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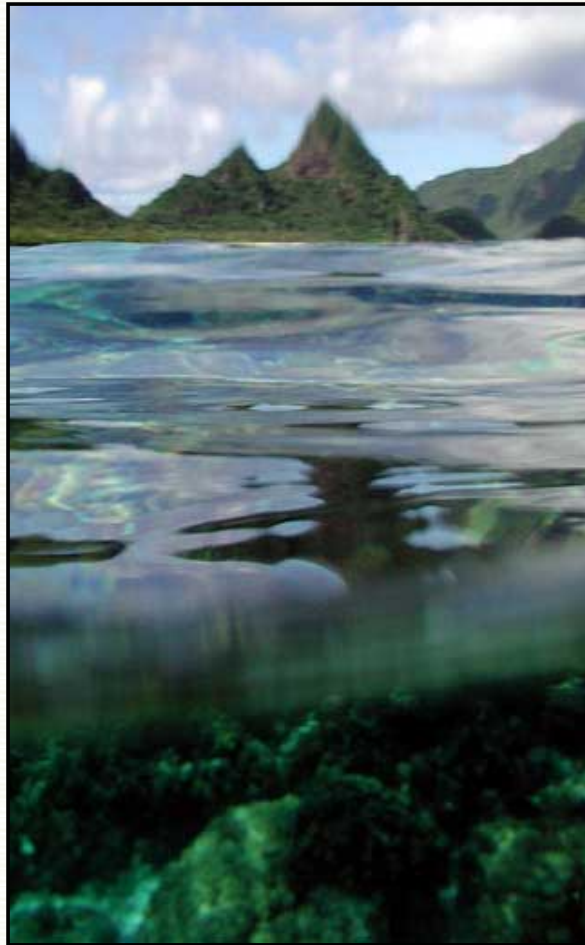
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Visiting scientists frequently preview these images and species lists on-line to maximize their time at the park. Lists and photo identifications are continually appended and revised as researchers comment on the website content. Former park marine biologist, Eva DiDonato, initiated the site--with preliminary coral identifications by Charles Birkeland of the University of Hawaii. Several other park ecologists and visiting scientists continue to add new content and critique the material presented.

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Fuzzy Table Coral	<i>Acropora paniculata</i>		52909
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Honeycomb Coral	<i>Gardineroseris planulata</i>		53082
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Pocillopora damicornis
Pocillopora meandrina

Lobophytum sp.
Pocillopora eydouxi
Pocillopora verrucosa

Sarcophyton sp
Pocillopora eydouxi
Pocillopora verrucosa

Discosoma sp.
Pocillopora eydouxi
Pocillopora verrucosa

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Acropora sp.
 Acropora abrobanooides
 Acropora abrobanooides
 Acropora austera

Acropora sp.
 Acropora abrobanooides
 Acropora abrobanooides
 Acropora austera

Acropora abrobanooides
 Acropora abrobanooides
 Acropora abrobanooides
 Acropora caniculata

Acropora abrobanooides
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Acropora cophodactyla
Acropora cytherea
Acropora divaricata

Acropora cophodactyla
Acropora cytherea
Acropora divaricata

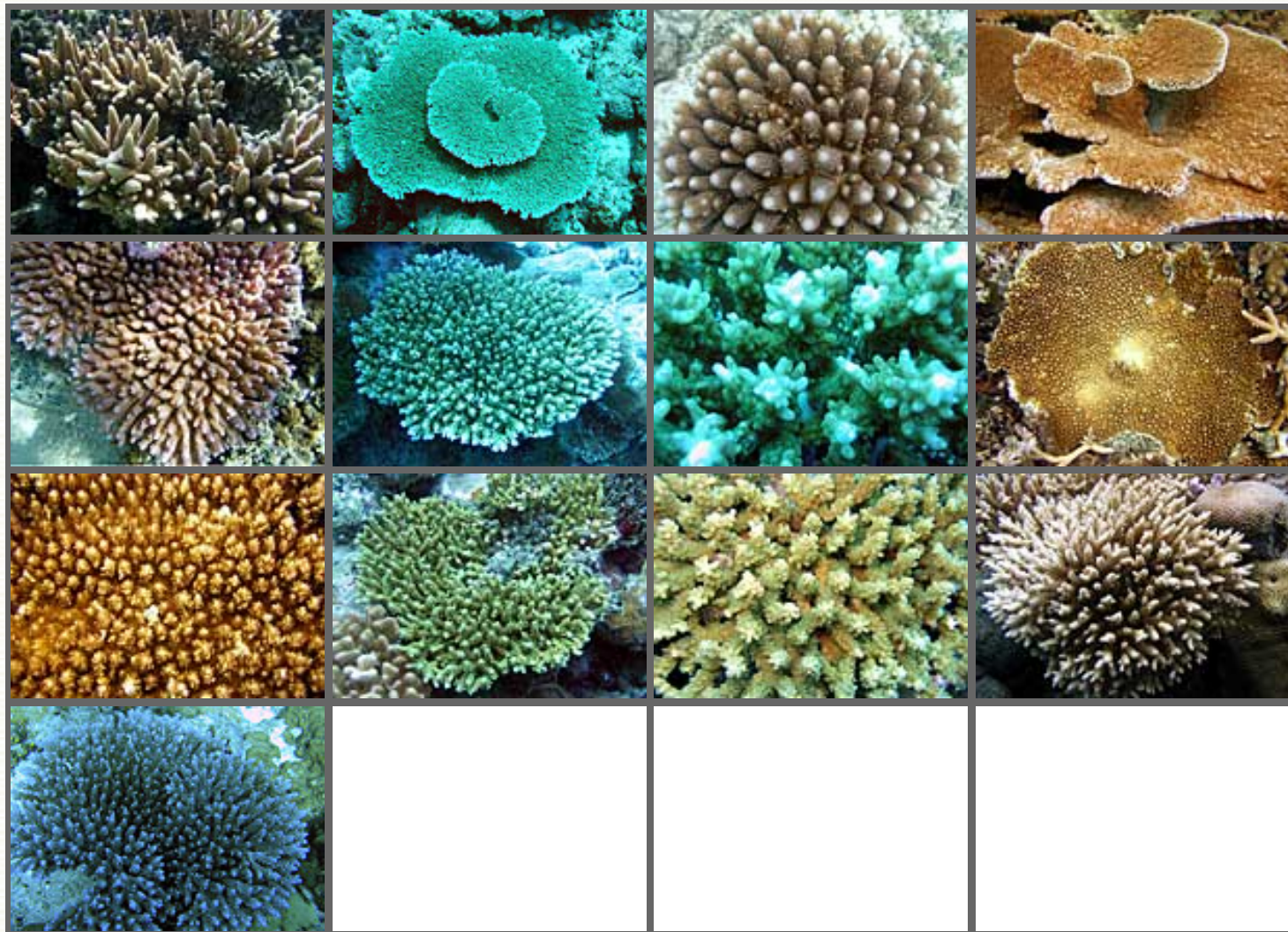
Acropora crateriformis
Acropora danai
Acropora donei

