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Paleontology

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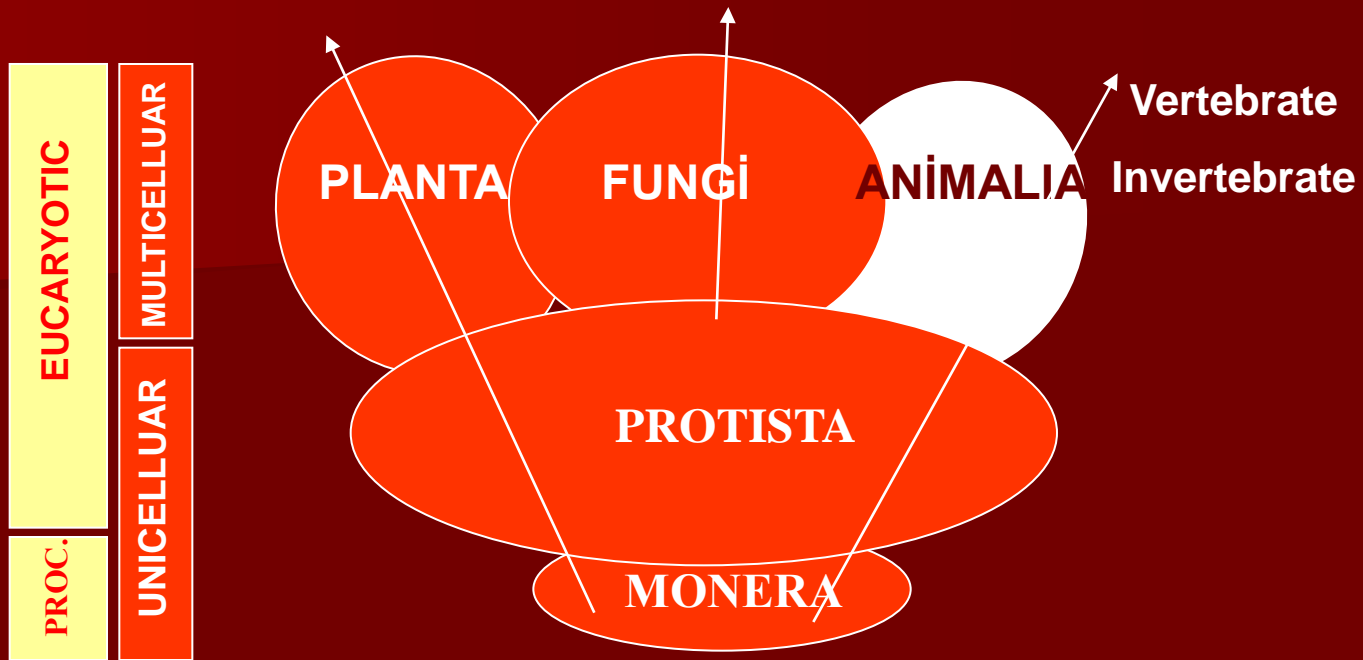
Stratigraphical ranges

Rugosa selected genera

Tabulata selected genera

Scleractine selected genera

Topics



| Procaryotic | | Eucaryotic | | | |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| Unicellular | | Multicellular | | | |
| Domain Bacteria | Domain Archaea | Domain Eukarya | | | |
| Kingdom Monera | Kingdom Protoctista (=Protista) | Kingdom Animalia | Kingdom Plantae | Kingdom Fungi | |



PHYLUM PORIFERA

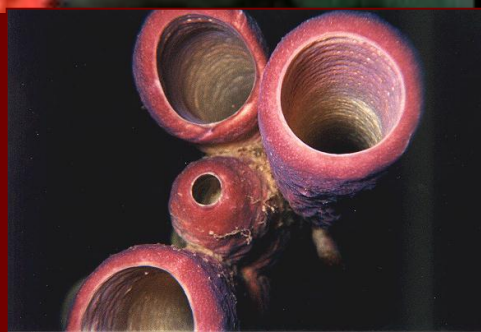


<http://www.palaeos.com/Invertebrates/Porifera/Porifera.htm>

Neoesperiopsis rigida - Orange Finger Sponge
This specimen from Waadah Island Fingers, Strait of Juan de Fuca
Size : 30 cm tall
Class **Demospongia**

PHYLUM PORIFERA (=SPONGIA)

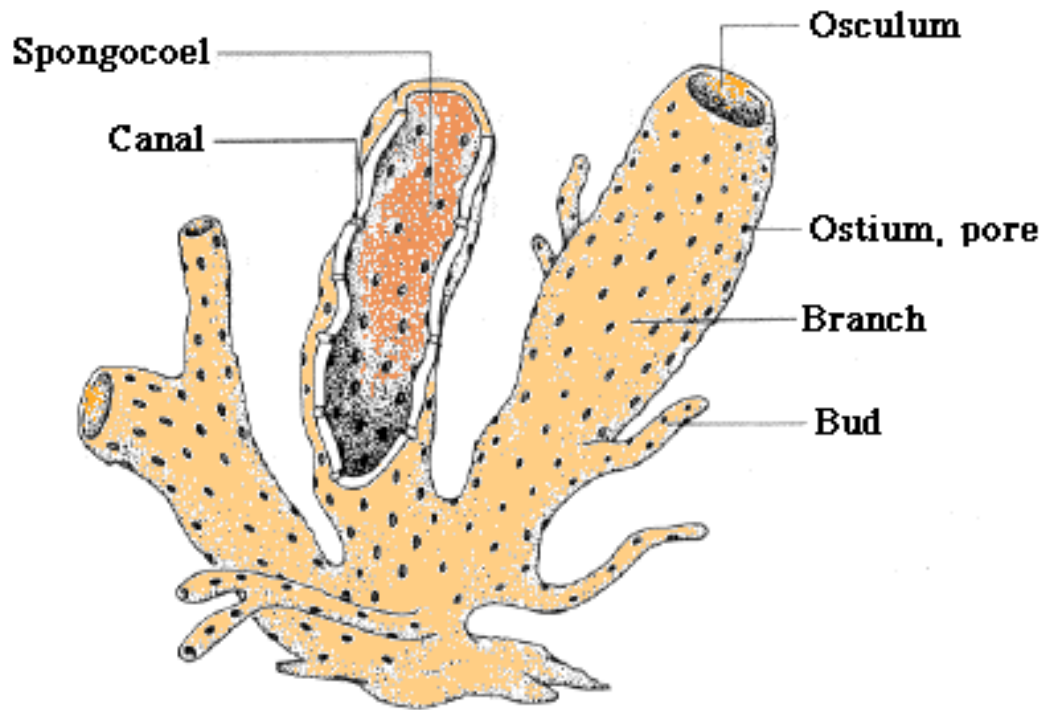
<http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/porifera/porifera.html>



PHYLUM SPONGIA (=PORIFERA)

General characteristics

Figure 2 - Basic Sponge Morphology



From Boardman et al (1987)

<http://paleo.cortland.edu/tutorial/Protista/porifera.htm>

Shape: Cyclindrical, bag, globular, wrapper-shaped, colonized individuals, their sizes change from smaller than 1 cm up to a human-being skull size, multicellular, primitive

Shell composition: mainly calcerous, some siliceous

Age: Cambrian to Recent

Environment: Shallow, benthic, some open sea marine, 80 % marine, rest freshwater, epifaunal, sessile.

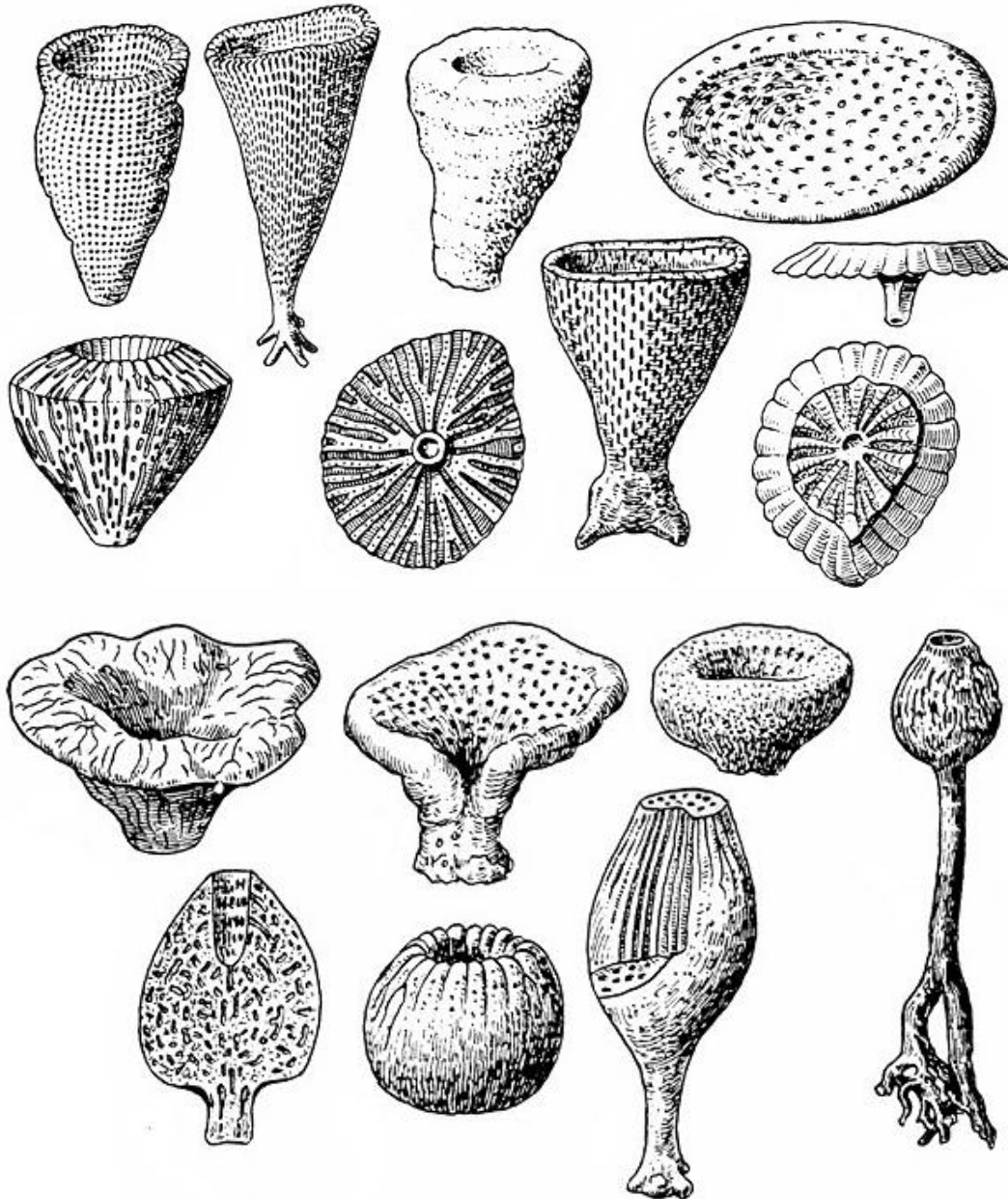
Feeding: They use annelide, wermes for feeding by filtering



Others: no nervous system,

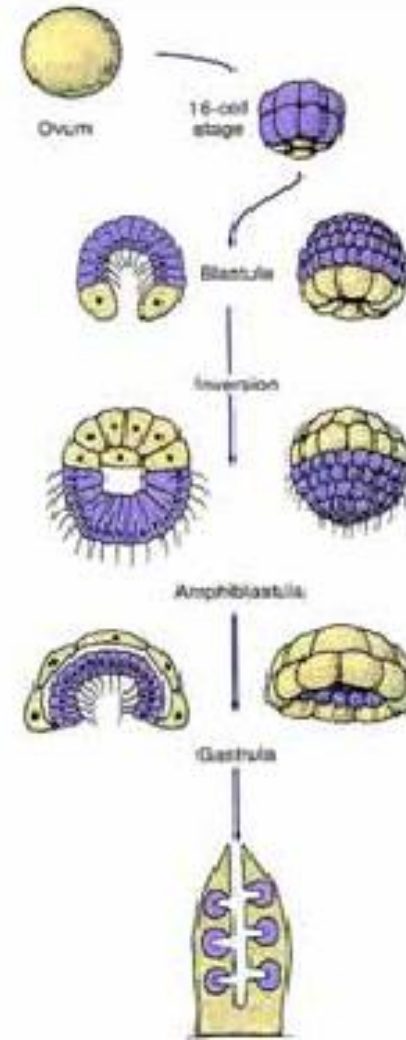
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Various porifera sahpes



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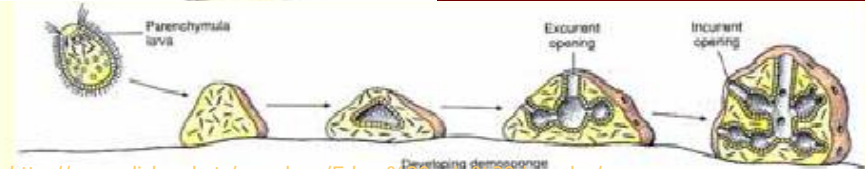
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Reproduction

Prifera reproduction may be sexual or asexual.

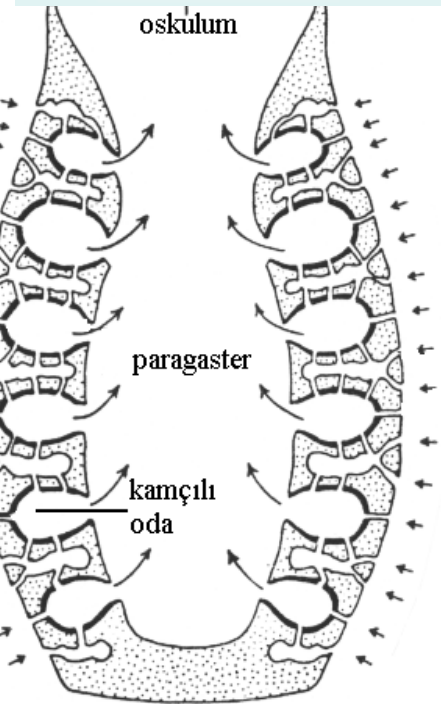
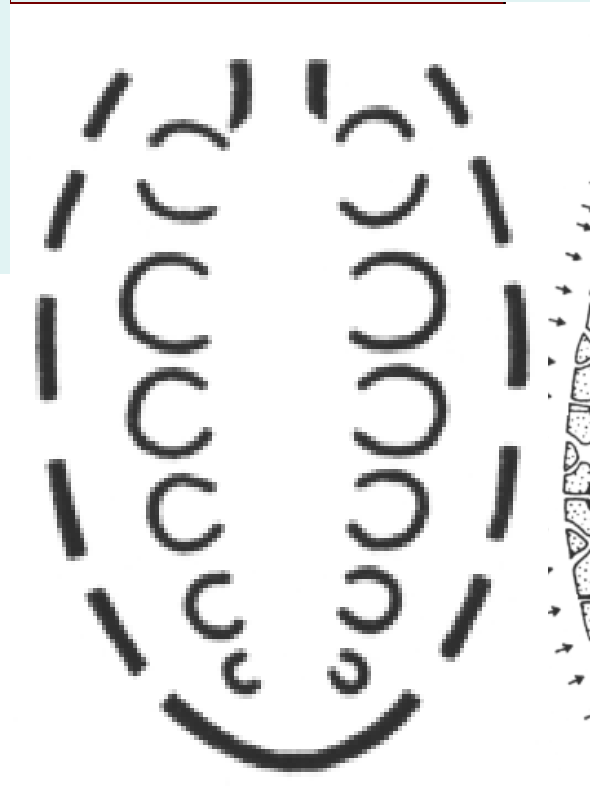
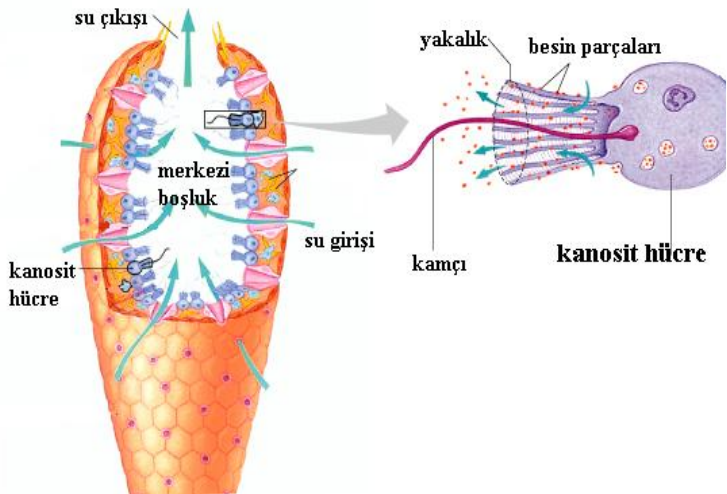
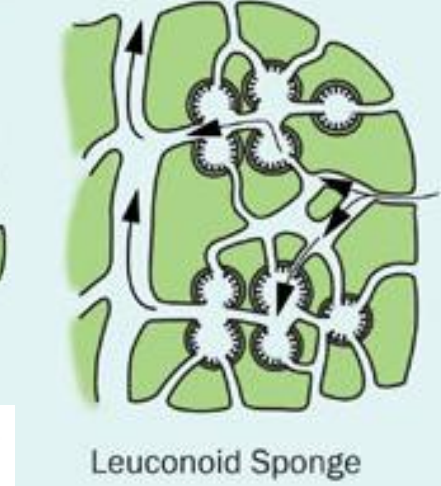
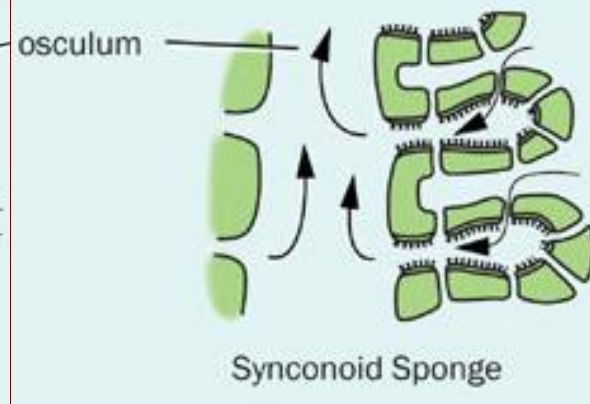
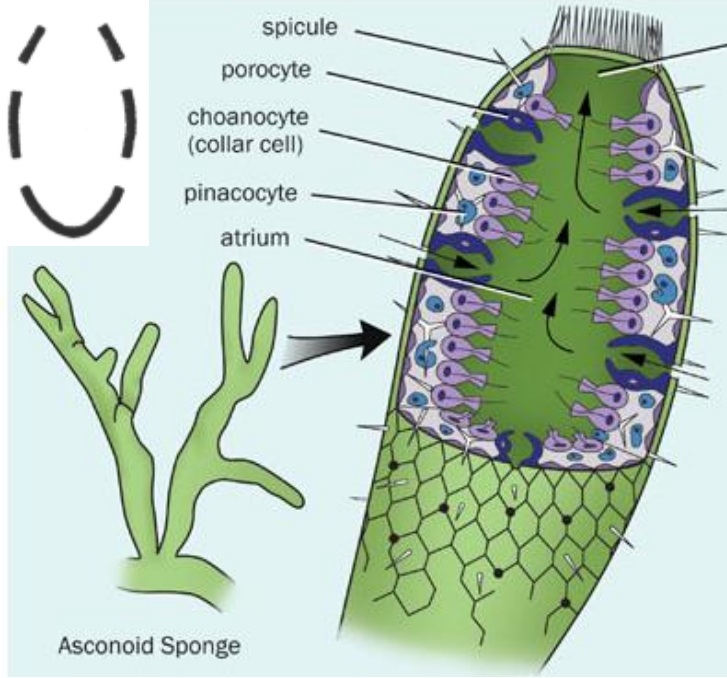
- Sexual reproduction is related to flagellate larvae. These larvae are removed from the body, and then they move to a substrate to be sticked. After that, new individuls appear.
- Asexual reproduction is associated with budding of colony.



