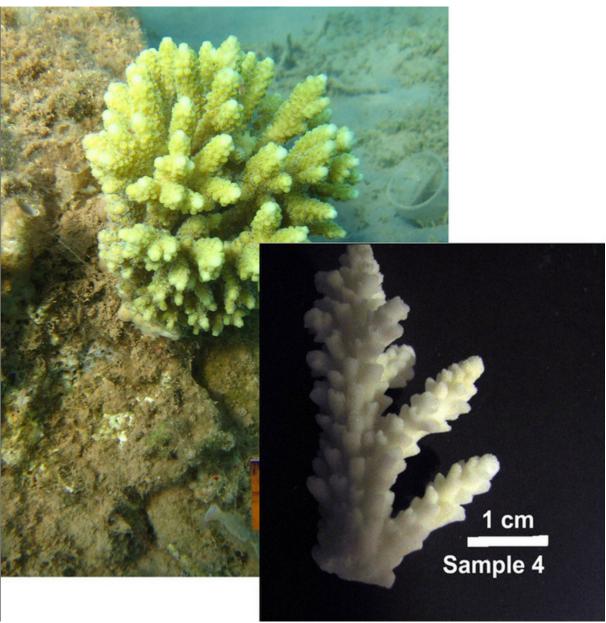
## Key to expected Red Sea Acroporidae species (after Veron, 2000)\*

Only species reported or expected in our region. For full key, be advised to use the original key: p. 447-459



## **Colony forms plate-like bushes**

- -Axial corallites not dominating colony shape
  - (Group 32)
- ---Radial corallites conspicuous.
- ----Axial corallites dome-shaped.
- -----Aaxial and radial corallites similar
- -----Radial corallites widely spaced = A. squarrosa
- -----Radial corallites crowded = A. plantaginea

Description: Colonies are small and caespitose or corymbose, forming compact bushes. Axial corallites are dome-shaped and short but conspicuous. Radial corallites are thick walled, short and mostly appressed but sometimes becoming elongate tubes on the sides of branches. **Colour:** Yellow-brown, blue and pink. (Source: "Corals of the World online" for *A. plantaginea*)