Acropora crateriformis
Acropora digitifera
Acropora formosa

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Acropora gemmifera
Acropora hyacinthus
Acropora microclados
Acropora nasuta

Acropora glauca
Acropora listeri
Acropora nasuta

Acropora humilis
Acropora listeri
Acropora nasuta

Acropora hyacinthus
Acropora microclados
Acropora nasuta

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Acropora nobilis
Acropora pulchra
Acropora retusa

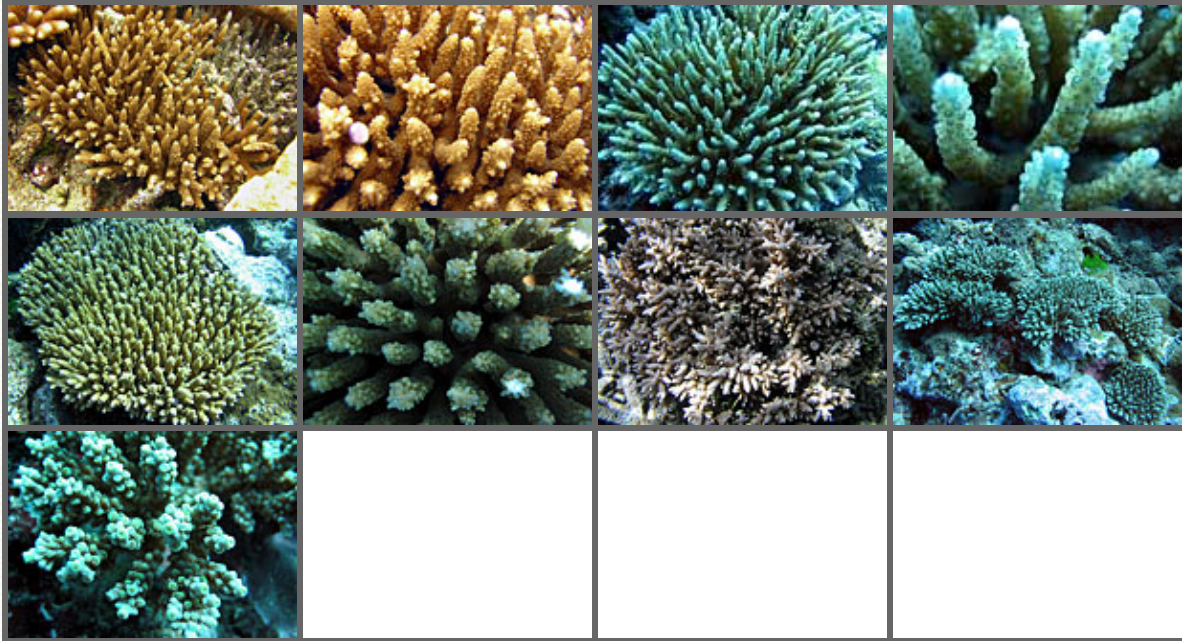
Acropora nobilis
Acropora retusa
Acropora retusa

Acropora nobilis
Acropora retusa
Acropora robusta

Acropora nobilis
Acropora retusa
Acropora samoensis

Plate 6. Stony Corals, Acroporidae, -- *Acropora secale* - *A. tenuis*.

