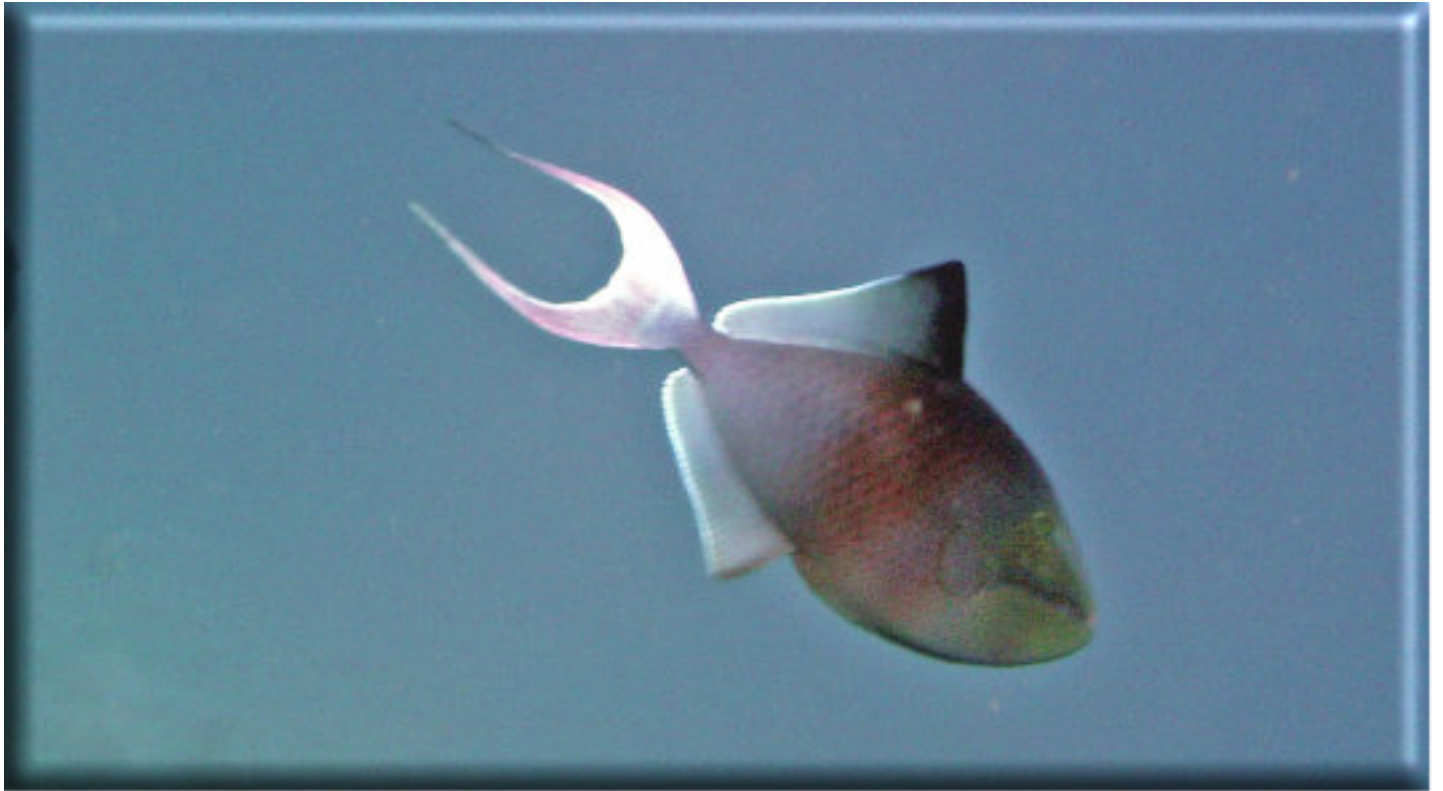
Bluethroat Triggerfish (*Sufflamen albicaudatus*)



Orangestriped Triggerfish (*Balistapus undulatus*)



Picassofish (*Rhinecanthus assasi*)



Redtooth Triggerfish (*Odonus niger*)



Titan Triggerfish (*Balistoides viridescens*)

Tunas and Mackerels (Scombridae)



Striped Mackerel (*Rastrelliger kanaguarta*)

Worms (Annelida)



Christmas Tree Worm (*Spirobranchus giganteus*)



Indian Feather Duster (*Sabellastarte spectabilis*)

Wrasses (Labridae)



Abudjubbe Wrasse (*Cheilinus Abudjubbe*)



African Coris (*Coris cuvieri*)



Axilspot Hogfish (*Bodianus axillaris*)



Diana's Hogfish (*Bodianus diana*)



Lyretail Hogfish (*Bodianus anthioides*)



Blue Streak Cleaner Wrasse (*Labroides dimidiatus*)



