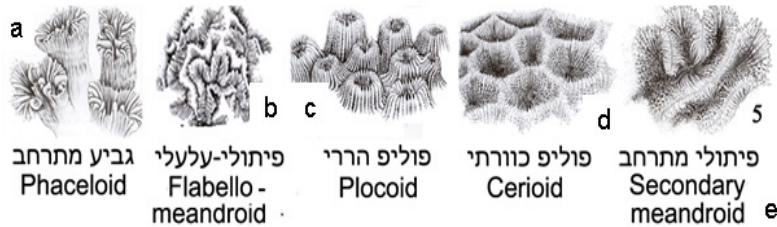


Key to expected Red Sea *Pocillopora* (After Veron, 2000)

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Key to *Pocilloporidae* Genera

Colonies have verrucae = **Genus *Pocillopora***

Colonies do not have verrucae

Branches fine = **Genus *Seriatopora***

Branches robust = **Genus *Stylophora***

Key to *Pocillopora* species

Note (Veron, 2000): Because of the wide variation within species due to environment as well as geographic location, grouping of species in the key may not indicate similarity observed underwater.

Verrucae intergrade with branches = ***P. damicornis***

Verrucae do not intergrade with branches

-Colony consists of upright branches

--Colony with short compact branches

---Verrucae distributed uniformly on branches

----Verrucae longer than wide = ***P. verrucosa***

-Colony with elongate branches

--Verrucae not longer than wide

---Branches not laterally fused = ***P. eydouxi*** *

* Recorded from Red Sea (Veron, 2000) - may occur in the future. Samples from Seychelles in IUI collection)