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Acropora secale
Acropora subulata
Acropora tenuis

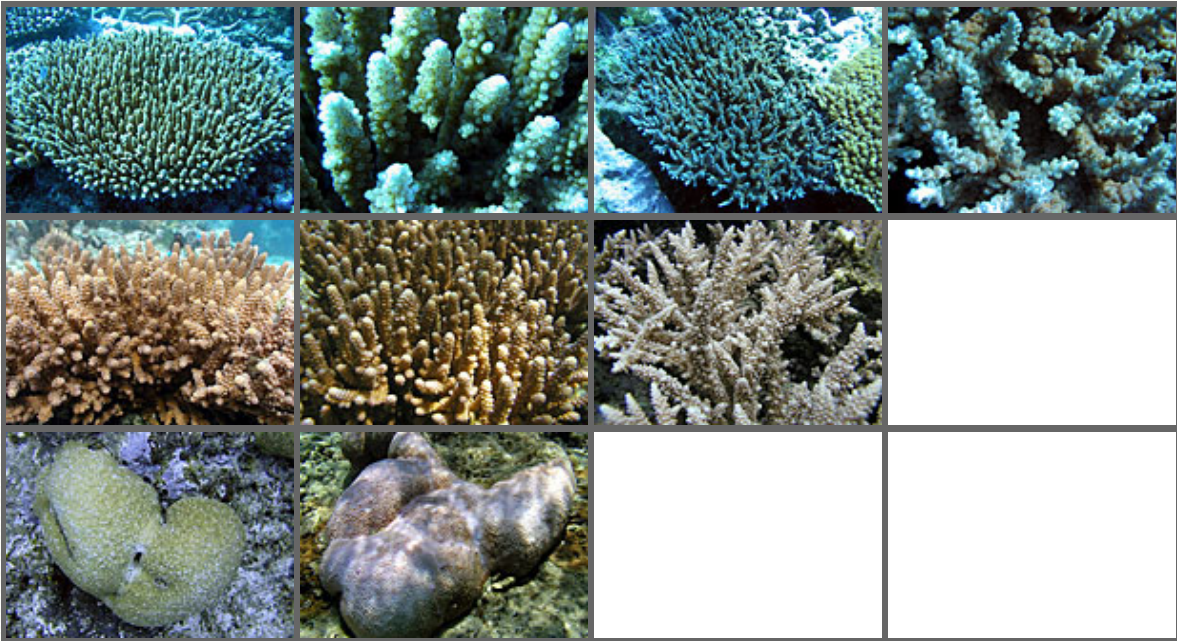
Acropora secale
Acropora subulata

Acropora cf. *subulata*
Acropora tenuis

Acropora cf. *subulata*
Acropora tenuis

Plate 7. Stony Corals, Acroporidae, -- *Acropora valida* - *Astreopora*

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Acropora valida
Acropora verweyi
Astreopora myriophthal

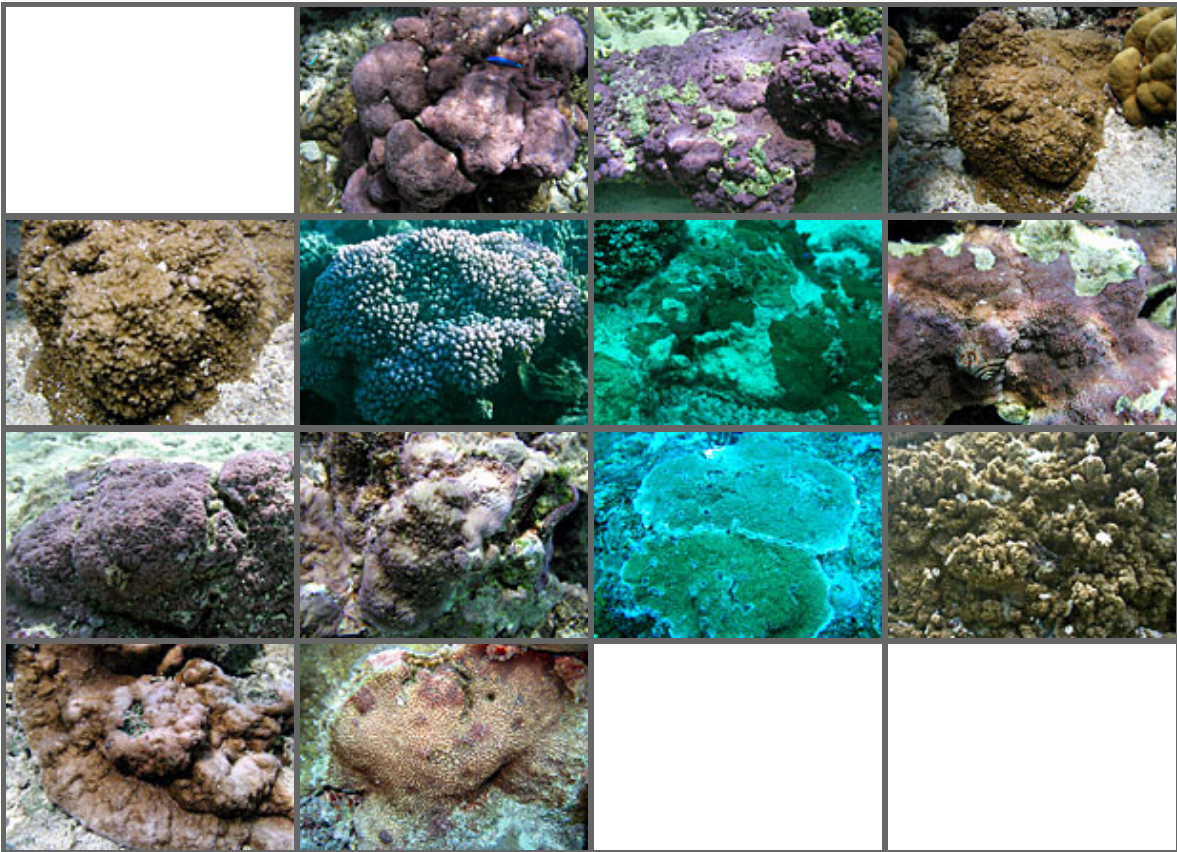
Acropora valida
Acropora verweyi
Astreopora myriophthal