Bandcheek Wrasse (*Oxycheilinus digrammus*) Male



Female



Bluelined Wrasse (*Stethojulis albovittata*)



Bluespotted Wrasse (*Anampses caeruleopunctatus*)



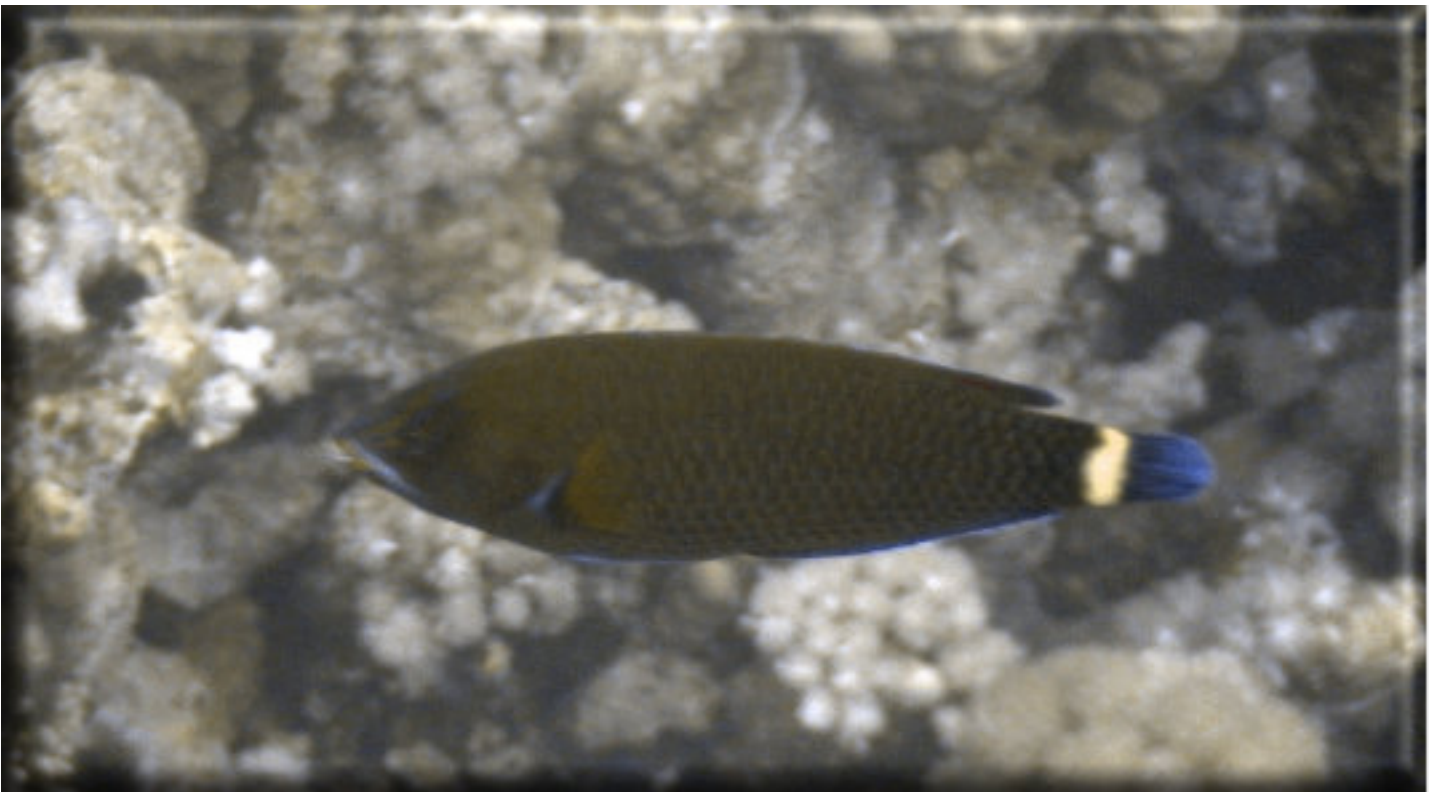
Broomtail Wrasse (*Cheilinus lunulatus*) Male



Female



Checkerboard Wrasse (*Halichoeres hortulanus*)



Chiseltooth Wrasse (*Pseudodax moluccanus*)



Cigar Wrasse (*Chelio inermis*)



Clown Coris (*Coris aygula*) Male



Female



Juvenile



Dapple Coris (*Coris variegata*)



Dusky Wrasse (*Halichoeres marginatus*)



Fourline Wrasse (*Larabicus quadrilineatus*)



Goldstripe Wrasse (*Halichoeres zeylonicus*)



Half-and-half Thicklip Wrasse (*Hemigymnus melapterus*)



Red Sea Thicklip Wrasse (*Hemigymnus sexfasciatus*)