<http://www.dicle.edu.tr/~zoology/Erhan%20Unitu%20dosyalar/dersler/hayvan%20morf/Porifera%20BOLUM-3.pdf>

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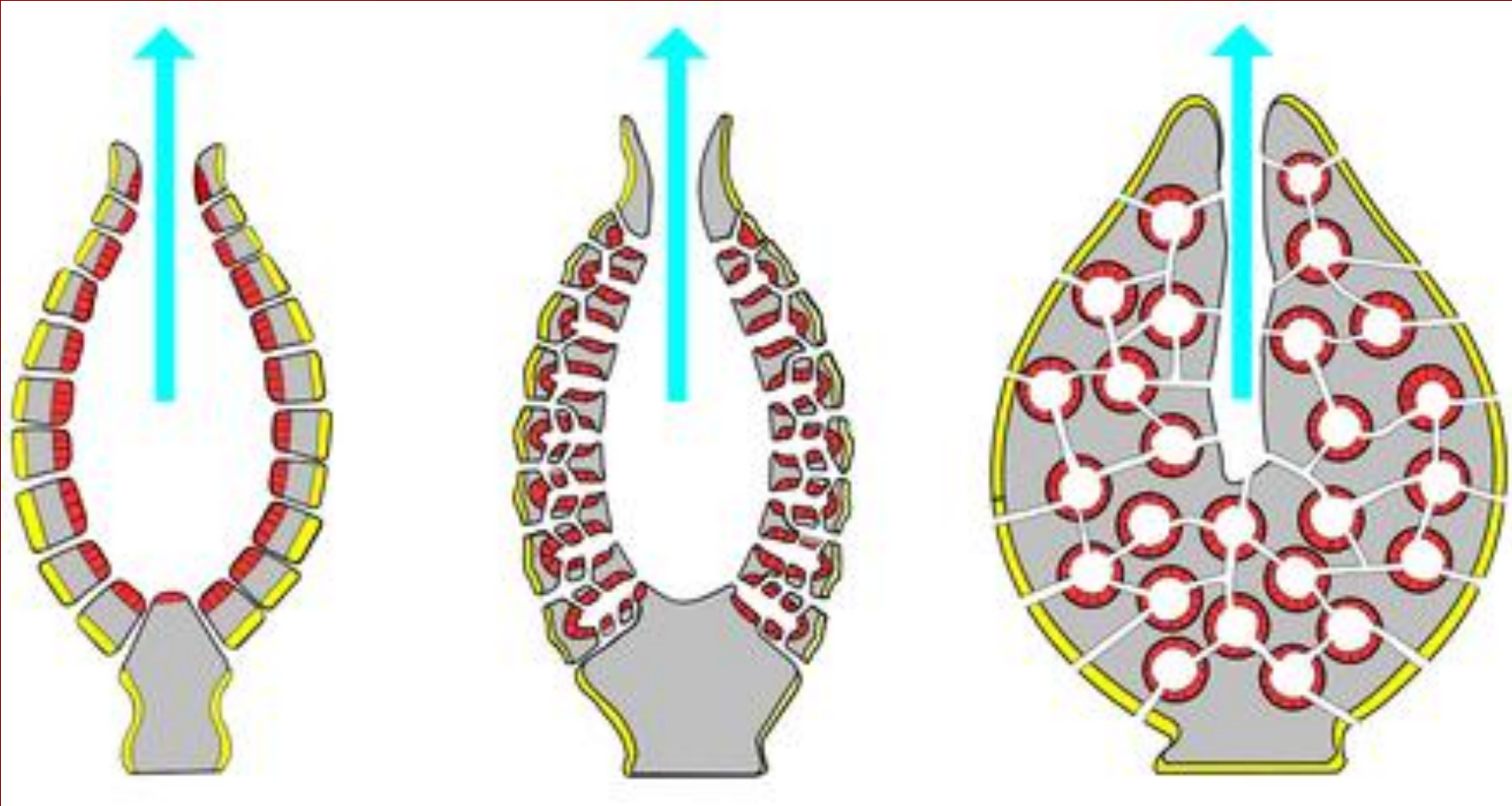
Organisation & Related terms



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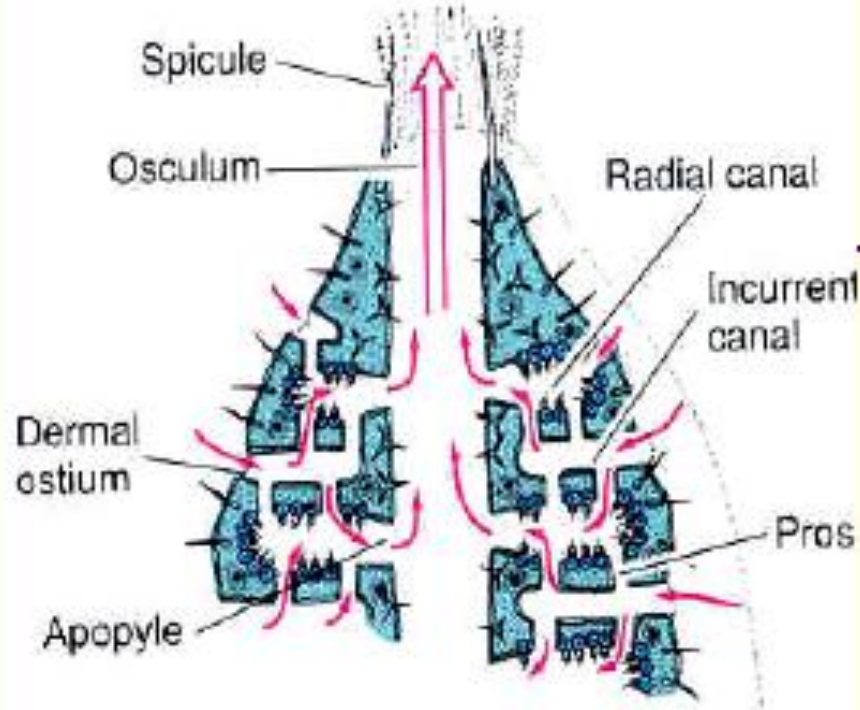


Paragaster, osculum, ostia, asconoid, sychonoid, leuconoid, spicule, conasit



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Organisation & Related terms



Syconoid (Sycon)

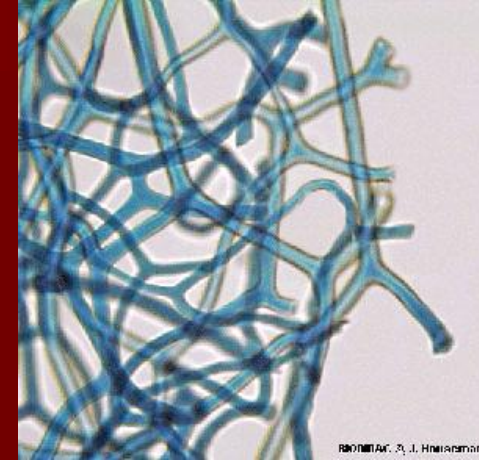
Dry weight 200 gr a spongia
filters 1000 kg water in 24 hours.

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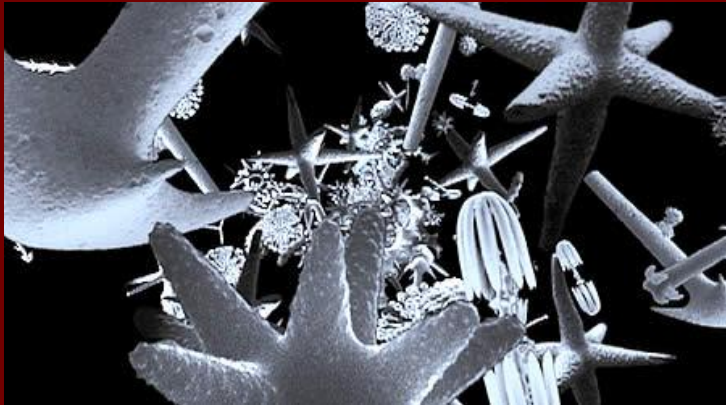
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Porifera consist of two kinds of body materials:

1. **spongine**: organic material

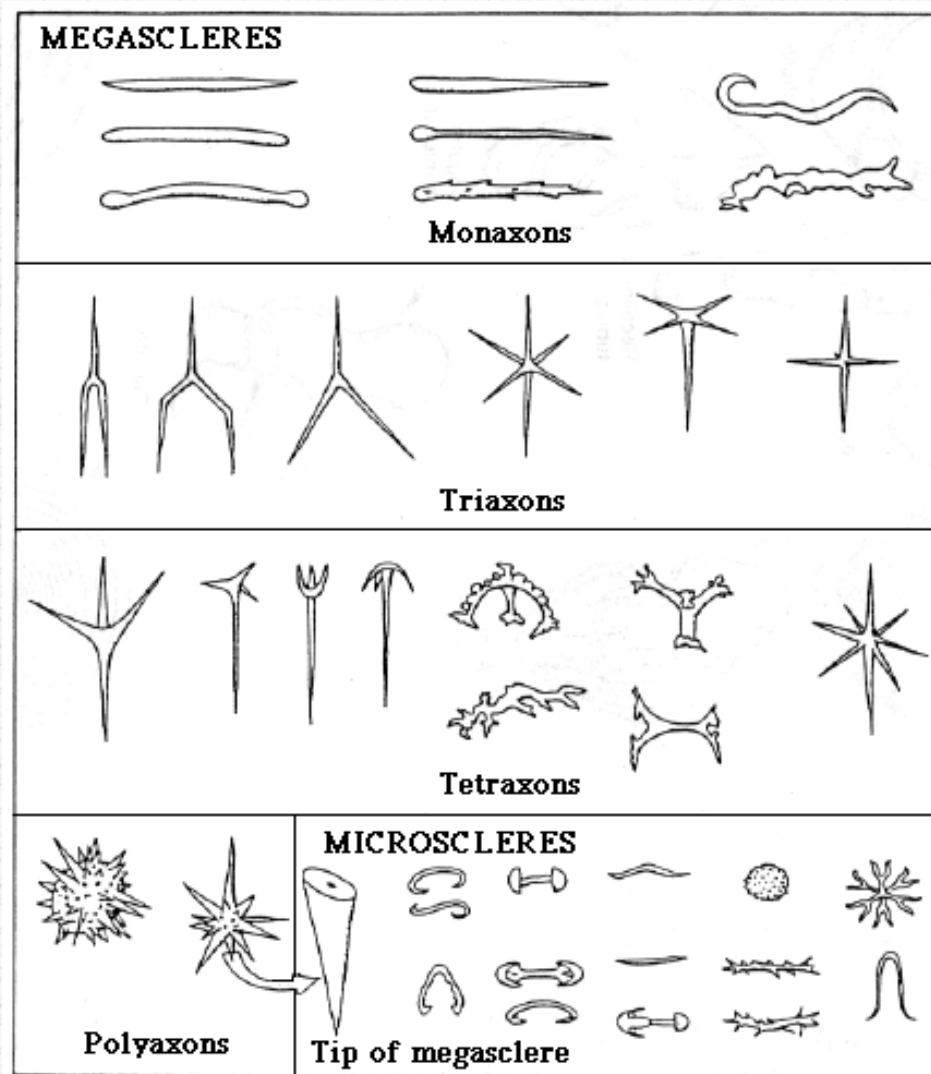


2. **Spicule or scleres**: carboneaceous or siliceous tiny skeletal parts. elementlerdir.



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Nomenclature of Common Megascleres & Microscleres in Fossil and Modern Sponges