Acropora vaughani
Acropora yongei

Acropora vaughani

Plate 8. Stony Corals, Acroporidae, -- *Montipora*

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Montipora grisea
Montipora nodosa
Montipora venosa

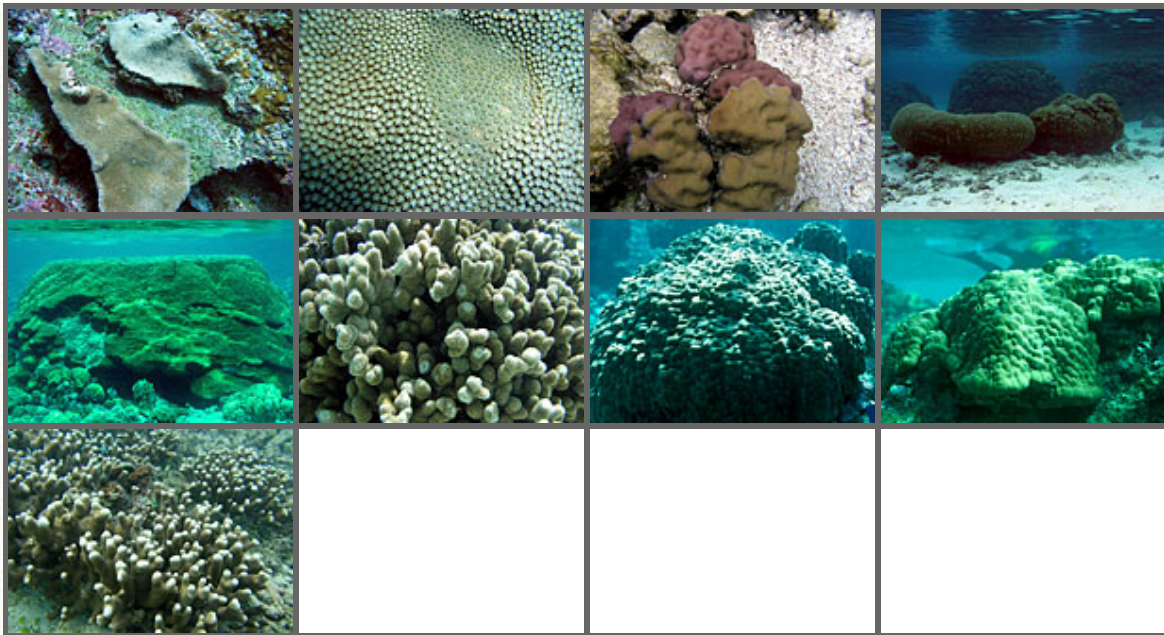
Montipora caliculata
Montipora informis
Montipora peltiformis
Montipora verrucosa

Montipora efflorescens
Montipora montasteriata
Montipora tuberculosa

Montipora grisea
Montipora nodosa
Montipora turtlensis

Plate 9. Stony Corals, Poritidae -- *Goniopora fruiticosa* - *Porites cylindrica*

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Goniopora fruiticosa
Porites sp.
Porites cylindrica

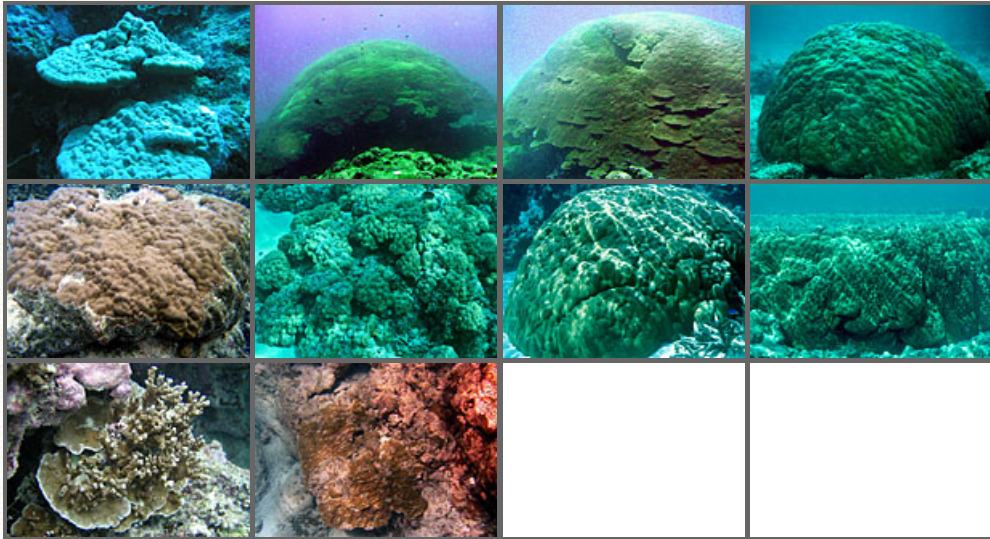
Goniopora fruiticosa
Porites annae

Porites sp.
Porites australiensis

Porites sp.
Porites australiensis

Plate 10. Stony Corals, Poritidae. -- *Porites lobata* - *Porites solida*

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Porites lobata
Porites lutea
Porites rus