Indian Bird Wrasse (*Gomphosus caeruleus*) Male



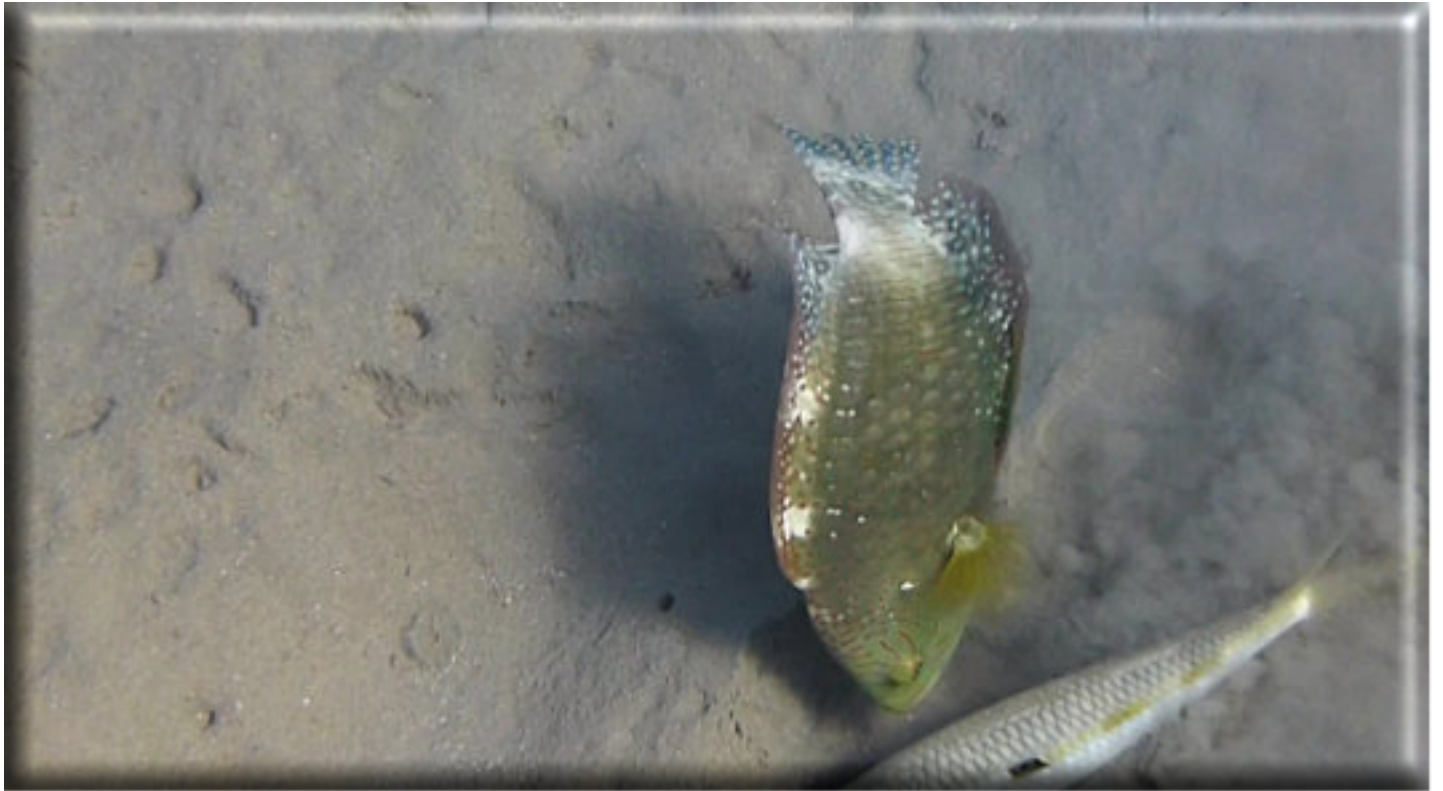
Female



Klunzinger's Wrasse (*Thalassoma rueppellii*)



Longface Wrasse (*Hologymnosus doliatus*)



