

Key to expected Red Sea *Astrocoeniidae* species (Adapted from *Veron, 2000*)

Family Astrocoeniidae

Key to Genera and species

Colonies encrusting, corallites inconspicuous

-Coenosteum style present = **Genus *Stylocoeniella***

- coenosteum styles prominent = *Stylocoeniella armata*

- coenosteum styles not prominent. Corallites immersed = *Stylocoeniella guentheri*

Colonies becoming branching, conspicuous corallites.

Septa fused with columellas = **genus *Madracis***

-Colonies not branching

-- Colonies have 10 primary septa

---Second septal cycle not well developed. Colonies columnar = *M. kirbyi*