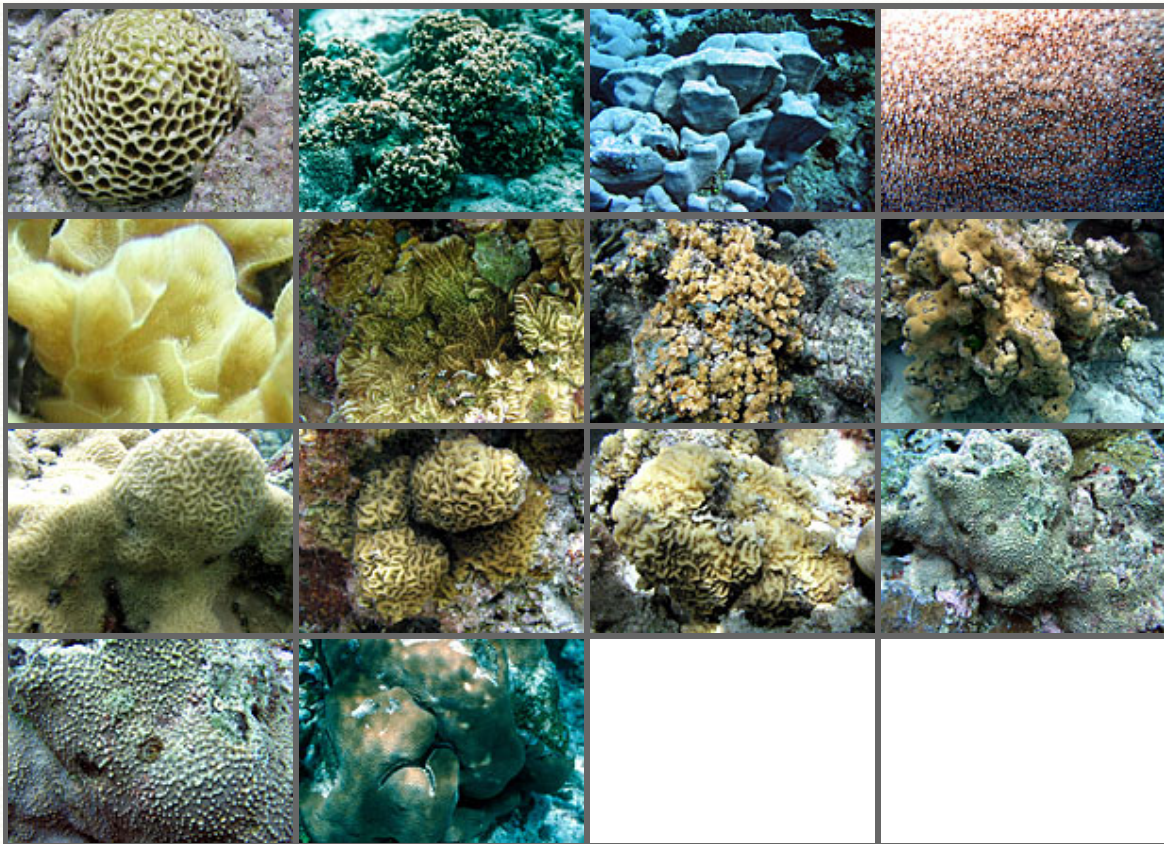
Porites lobata
Porites lutea
Porites solida

Porites lobata
Porites lutea

Porites lobata
Porites lutea

Plate 11. Stony Corals, Agariciidae

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Gardineroseris planulata
Pavona frondifera
Pavona varians
Pavona varians

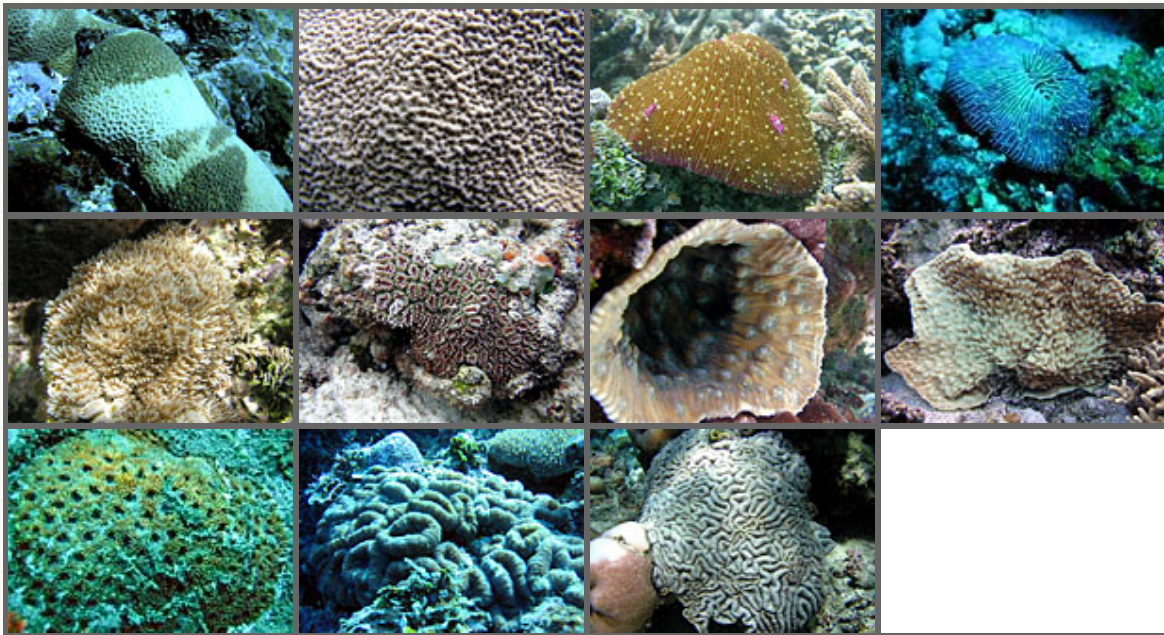
Pavona divaricata
Pavona frondifera
Pavona varians
Pavona venosa