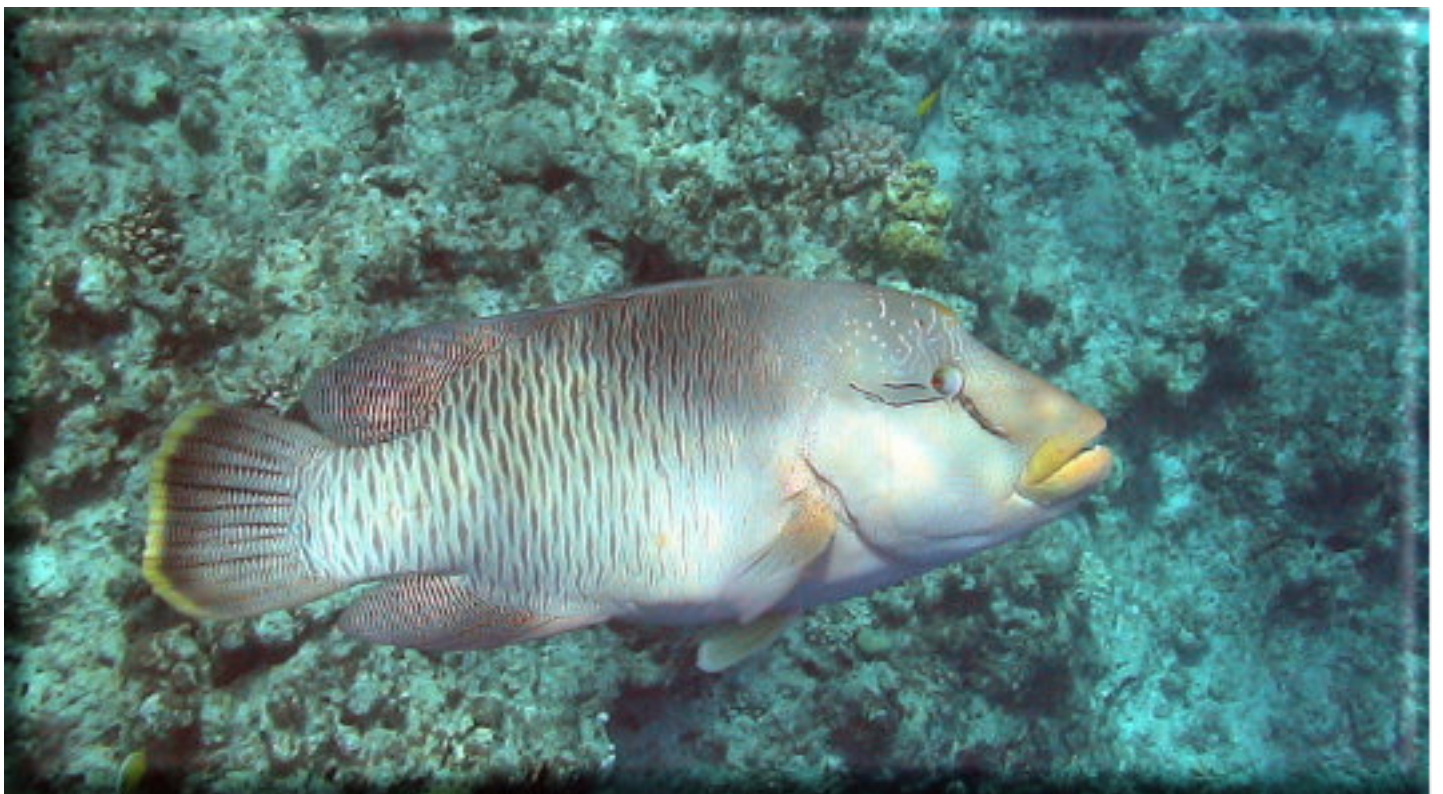
Mental Wrasse (*Oxycheilinus mentalis*)



Red-breasted Wrasse (*Cheilinus quinquecinctus*)



Napoleon Wrasse (*Cheilinus undulatus*)



Juvenile



Ring Wrasse (*Hologymnosus annulatus*)



Sixline Wrasse (*Pseudocheilinus hexataenia*)



Slingjaw Wrasse (*Epibulus insidiator*) male



Female



Surge Wrasse (*Thalassoma purpureum*) Male



Female



Twist's Wrasse (*Anampses twistii*)



Yellowtail Wrasse (*Anampses meleagrides*)