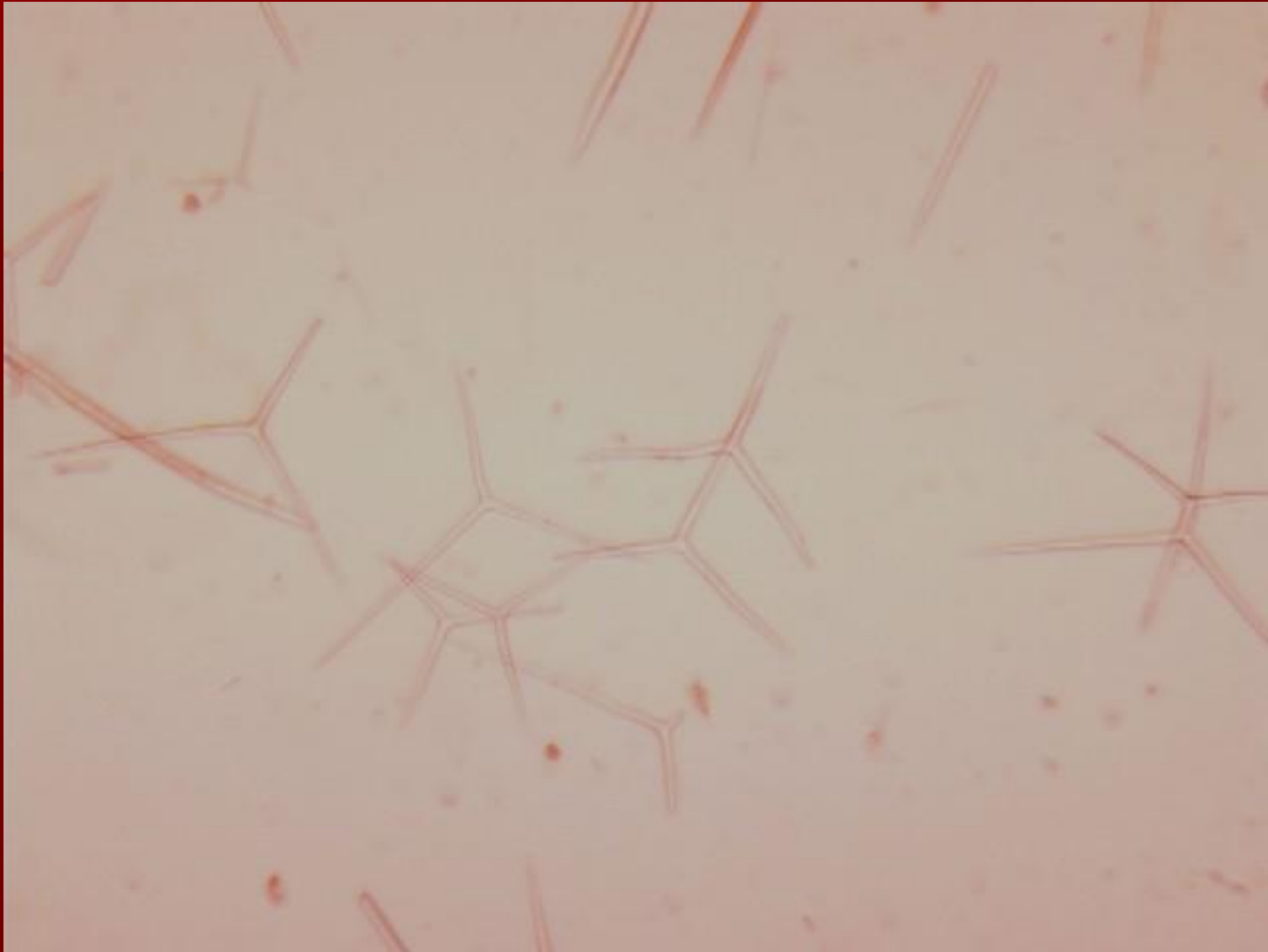


Spicules

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Spicules

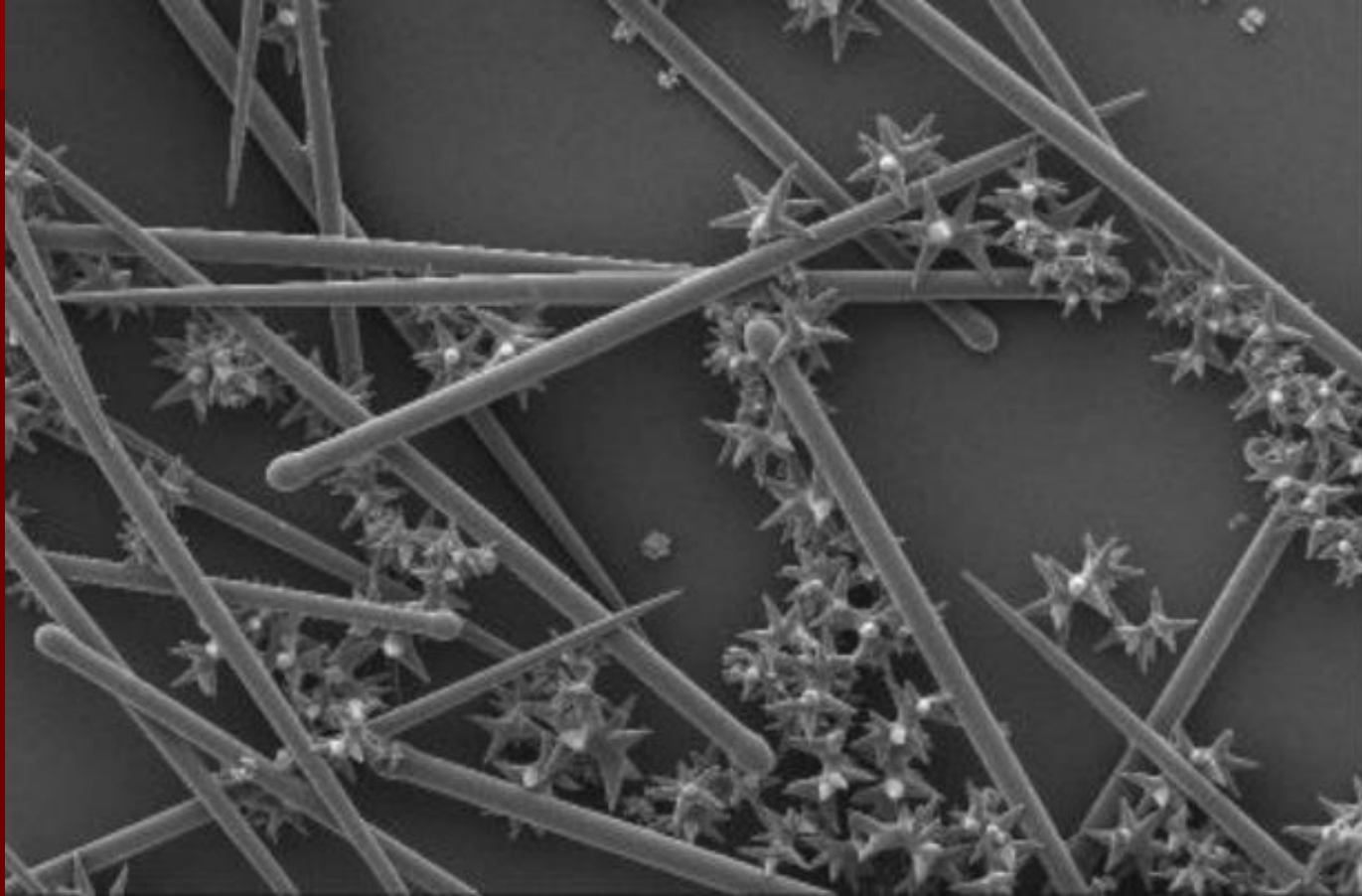


Spicules within a thin section

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Spicules

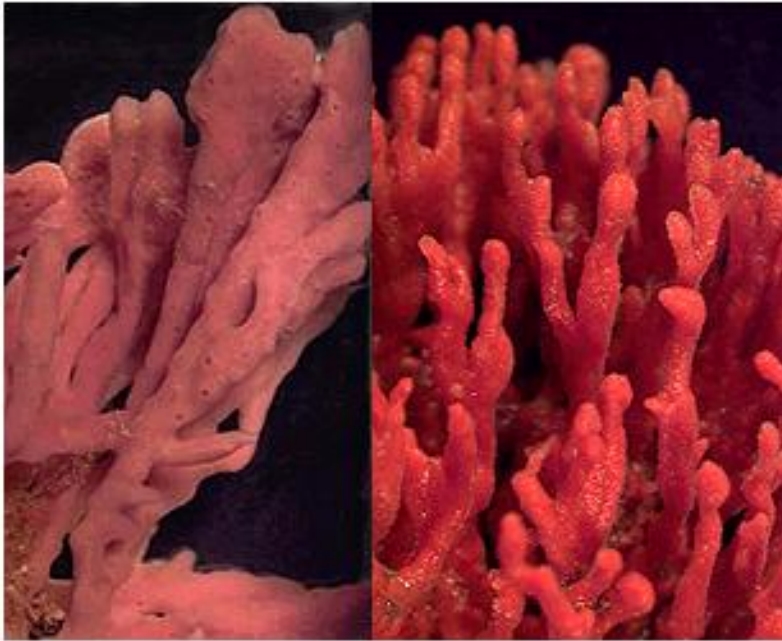


SEM views of spicules

If a rock includes rich spicules, it may be called spiculit.

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Classification



Calcarea

- Calcinea
- Calcaronea

Hexactinellida

- Amphidiscophora
- Hexasterophora

Demospongiae

- Homoscleromorpha
- Tetractinomorpha
- Ceractinomorpha

Phylum Porifera

- Class **Demospongea** (Cambrian - Recent)

- Class **Hexactinellida** (Cambrian - Recent)

- Class **Calcarea** (Cambrian - Recent)

- "Class **Stromatoporoida**" (Ordovician - ?Recent)

- Phylum **Archaeocyatha** (Cambrian)

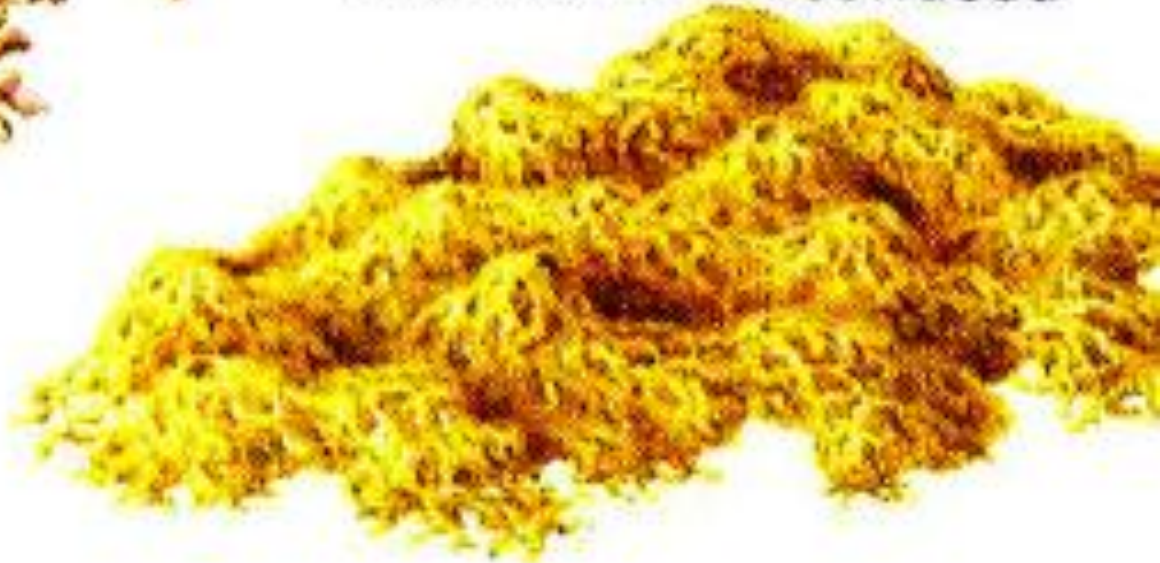
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Leucosolenia complicata



Leucosolenia coriacea



Class: Calcarea

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- Presence of spongin, or silicon spicules (that are not six-rayed) or both.



Euspongia
(*Spongia*)



Spongilla



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- Spicules of calcium carbonate (all three canal systems present in class)



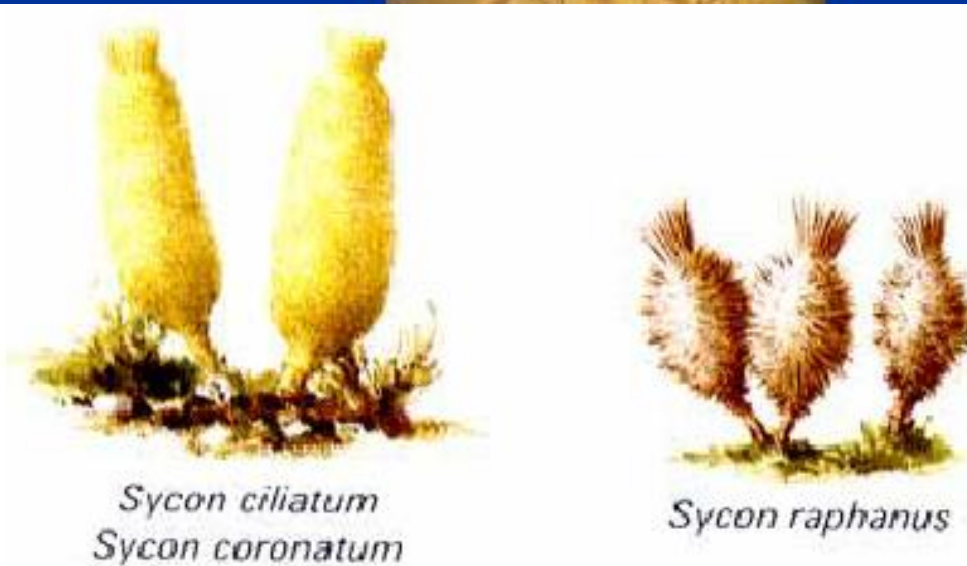
Grantia (Scypha)



Leucosolenia (stained)



Spicules



Sycon ciliatum
Sycon coronatum

Sycon raphanus

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Hyalospongiae

- Six-rayed silicon spicules



Euplectella
(Venus' flower basket)



Aplysilla intricatana



Spongia officinalis



Halichondria panicea



Mycale massa



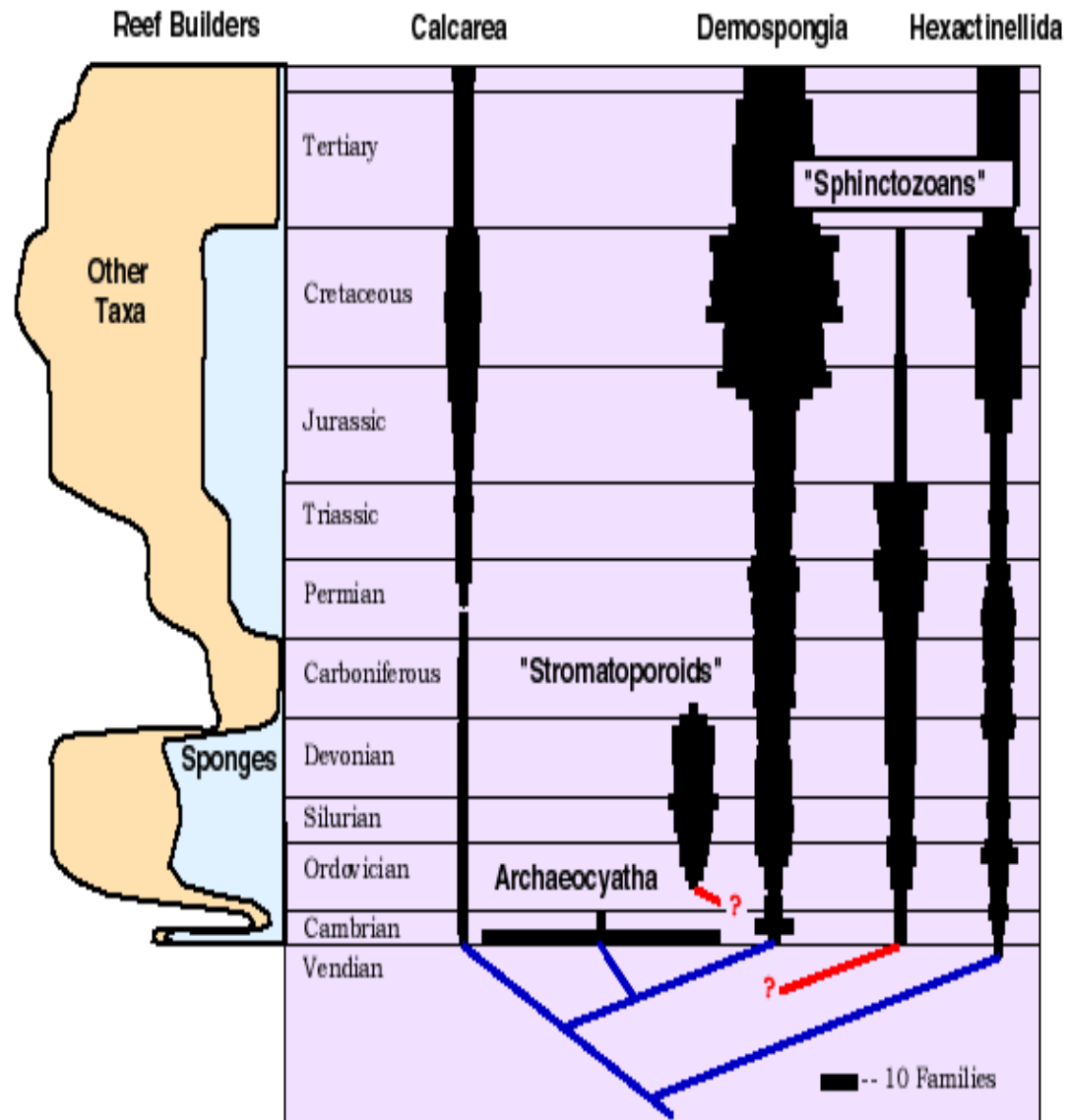
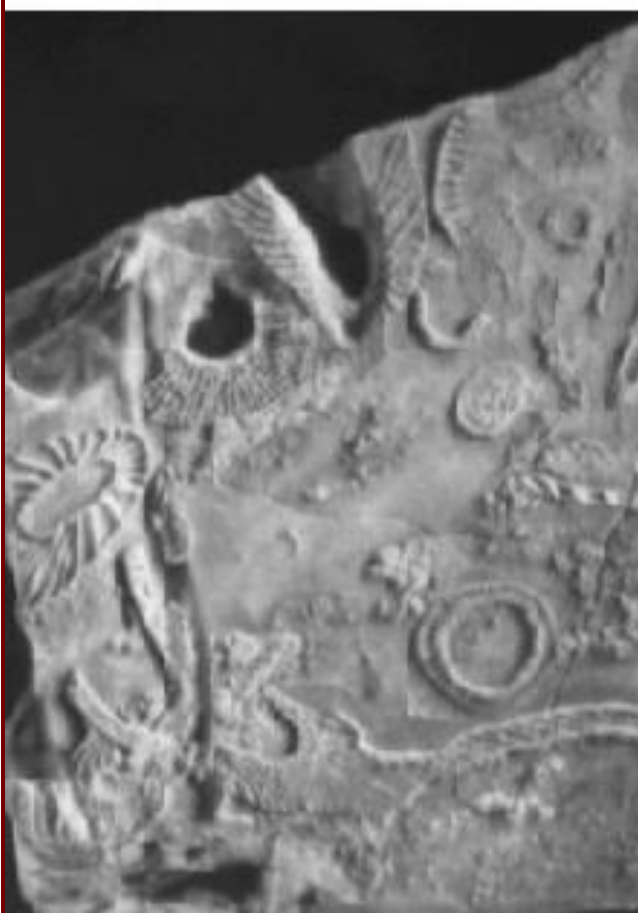
Verongia aerophoba



Ircinia fasciculata

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Stratigraphical ranges



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Examples (Recent)