Pavona explanulata
Pavona frondifera
Pavona varians

Pavona explanulata
Pavona varians
Pavona varians

Plate 12. Stony Corals, Siderastreidae, Fungiidae, Oculinidae, Pectiniidae and Mussidae

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Coscinaraea columna
Galaxea fascicularis
Acanthastrea echinata

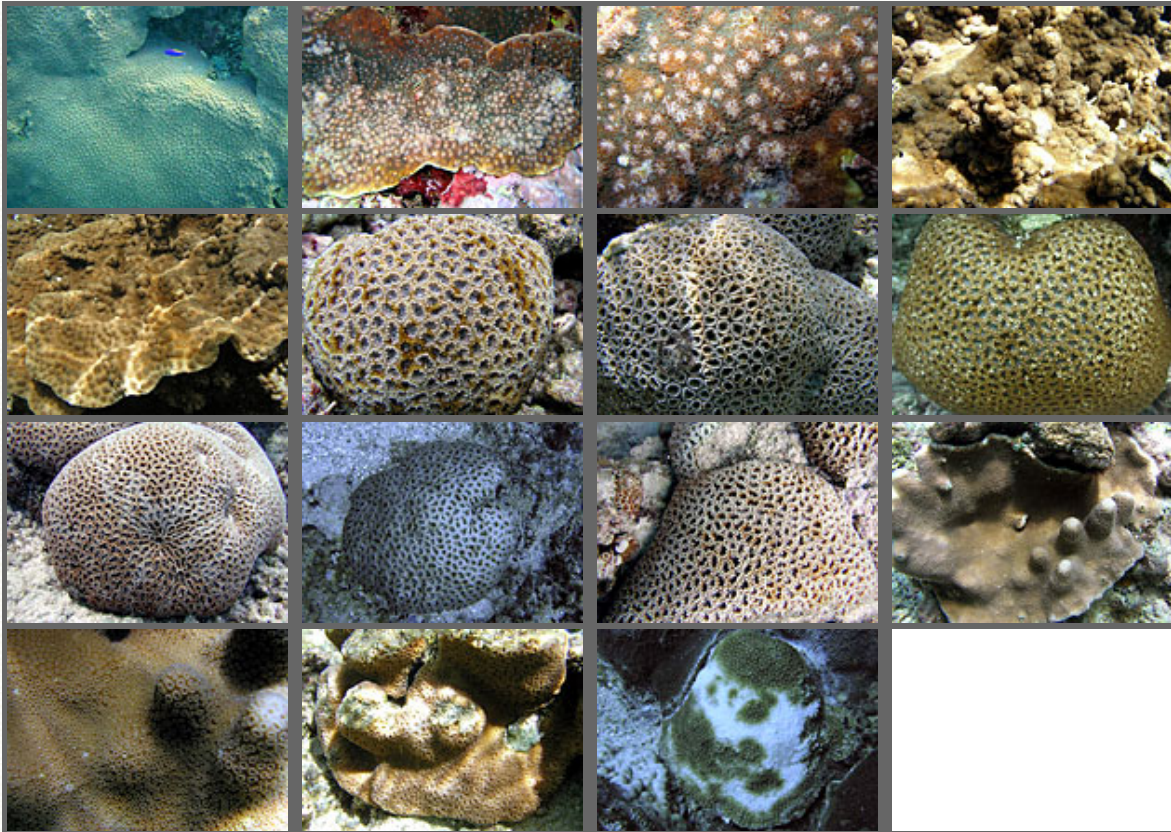
Psammocora digitata
Galaxea fascicularis
Lobophyllia hemprichii

Fungia fungites
Mycodium elephantotus
Lobophyllia hemprichii

Fungia fungites
Mycodium elephantotus

Plate 13. Stony Corals, Family Faviidae -- *Diploastrea heliopora* - *Favia stelligera*

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Diploastrea heliopora
Echinopora lamellosa
Favia matthaii
Favia stelligera