Zigzag Wrasse (*Halichoeres scapularis*) male

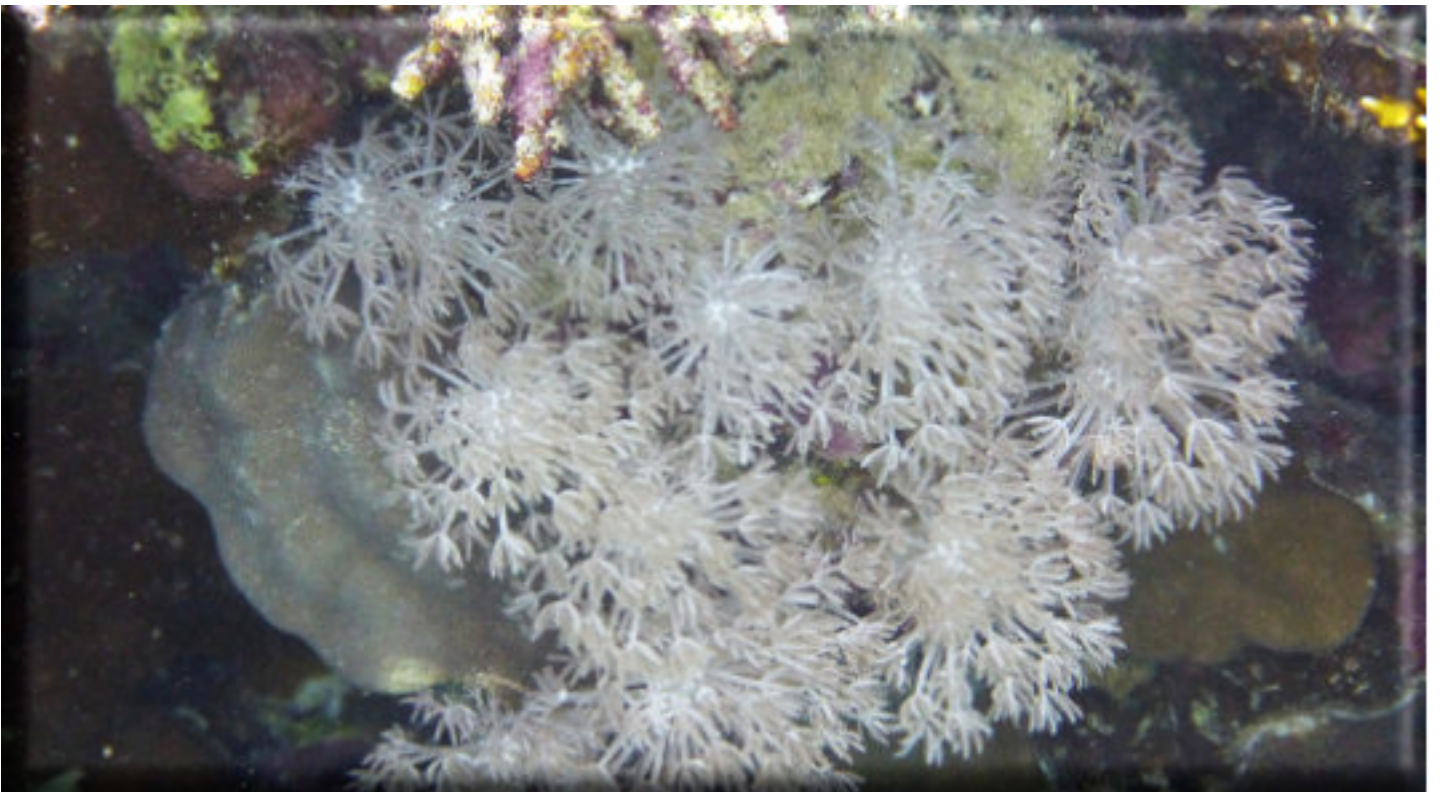


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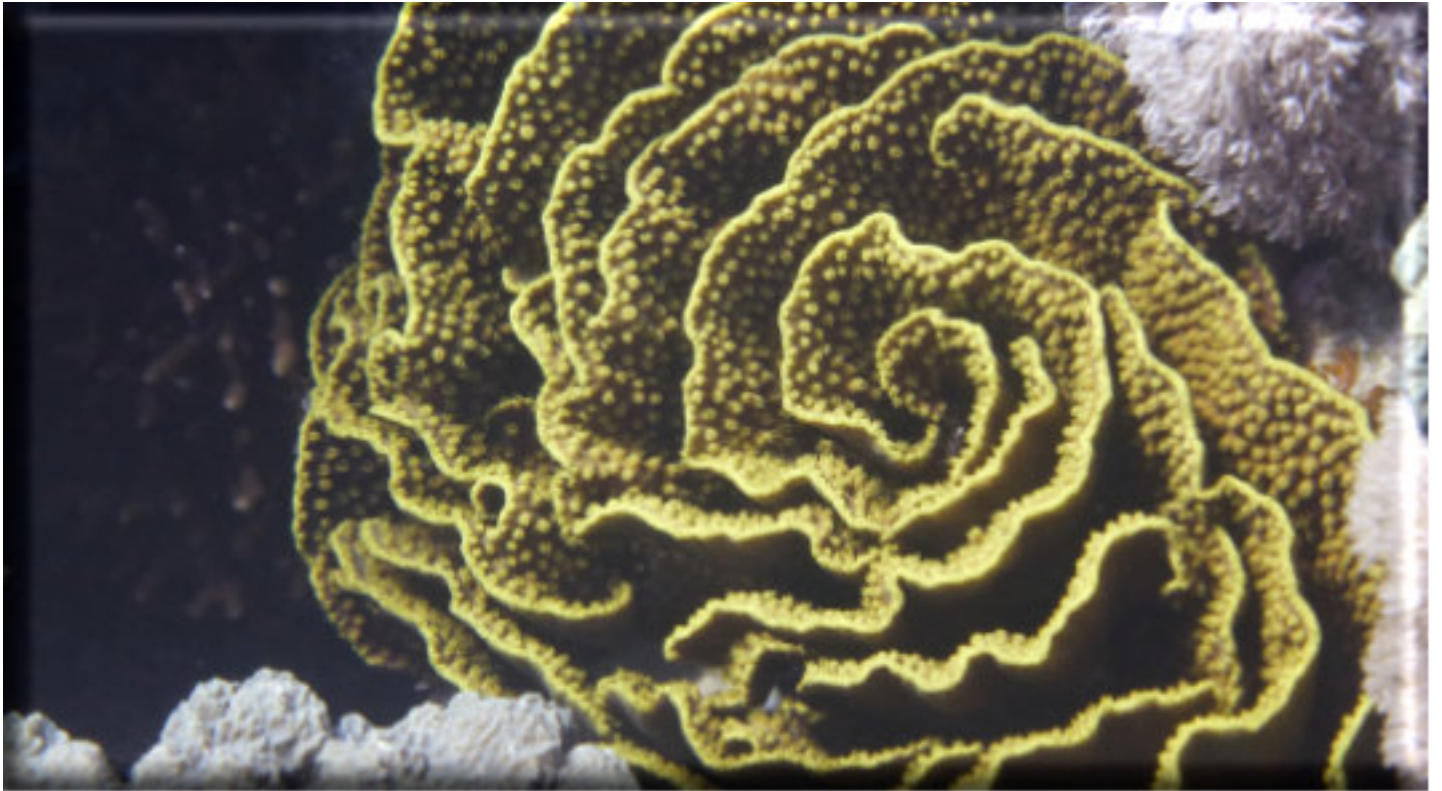
Corals (Cnidaria, Anthozoa)