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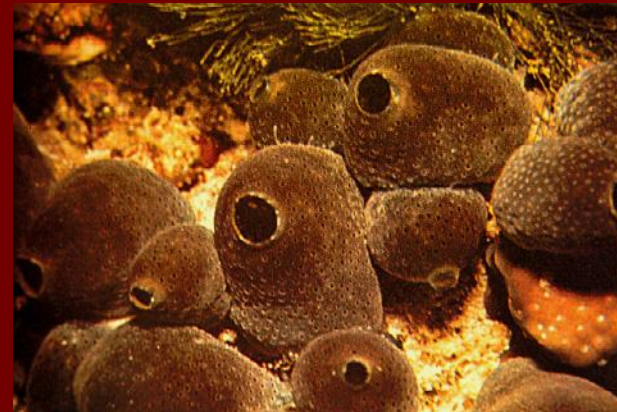
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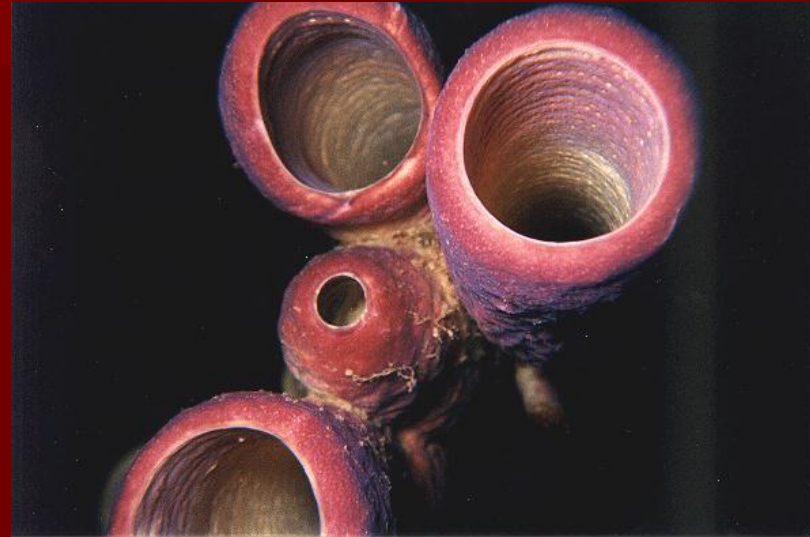
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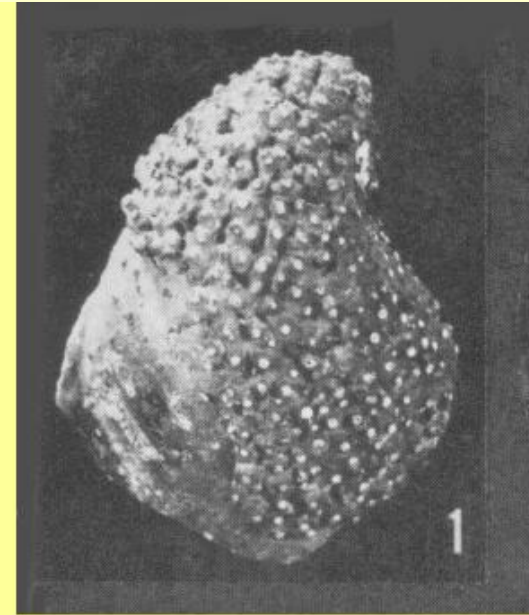
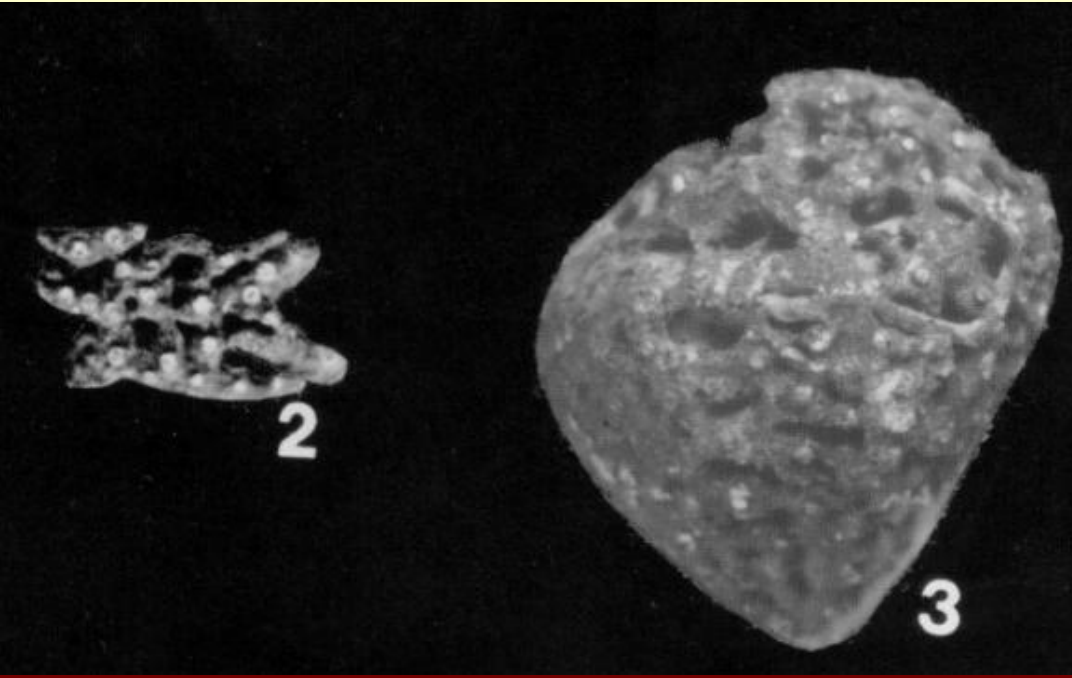
Examples (Recent?)



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Examples (Ancient)



1. *Cliona cretatica* - specimen from the Mount Laurel Formation



Cliona cretacica

Examples (Ancient)



Siphonia ("Siphon") was a genus of extinct hallirhoiddemosponges of the Upper Cretaceous. They lived in the Western Tethys Ocean, in what is now Europe. They all had distinctive pear-shaped bodies that were attached to the seafloor via a long stem. Their common name, "tulip sponges," refers to their suggestive shape, while the genus name refers to how the spongocoel (the main tube of the sponge body) runs almost the entire length of the sponge, as though it were almost a drinking straw. The length was around half an inch (1 centimeter).

Examples (Ancient)



Ventriculites fistulosus

SCHRAMMEN 1912

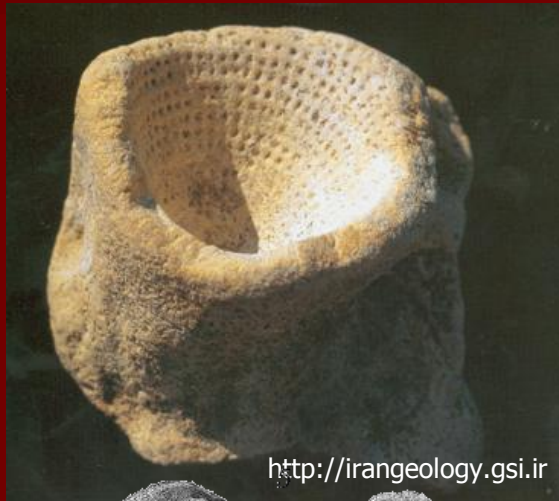
Ventriculites fistulosus is a rare species at Misburg, contrary to *V. radiatus*. It differs from the latter species mainly by the more irregular shape and arrangement of the pores.

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Examples (Ancient)

Creticularia sp.
Jurassic to Pliocene



Doryderma sp.
Carboniferous to Early Cretaceous



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Examples (Ancient)



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Examples (Ancient)

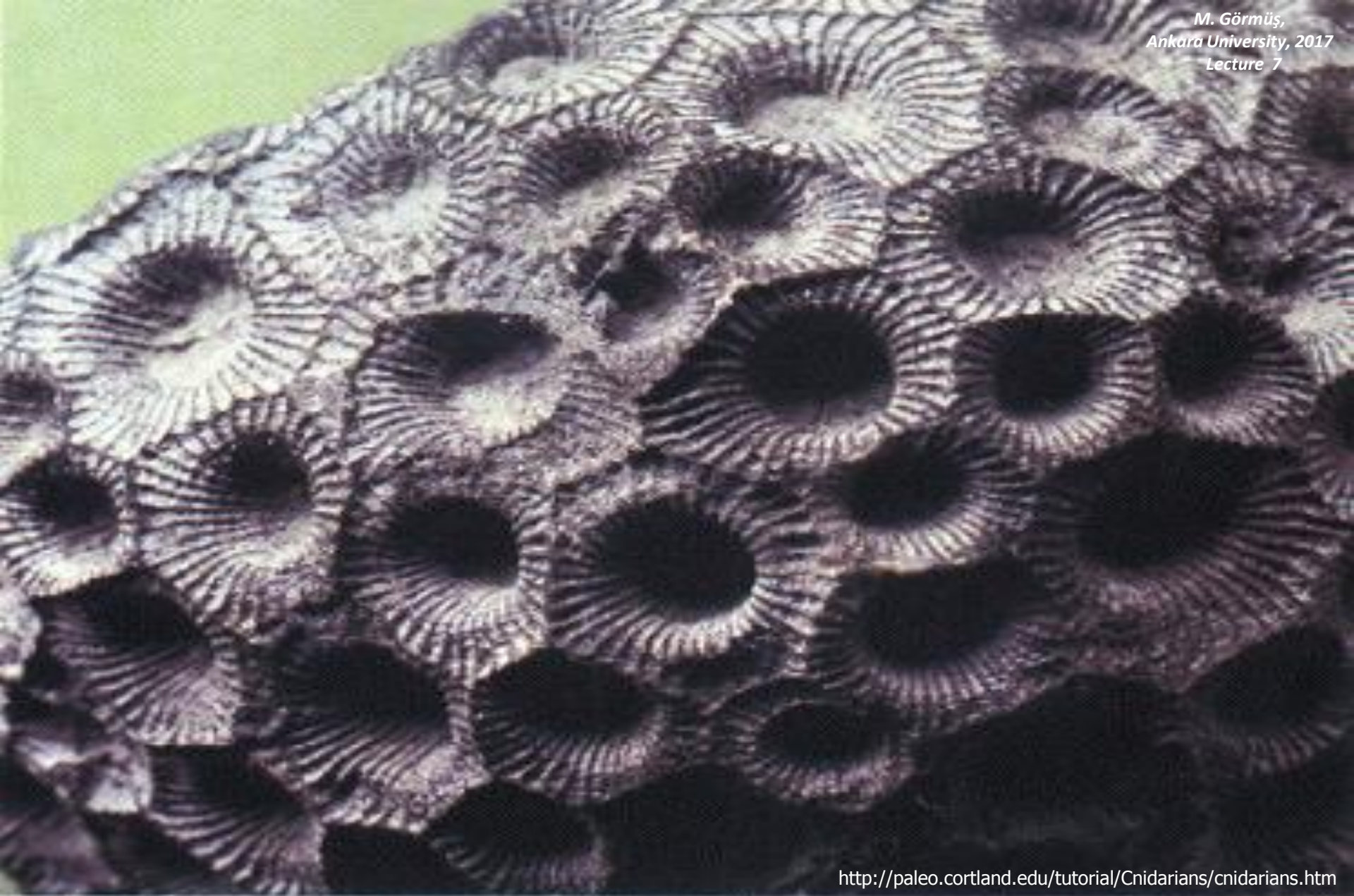


Not spongia, an alga...



Receptaculies- Receptaculites was long assigned to sponges, but it considered to represent the fossil remains of calcareous algae. They lived from the lower Ordovician through the Permian. Specimens found are usually globular to platter shaped, and measure from a few cm to over half a meter across. The surface is covered by rectangular plates arranged in intersecting sets of clock-wise and counterclock-wise patterns.

Enidaria



<http://paleo.cortland.edu/tutorial/Cnidarians/cnidarians.htm>

From Eldredge (1991)





Cnidaria



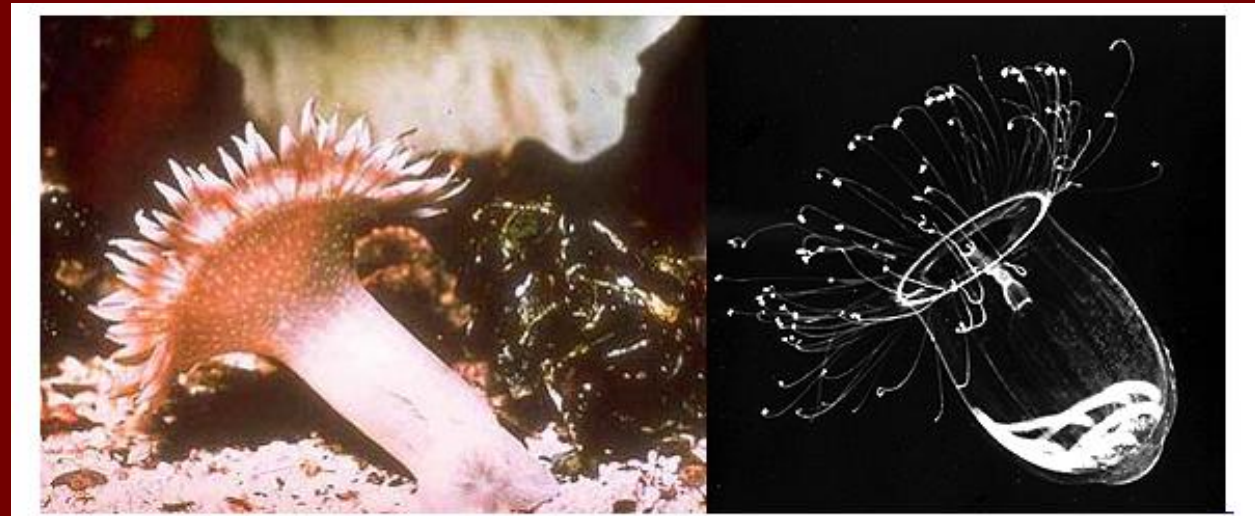
General characteristics

---Phylum Cnidaria includes corals, anemones, jellyfish & hydroids.

--- or **Coelenterata** is a phylum containing over 10,000 species of animals found exclusively in aquatic and mostly marine environments (mainly reefal) (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cnidaria>).

--- Calcereous tests, generally colonized simple multicellular organisms

---Precambrian to Recent



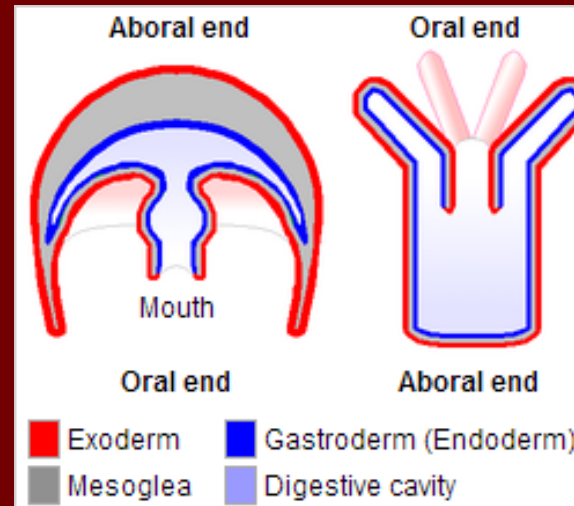
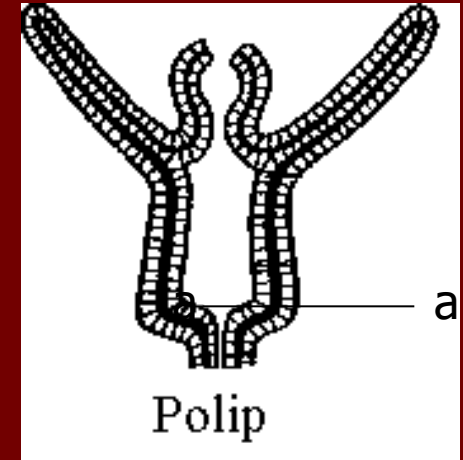
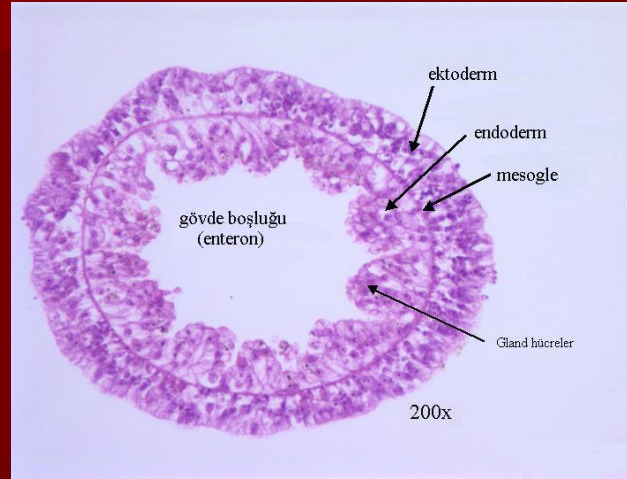


Cnidaria



General characteristics

--- Their bodies cover two layers, outer layer is called exoderm, inner layer is called endoderm, there is a gelatinous mesoglea between endo and exoderms. The mesoglea contain simple a nerveous system.