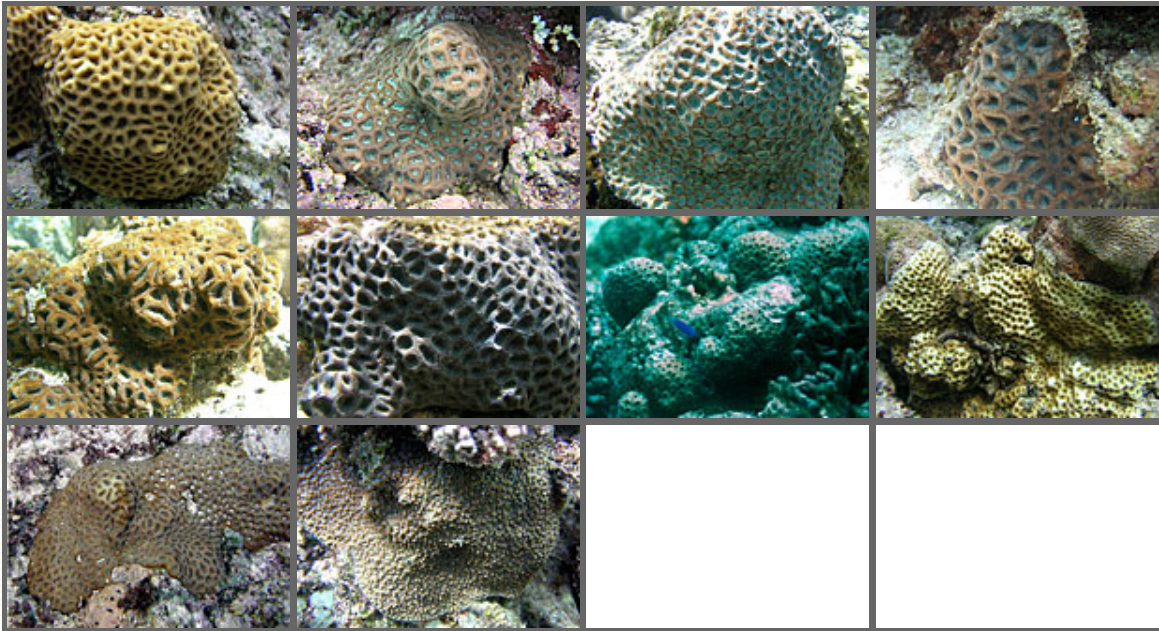
Echinopora gemmacea
Favia matthaii
Favia pallida
Favia stelligera

Echinopora gemmacea
Favia matthaii
Favia pallida
Favia stelligera

Echinopora hirsutissima
Favia matthaii
Favia stelligera

Plate 14. Stony Corals, Faviidae -- *Favites abdita* - *F. russelli*

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Favites abdita
Favites complanata
Favites halicora

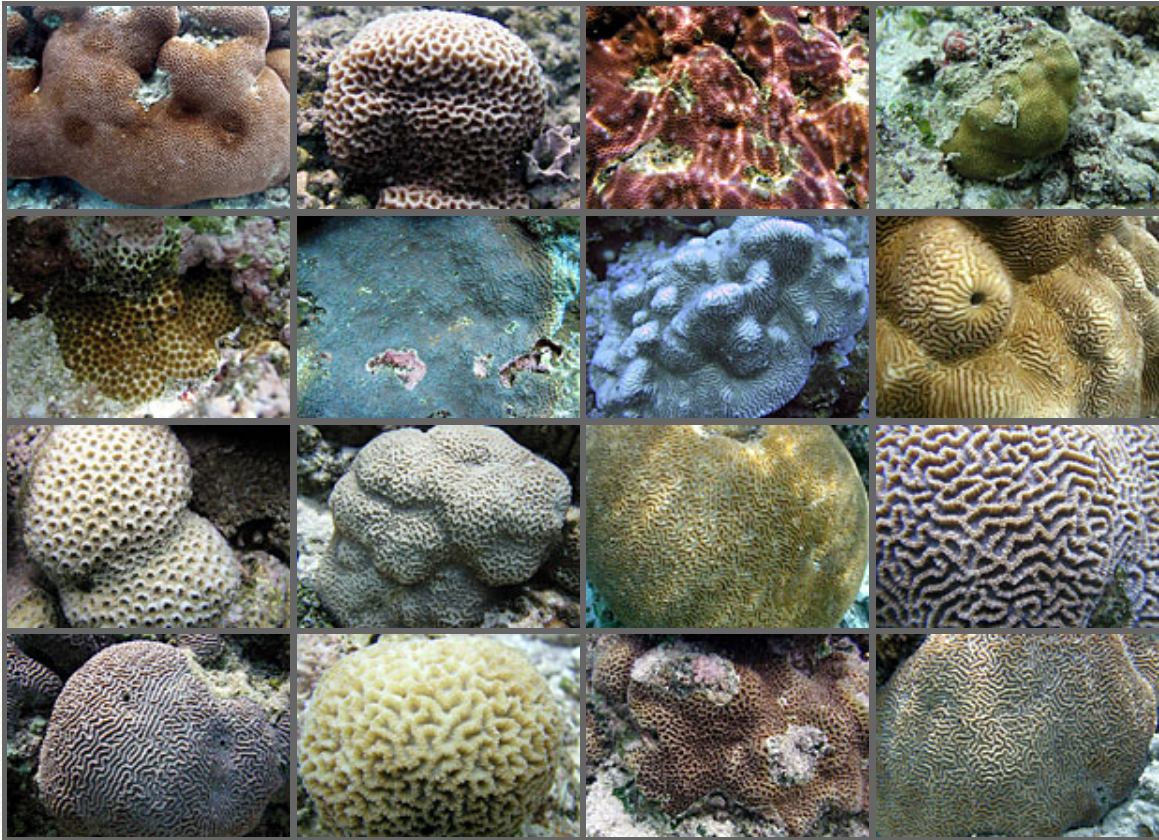
Favites abdita
Favites complanata
Favites russelli