Anemone Coral (Poritidae) *Goniapora planulata*



Anemone Coral (Poritidae) *Goniopora columna*



Cup Corals (Dendrophyllidae) Leafy Cup Coral (*Turbinaria reniformis*)



(Faviidae) Brain Coral (*Platygyra daedalea*)



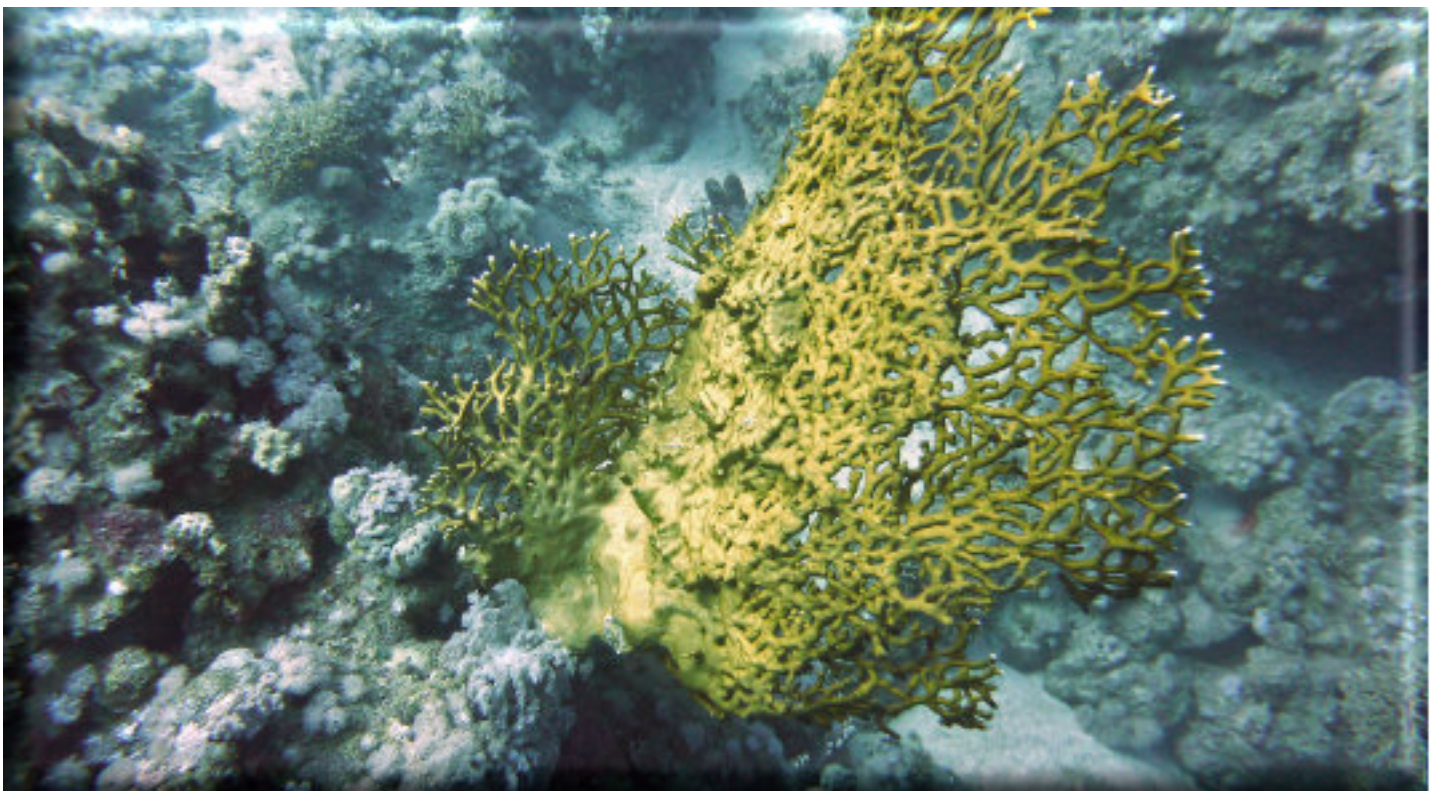