--- Two life modes are important: Polyps and medusa



Cnidaria



General characteristics

Medusa

- ❖ Discoidal body
- ❖ Aperture & anus at bottom
- ❖ Thick mesoglae
- ❖ Planktic



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cnidaria>



Polyps

- ❖ Cylindrical body
- ❖ Aperture & anus at top
- ❖ Benthic, sessile



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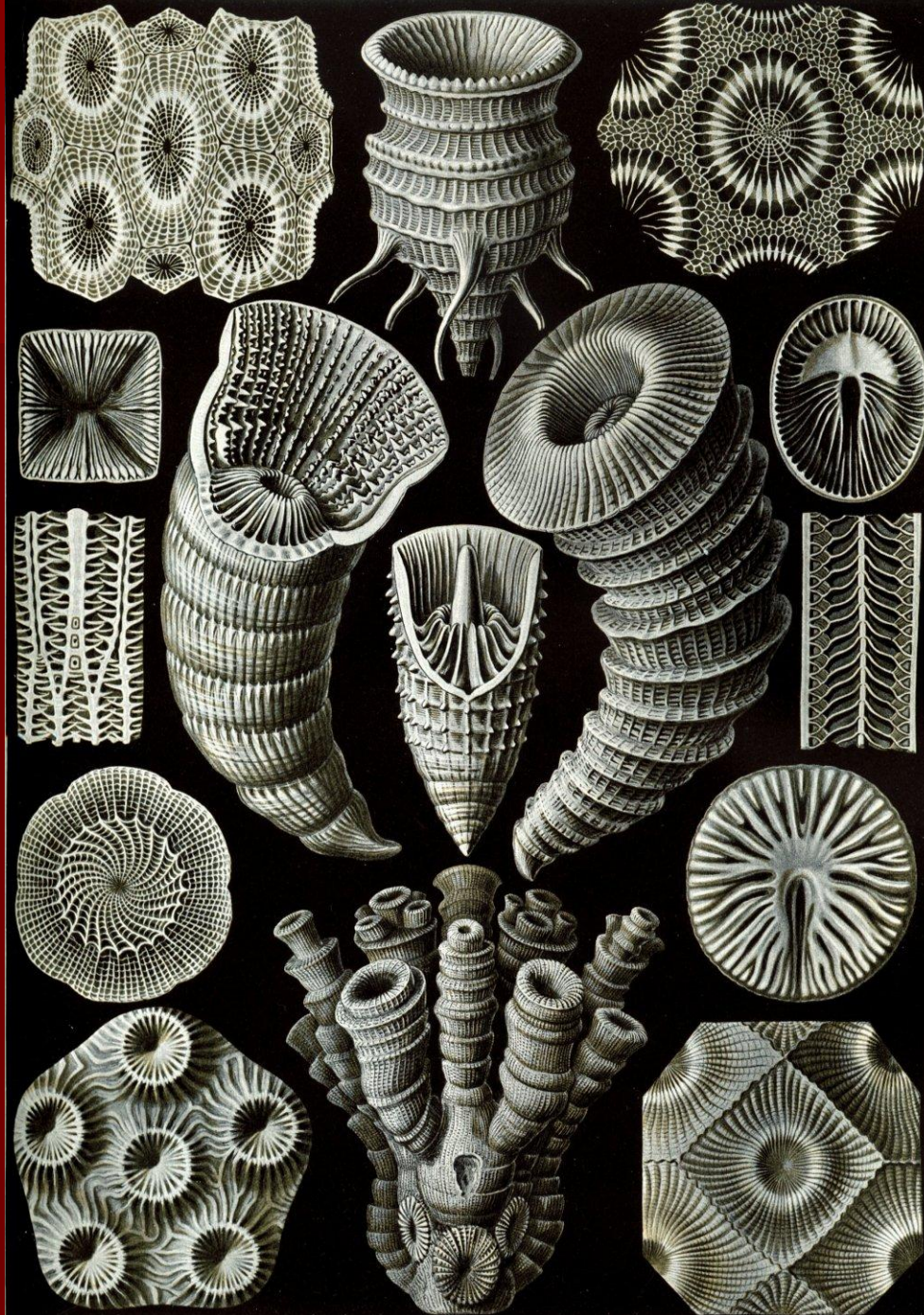




Cnidaria



General terms



Corallum: Coloni

Corallit: An individual within corallum

Fossula: Distinctive cavity between septa

Dissepiment: Convex many septula

Calisse: concavity at the top

Columel: medium vertical structure within each individual

Fasikül: a colony by free corallits

Masive: a colony by attached corallits

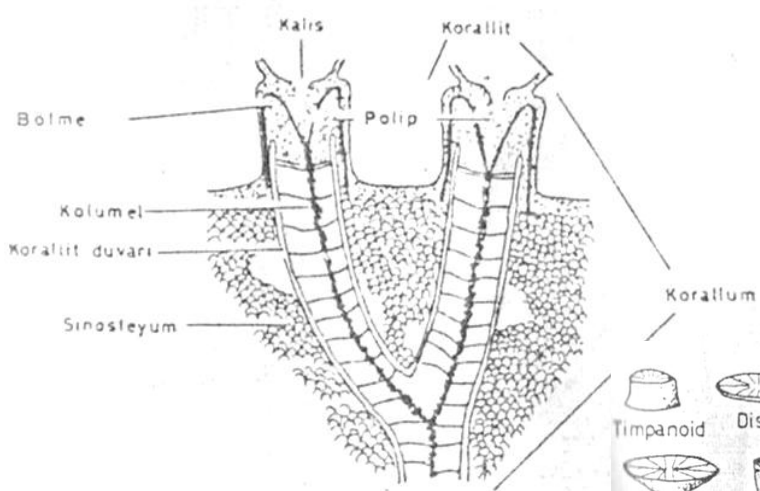




Cnidaria



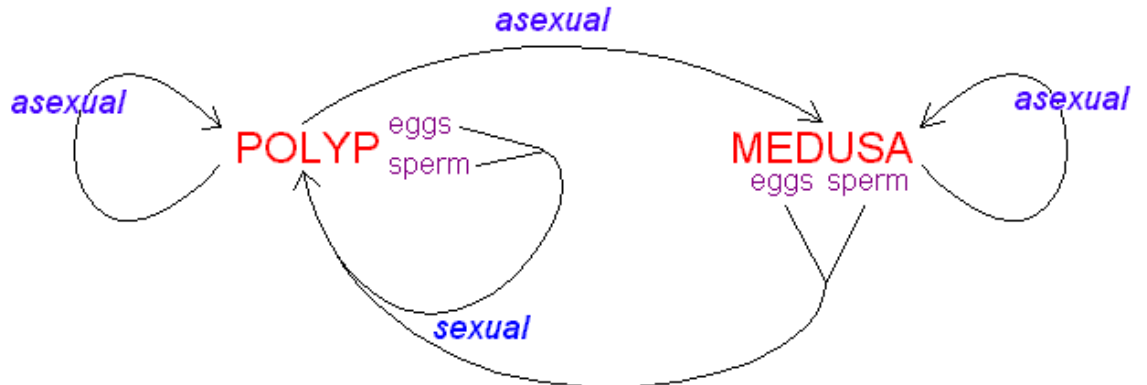
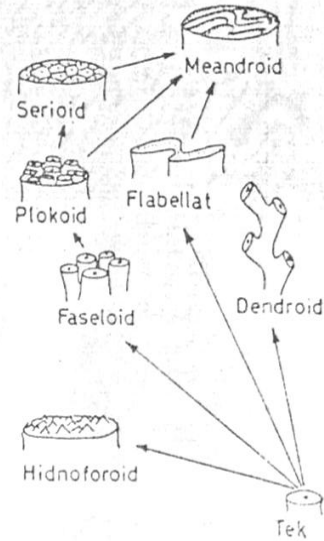
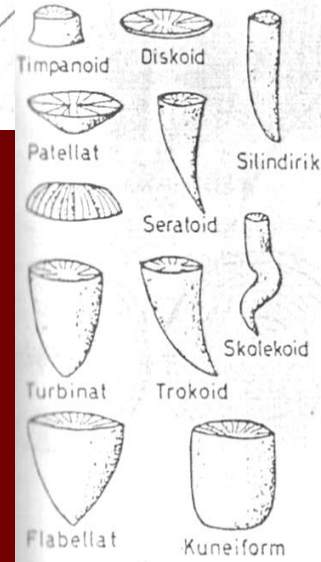
General characteristics



Note that the terms of corallum, corallit, calis, kolumel

Note that massive and solitary corals types

Reproduction



Idealized lifecycle of the Cnidaria.

General characteristics



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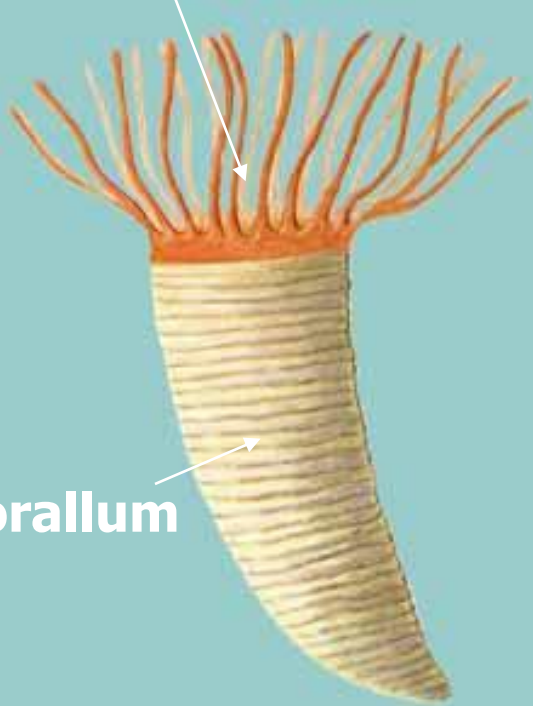


CORALLUM

(CaCO₃)

