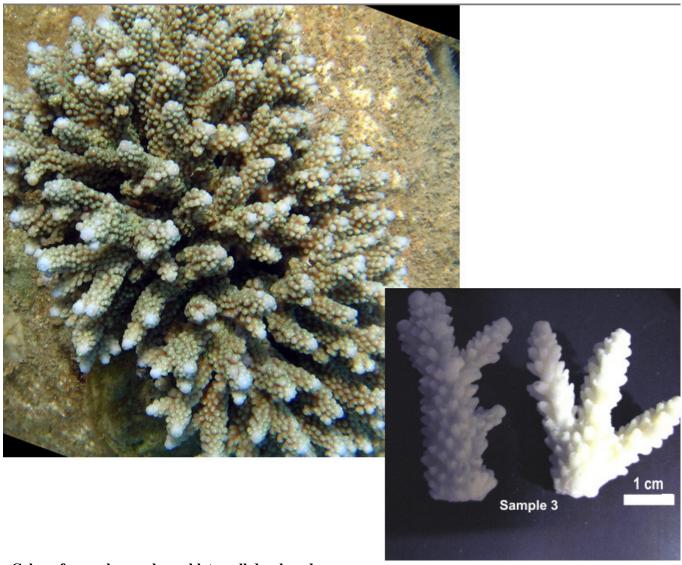
## Key to expected Red Sea Acroporidae species (after Veron, 2000)\*

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



## Colony forms clumps, branchlets well developed

- --Corallites not dominating the colony structure.
- ---Radial corallites appressed (**Group 35**).
- ----colony corymbose = A. valida

Description: Colonies have a wide range of forms from compact bushes to tables. They seldom exceed 0.5 metres across. Axial corallites are small. Radial corallites are usually a mixture of sizes and are strongly appressed and swollen, with small openings.

**Colour:** Cream, brown or yellow, sometimes brown with purple branch tips and cream radial corallites, a colour commonly shared by *A. secale* and *A. nana*.