(Faviidae) *Favia lacuna*



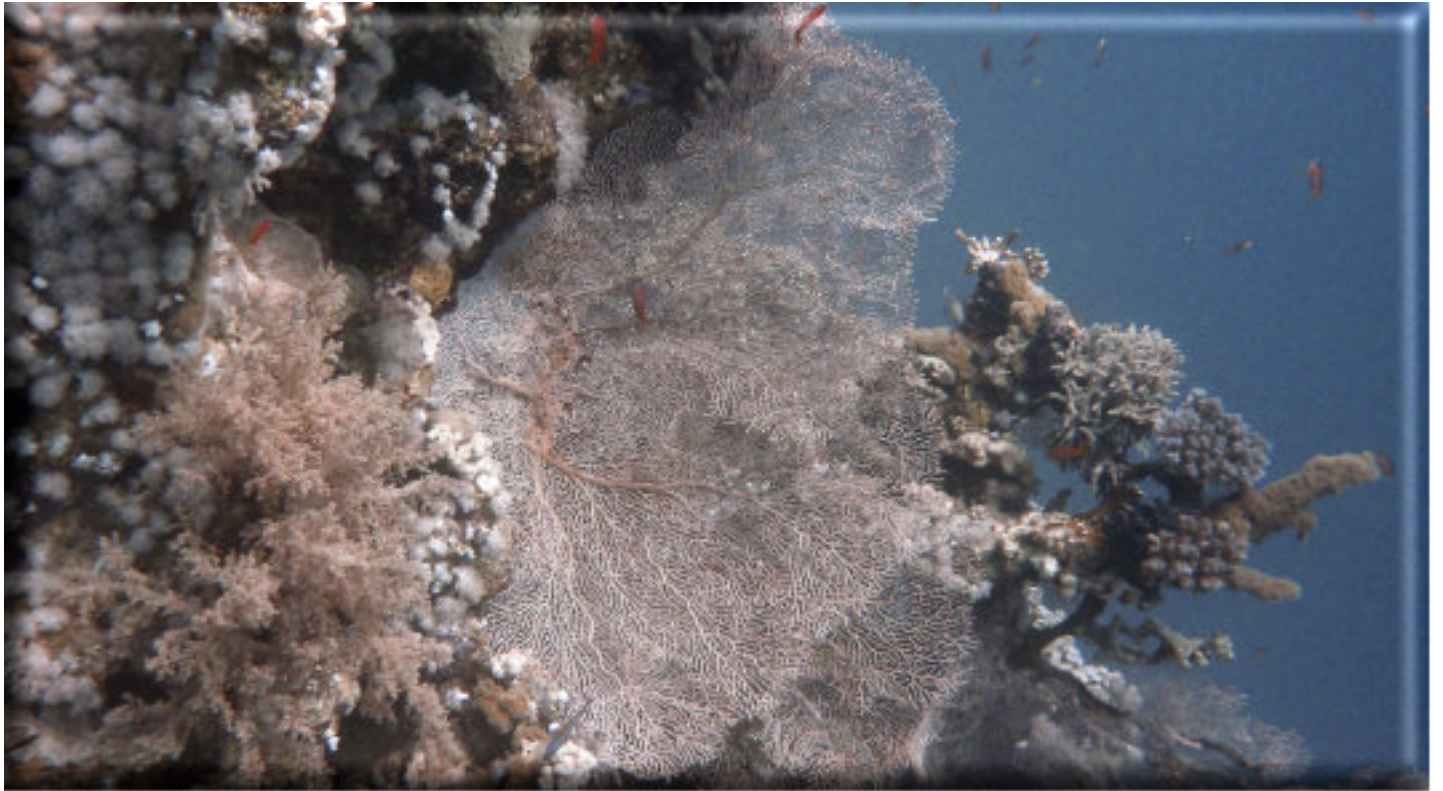
(Faviidae) *Goniastrea edwardsi*



Finger Corals (Pocilloporidae) *Pocillopora verrucosa*



Hydrozoans - Fire Corals - Net Fire Coral (*Millepora platyphylla*)