SOLITARY CORALS

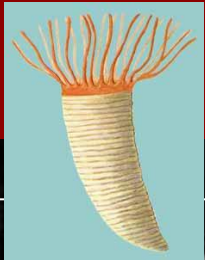
polyp



corallum

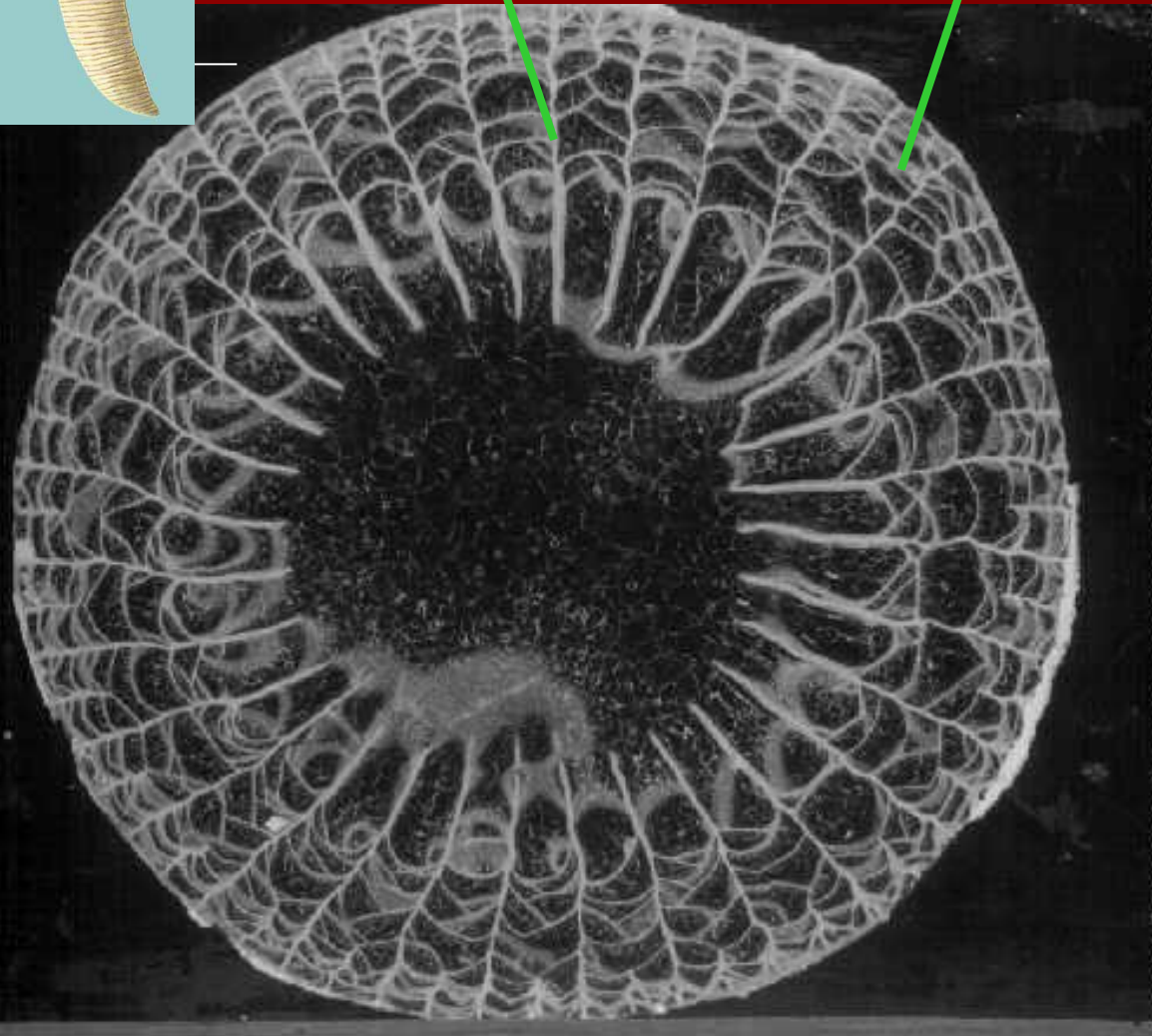


SOLITARY CORALS

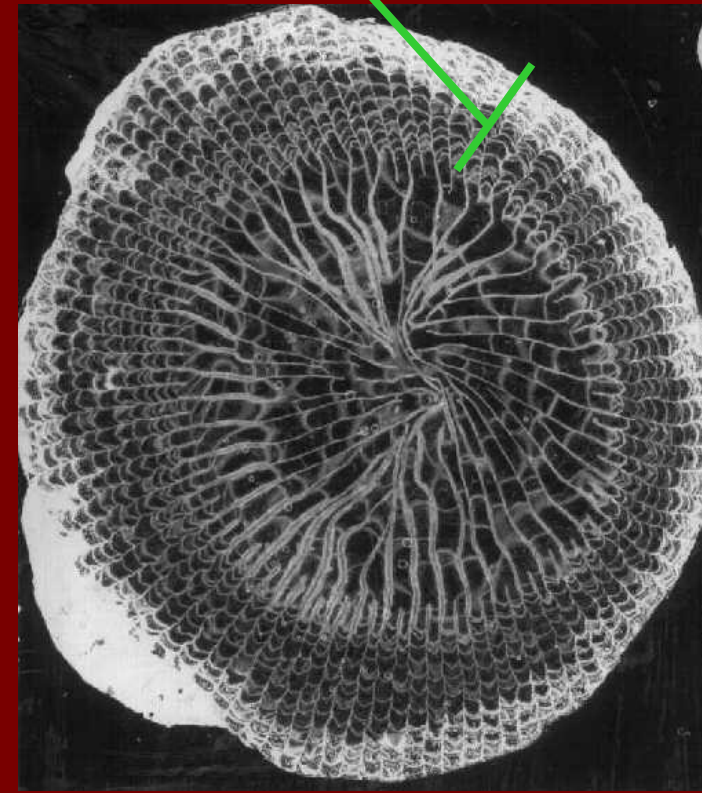


septum

dissepiment



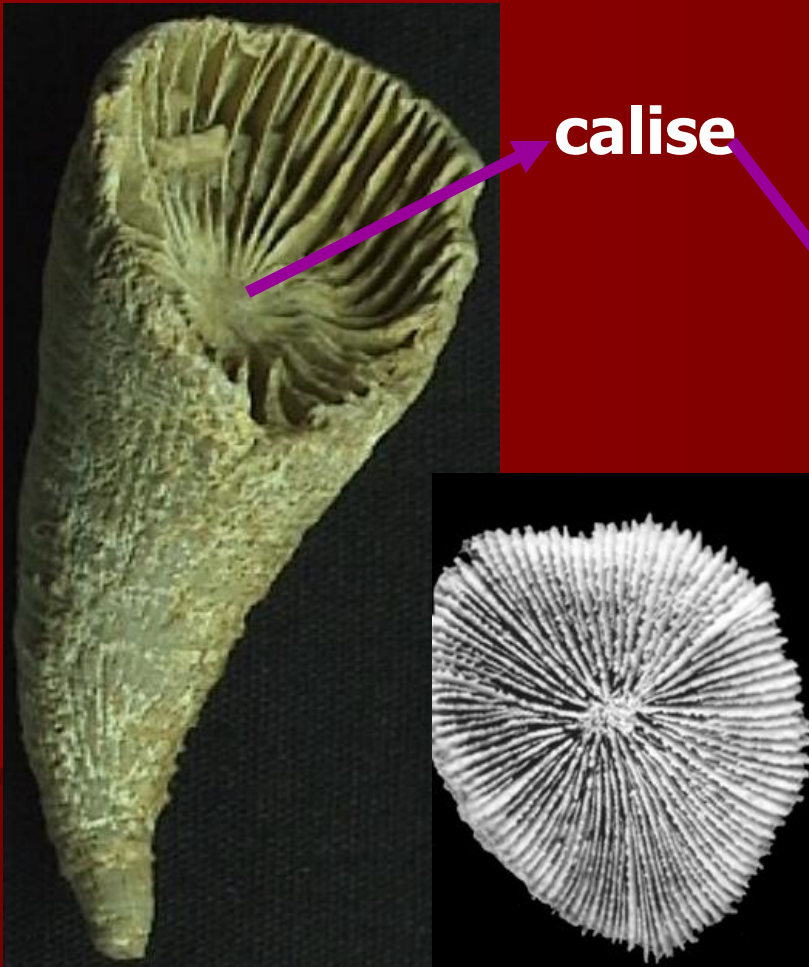
dissepiment zone



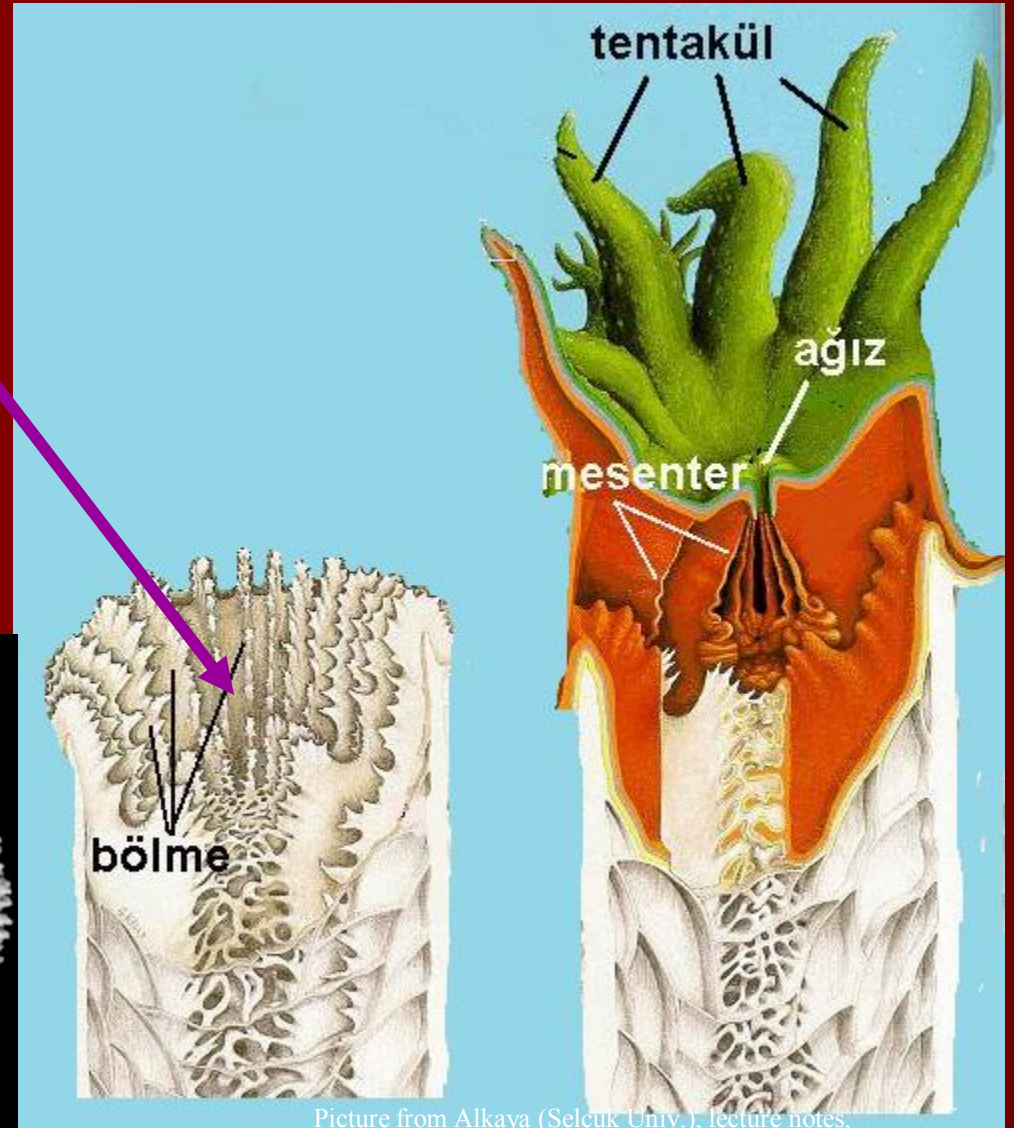
Transversal sections

SOLITARY CORALS

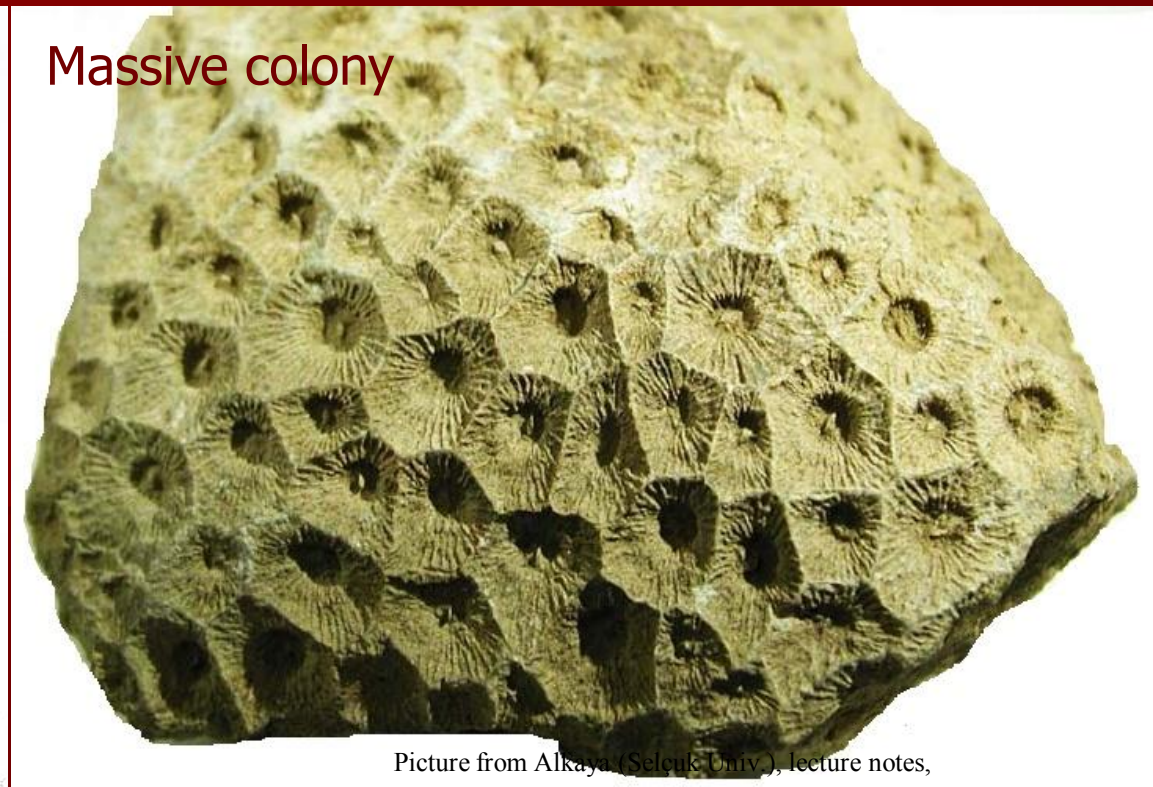
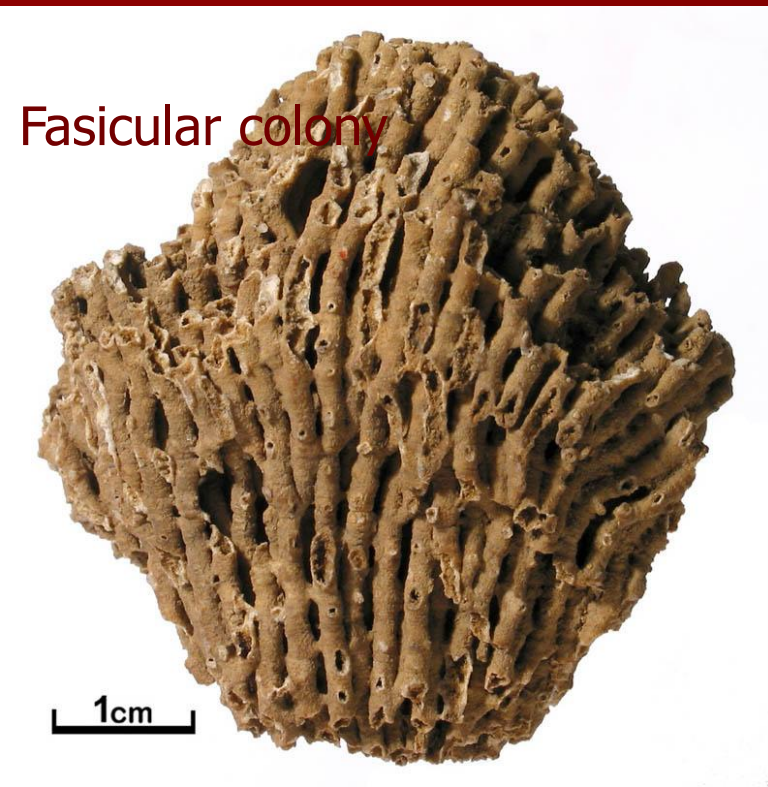
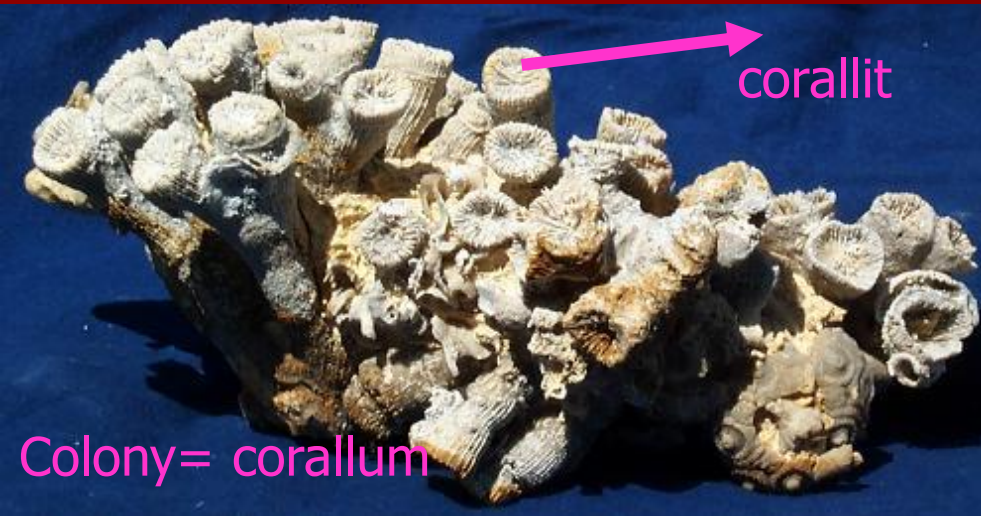
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calise



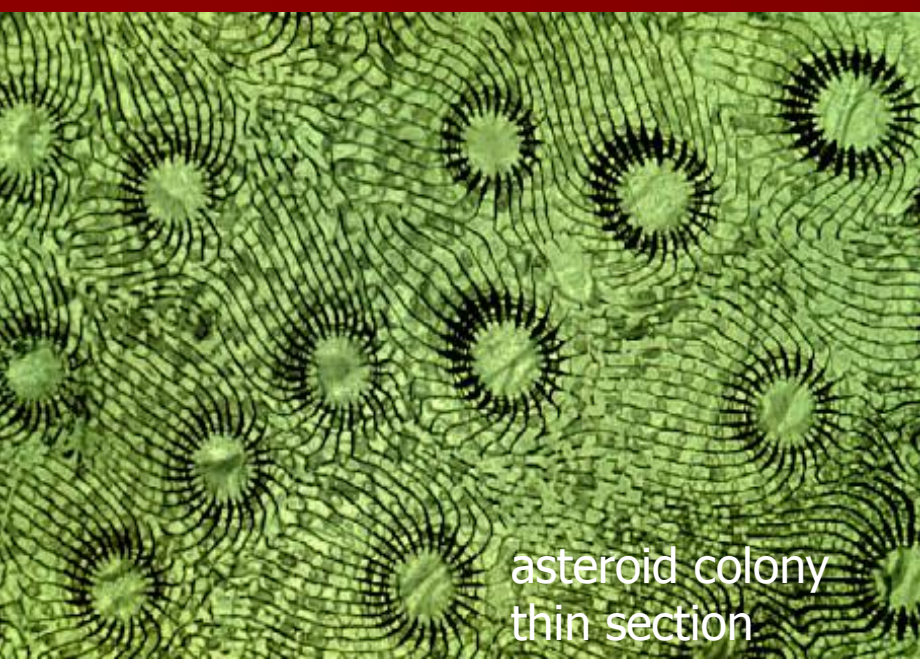
COLONY CORALS (fasicular, massive)



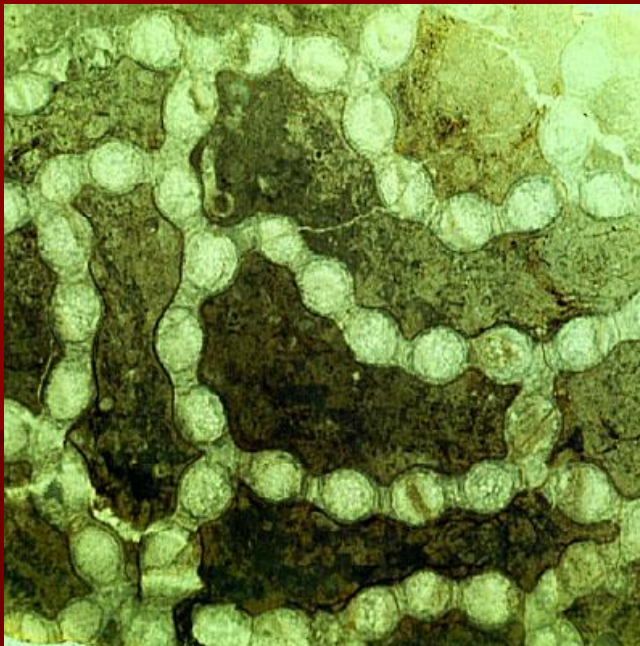
COLONY CORALS (Fascicular)



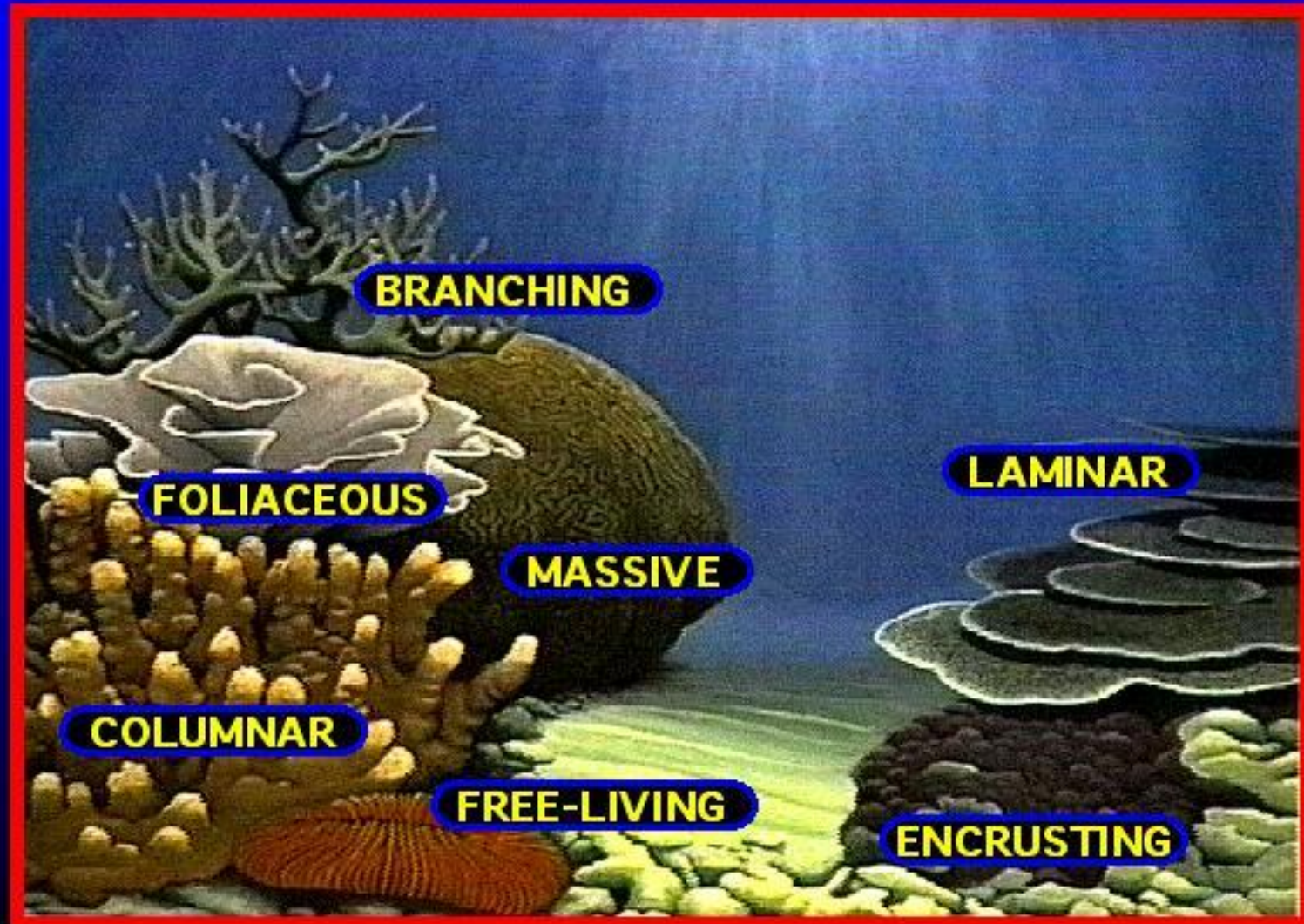
COLONY CORALS (Massive)



COLONY CORALS (Massive, brain-shaped, chain-shaped)



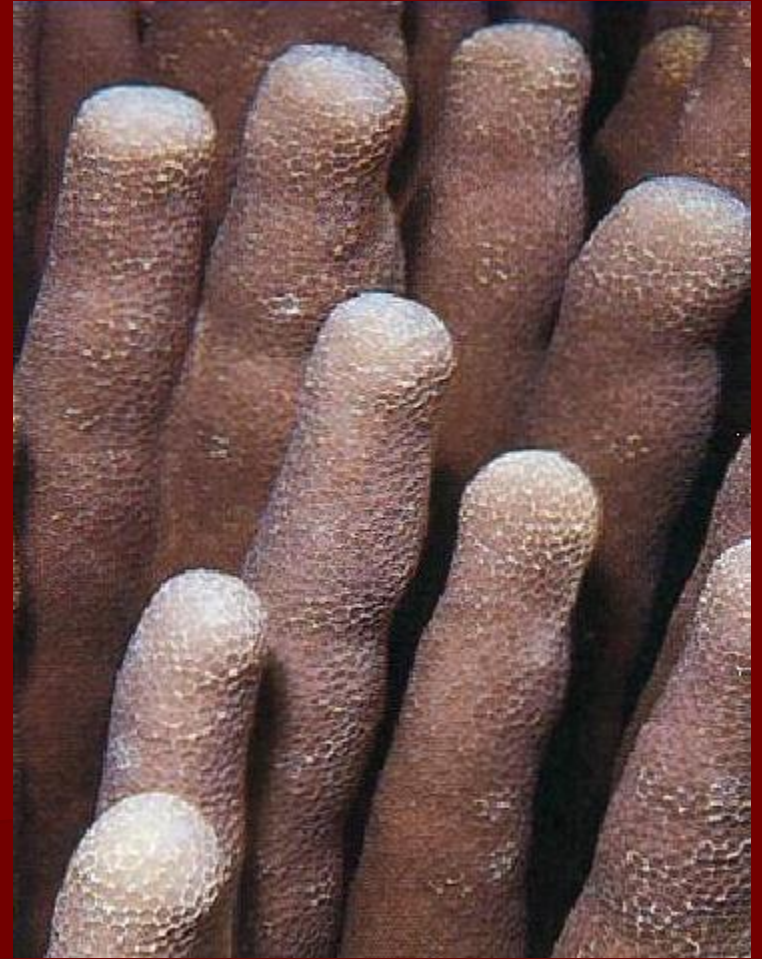
Colony Growth Forms



Ramose or Branching



COLONY CORALS (Columnar)