Favites chinensis
Favites flexuosa

Favites complanata
Favites halicora

Plate 15. Stony Corals, Faviidae -- *Goniastrea* - *Platygyra sinensis*

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Goniastrea sp. or *Platygyra* sp.
Leptastrea *purpurea*
Montastraea *curta*
Platygyra *daedalea*

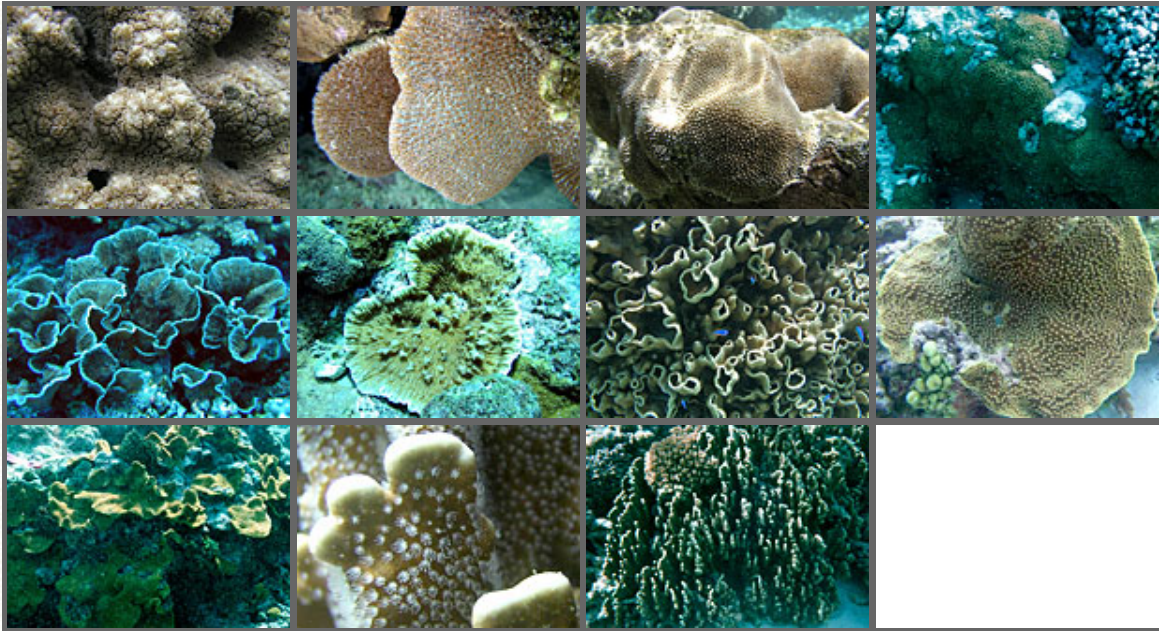
Goniastrea *favulus*.
Leptastrea *transversa*
Platygyra *contorta*
Platygyra *pini*

Goniastrea *minuta*
Leptoria *phrygia*
Platygyra *daedalea*
Platygyra *pini*

Goniastrea *retiformis*
Leptoria *phrygia*
Platygyra *daedalea*
Platygyra *sinensis*

Plate 16. Stony Corals, Merulinidae and Helioporidae

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Hydnophora exesa
Merulina ampliata
Turbinaria stellulata

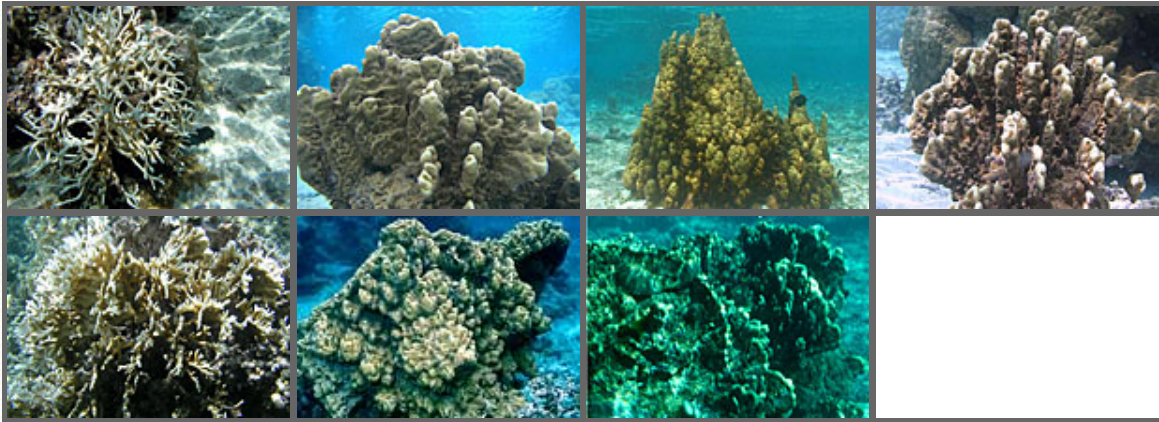
Hydnophora exesa
Merulina scabricula
Heliopora coerulea

Hydnophora microconos
Turbinaria mesenterina
Heliopora coerulea

Hydnophora rigida
Turbinaria reniformis

Plate 17. Stony Corals, Milleporidae

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Millepora dichotoma
Millepora exaesa

Millepora exaesa
Millepora platyphylla

Millepora exaesa
Millepora platyphylla

Millepora exaesa