Gorgonian Hydroid (*Solanderia* sp)



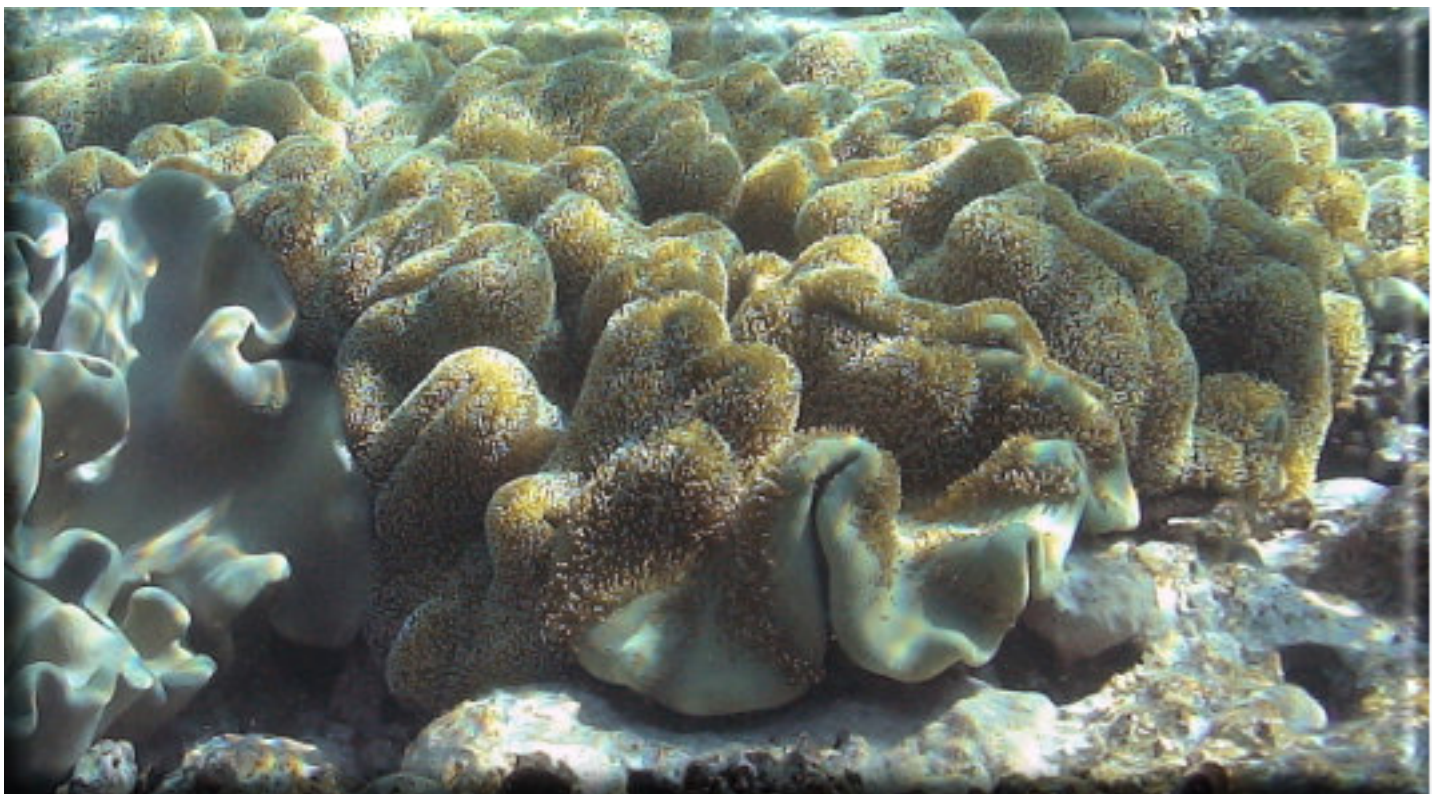
Leaf Corals (Pectiniidae) *Echinophylla aspera*



Leaf Corals (Pectiniidae) *Mycedium umbra*



Leather Coral (Alcyoniidae) - Nephtheidae - *Litophyton arboreum*



Rough Leather Coral (*Sarcophyton glaucum*)



Slimy Leather Coral (*Sarcophyton trocheliophorum*)



Mushroom Coral (Fungiidae) *Fungia puamotensis*



Mushroom Coral (Fungiidae) *Fungia scruposa*



Mushroom Coral (Fungiidae) *Podobacia crustacea*



Staghorn Corals (Acroporidae) *Acropora hemprichii*



Staghorn Corals (Acroporidae) *Acropora humilis*



Staghorn Corals (Acroporidae) *Acropora pharaonis*

Sponges (Porifera)



Large Tube Sponge (*Haliclona fascigera*)