COLONY CORALS (Laminar)



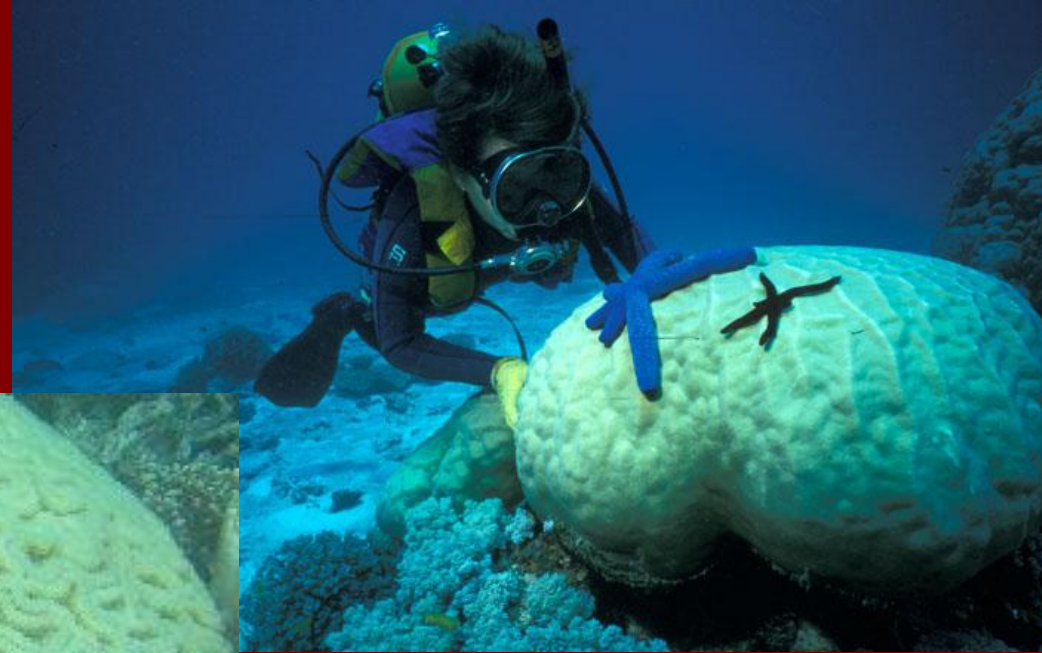
COLONY CORALS (Foliaceous)



COLONY CORALS (Encrusting)



COLONY CORALS (Massive)



FREE LIVING SOLITARY CORALS



CORAL REEFS

**CORAL REEFS DEVELOP
IN CLEAR WARM SEAS**

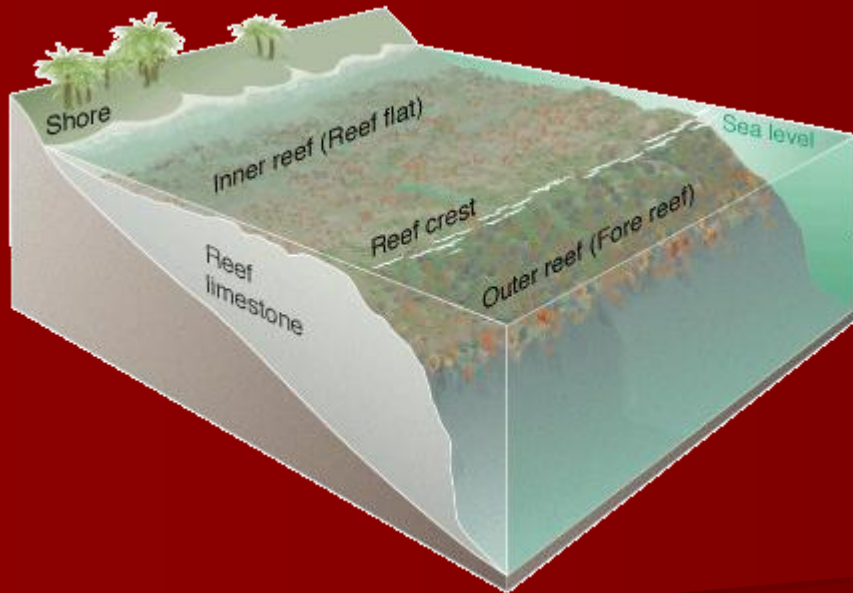
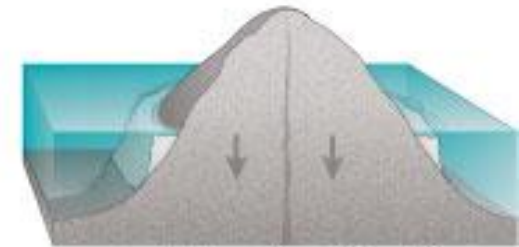


Diagram of a fringing coral reef.



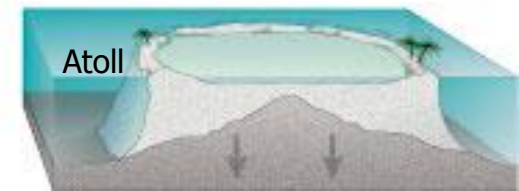
Volcanic Island



Fringing Reef



Barrier Reef



Atoll



Cnidaria



Classification

Groups that include stony corals are in **bold face** type.
Polyp groups without skeletons are *italicized*.
The names of the most important fossil group are CAPITALIZED.

| Taxonomic Category | Geologic Range |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Class Hydrozoa | Vendian ¹ to Holocene |
| Class Scyphozoa | Vendian to Holocene |
| Class Anthozoa | Vendian to Holocene |
| Subclass Octocorallia | Vendian to Holocene |
| Subclass Zoantharia | Cambrian to Holocene |
| Group 1 | |
| Order Tabulaconida | Lower Cambrian |
| Order Cothoniida | Middle Cambrian |
| Order TABULATA | Lower Ordovician to Upper Permian |
| Order Heliolitida | Middle Ordovician to Middle Devonian |
| Order RUGOSA | Middle Ordovician to Upper Permian |
| Order Heterocorallia | Upper Devonian to Middle Carboniferous |
| Order <i>Zoanthidia</i> | Holocene |
| Group 2 | |
| Order Kilbuchophyllida | Middle Ordovician |
| Order Numidiaphyllida | Middle Permian |
| Order SCLERACTINIA | Middle Triassic to Holocene |
| Order <i>Corallimorpharia</i> | Holocene |
| Order <i>Actiniaria</i> | Holocene |

¹ Latest Precambrian period.

<http://geology.er.usgs.gov/paleo/coralstable1.shtml>

<http://paleo.cortland.edu/tutorial/Cnidarians/cnidarians.htm>

Phylum Cnidaria

Class **Anthozoa** (Precambrian-Recent)

Order **Tabulata** (Ordovician-Permian)

Order **Rugosa** (Ordovician-Permian)

Order **Scleractinia** (Triassic-Recent)

Subclass **Octocorallia** (Ordovician-Recent)

Class **Hydrozoa** (Precambrian-Recent)

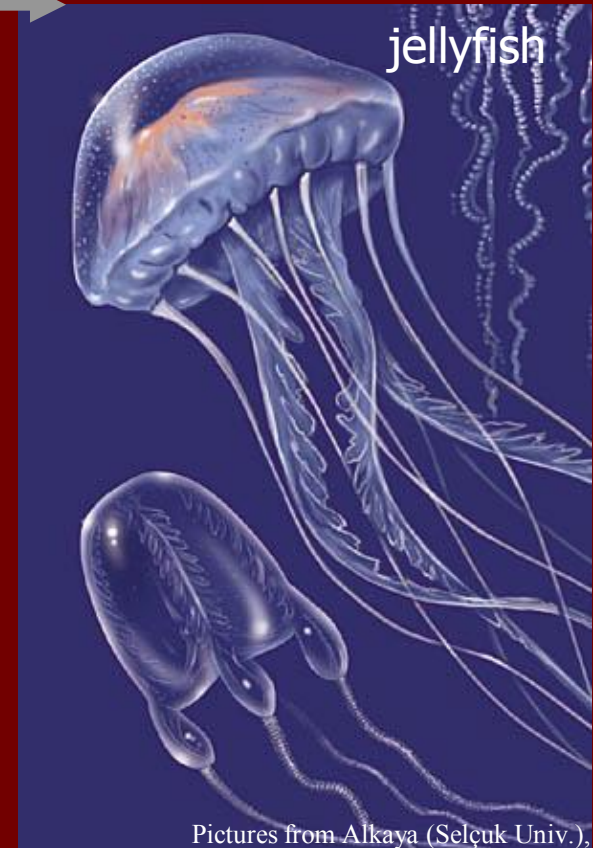
Class **Scyphozoa** (Precambrian-Recent)

Examples

Class HYDROZOA



Class SCYPHOZOA

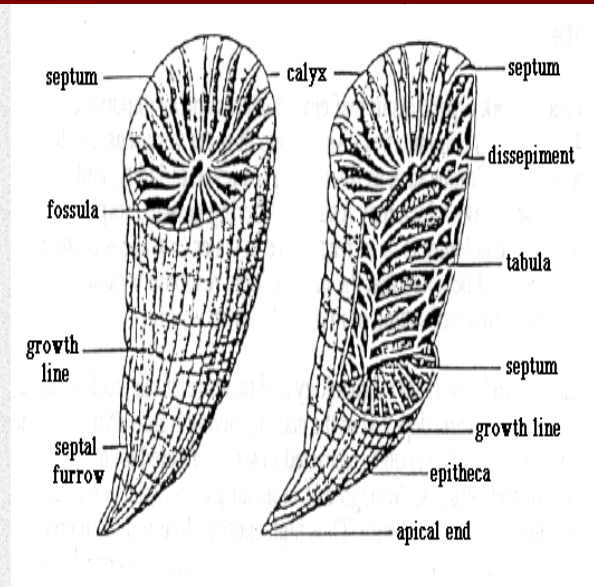


Class ANTHOZOA









Cnidaria

(Order Rogosa)



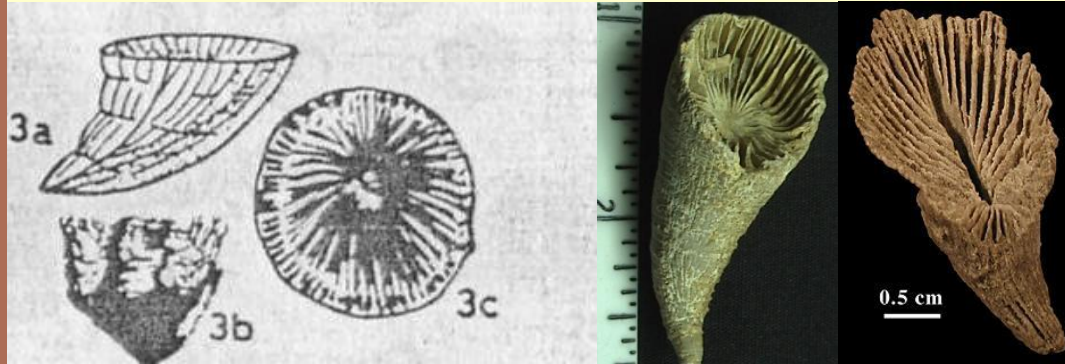
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The Paleozoic rugosan corals can be either solitary or colonial. Although they may have originally had aragonitic skeletons, all are now calcite. Rugosa corals are distinguished from the other Paleozoic group, the Tabulata, by having dissepiments and well developed septa in addition to the tabulae. As shown in the accompanying figure (Figure 3.1), rugosan corals have six primary septa and new septa are added in only four of the resulting six spaces with none added in the remaining two spaces. This septal arrangement is well illustrated in the external mold  where the septa are preserved as gaps.

For examples of solitary forms which typically exhibit a cone or horn morphology (hence the informal name "horn corals") examine these specimens,  -  and  This specimen has excellent dissepiments visible where the epitheca is worn-away.  For examples of colonial rugosans view this specimen. 

Rugosa morphology

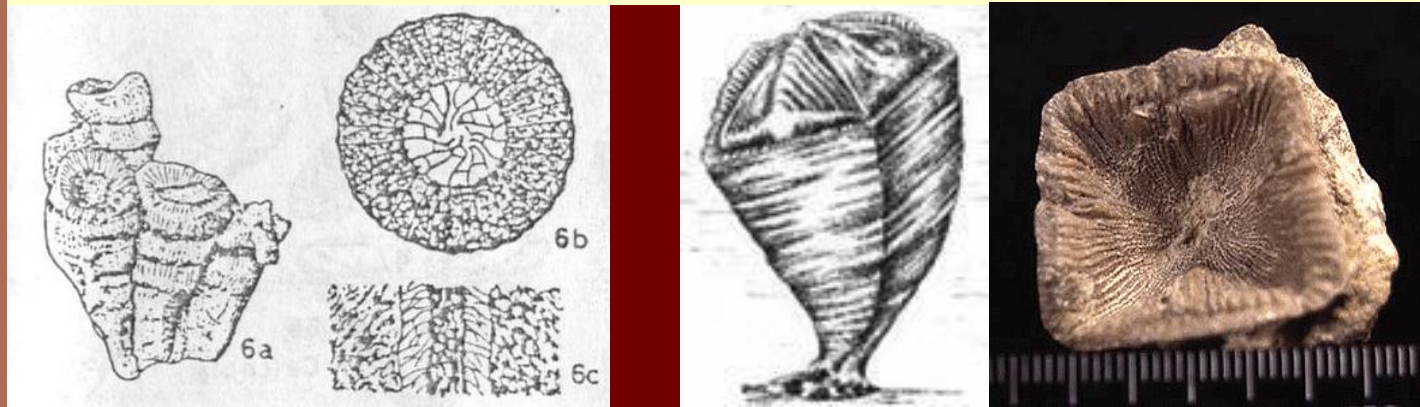
Zaphrentis sp. (Devonian)



Philipsastrea sp. (Devonian)

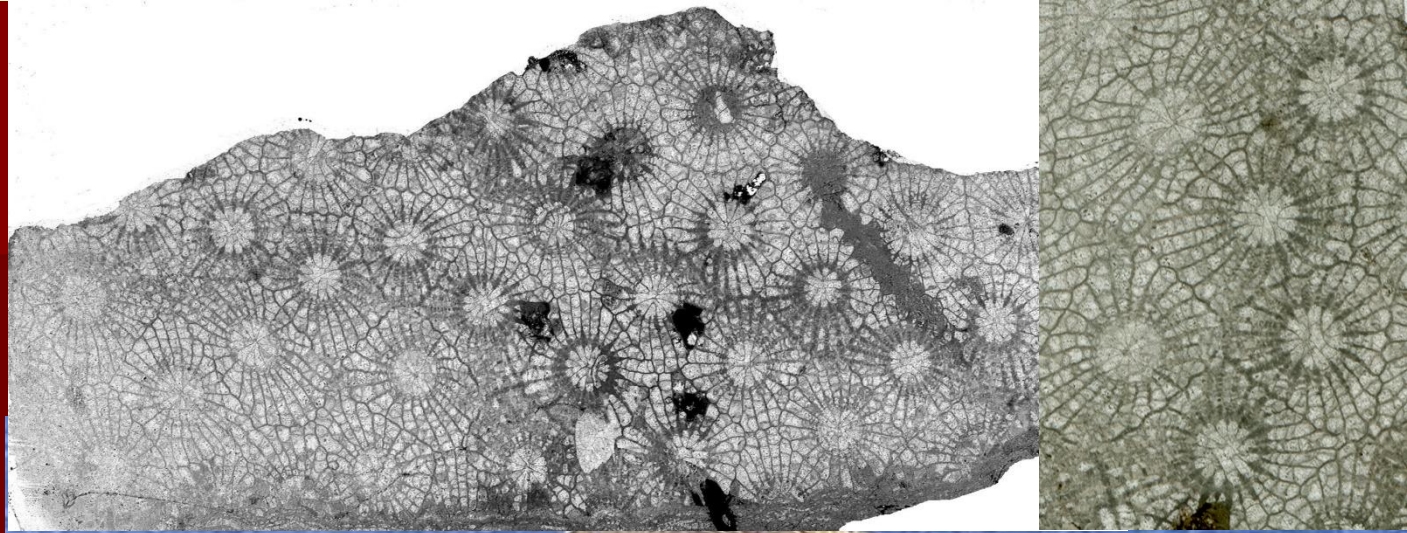
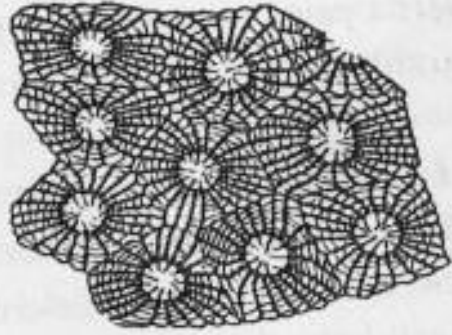


Kodonophyllum sp. (Silurian) Goniophyllum sp. (Silurian)

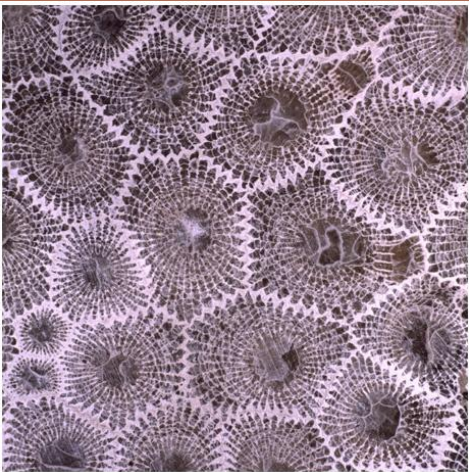


**Cnidaria
(Rogosa)**

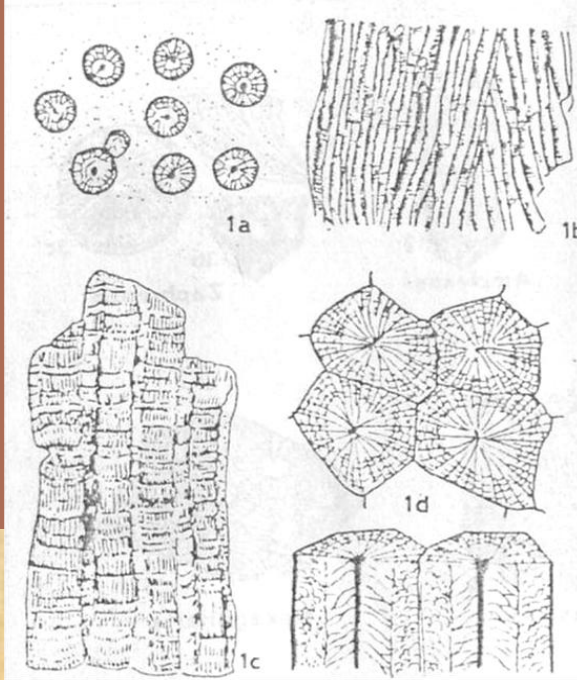
Hexagonaria sp. (Devonian)



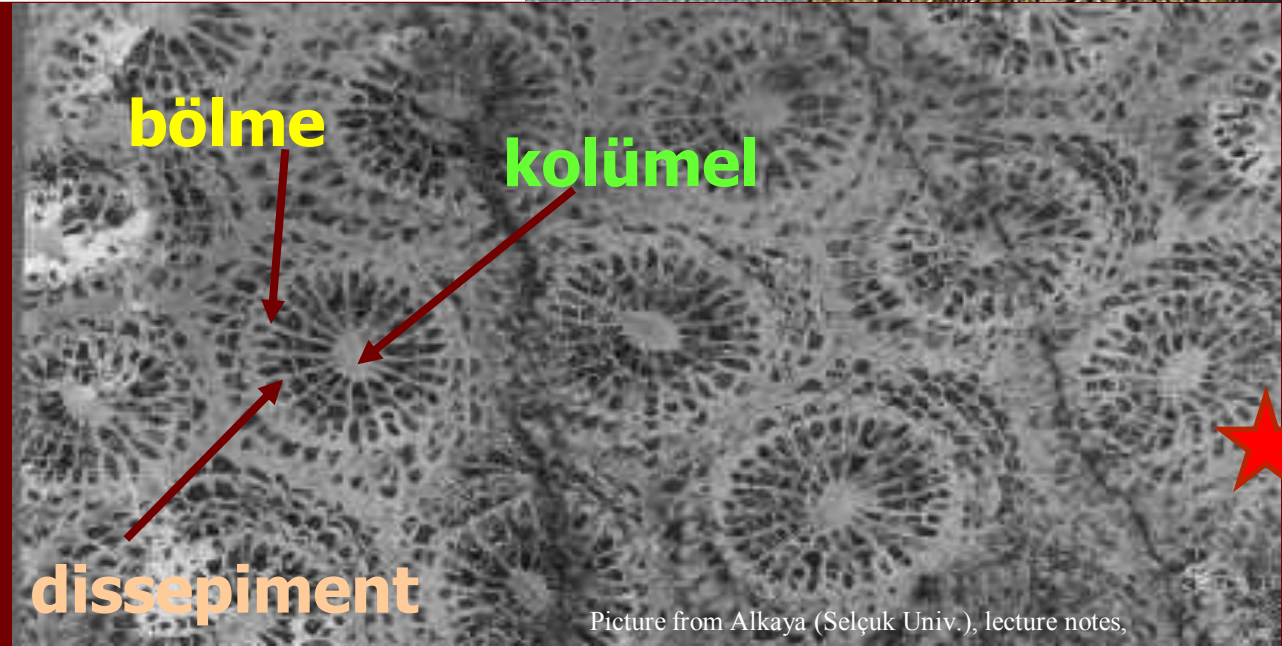
Cnidaria (Rogosa)



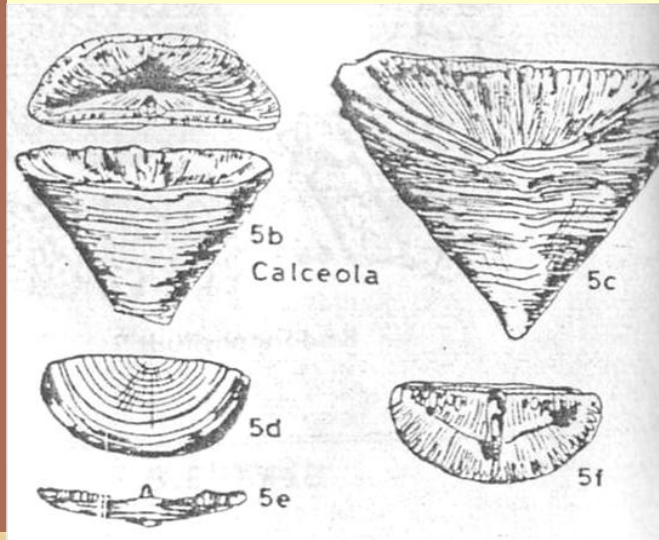
Lithostratium sp. (Carboniferous)



Cnidaria (Rogosa)



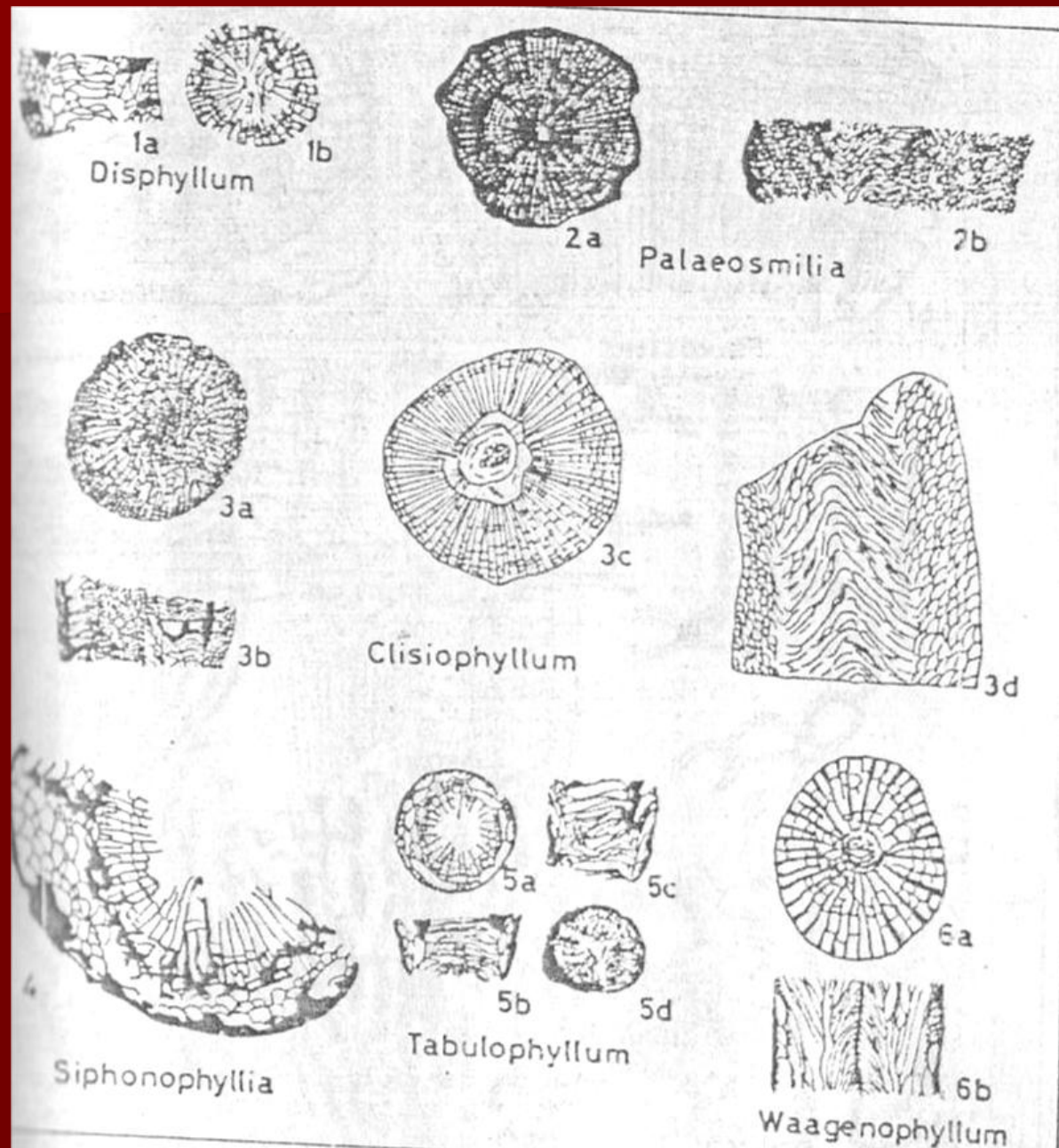
Calceola sp. (Devonian)



Cnidaria (Rogosa)



Cnidaria (Rugosa)



Some selected species of Rugosa in Turkiye

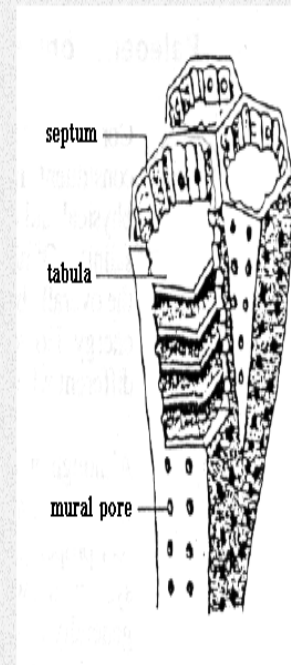
Order TABULATA

The exclusively colonial Tabulate corals occur only in the Paleozoic. Their calcite skeletons typically have a lateral wall (epitheca) that separates each rather small corallite. Each of the corallites typically have a tabula that serve as the floor for the polyp. Septa in tabulate corals are either absent or inconspicuous. Although their growth forms vary, they often occur in "honeycomb" or chain-like morphologies.

Cnidaria

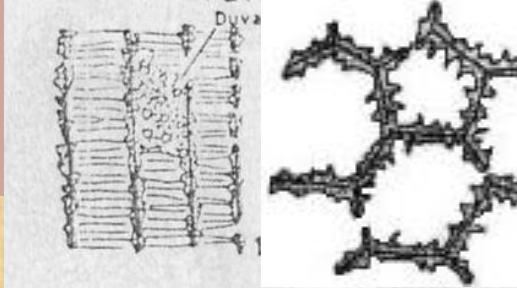
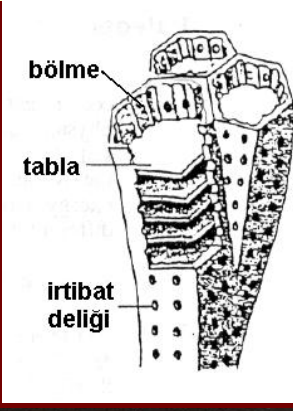
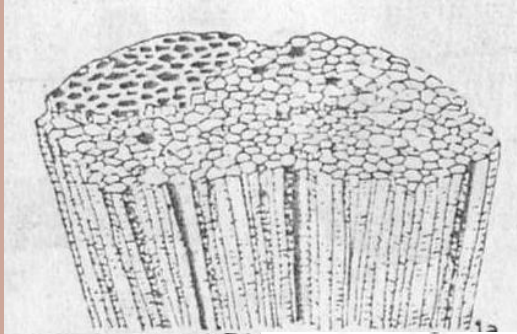
(Order Tabulata)

Figure 1 - Tabulate Morphology

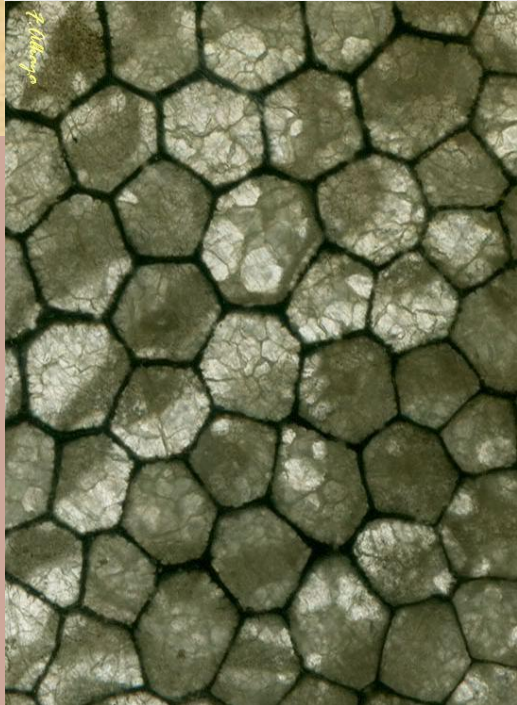


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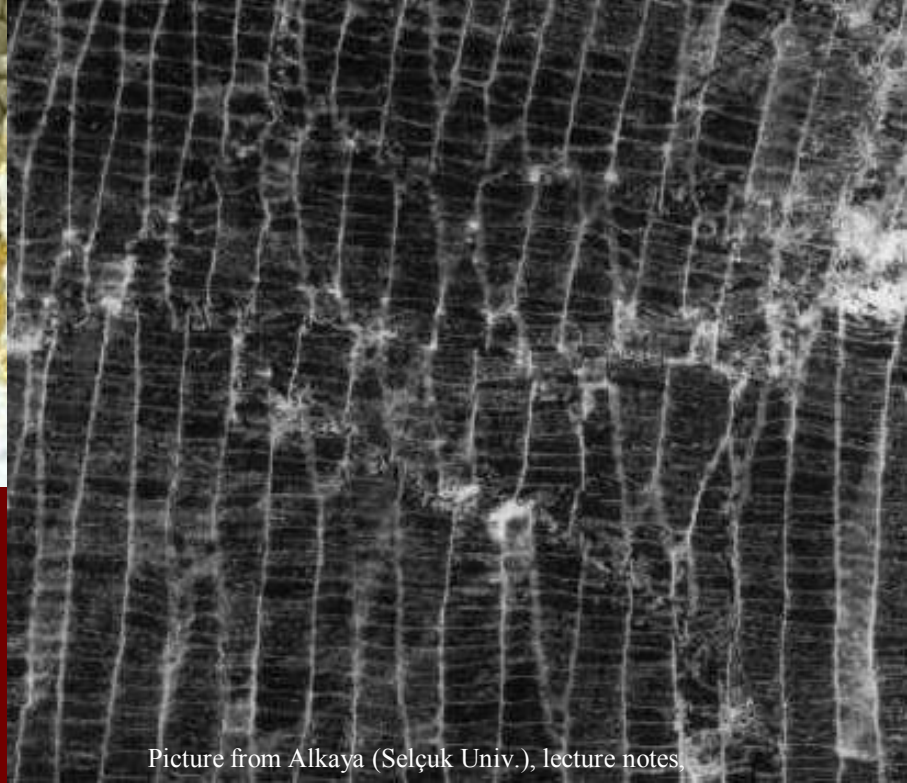
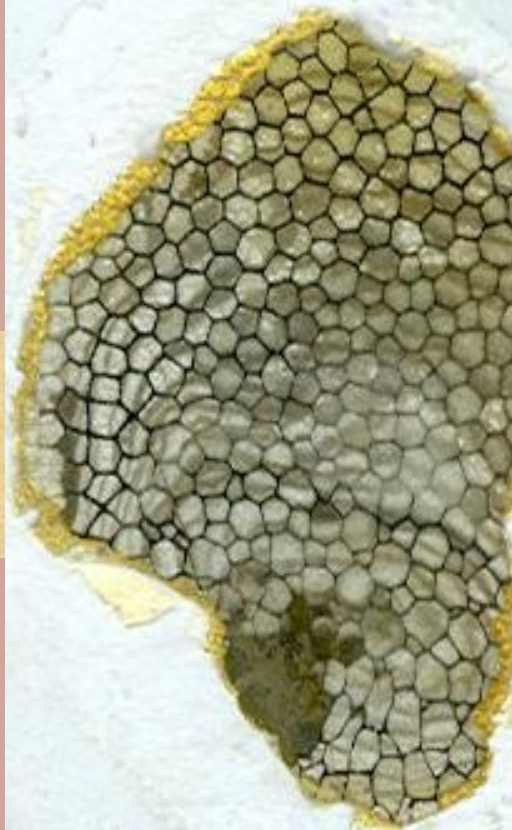


Cnidaria (Tabulata)

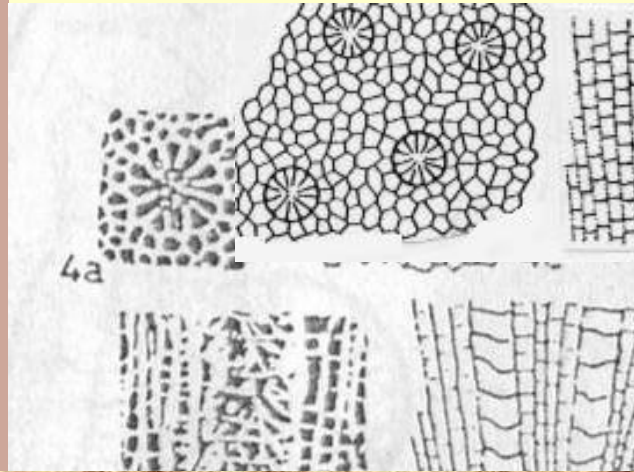


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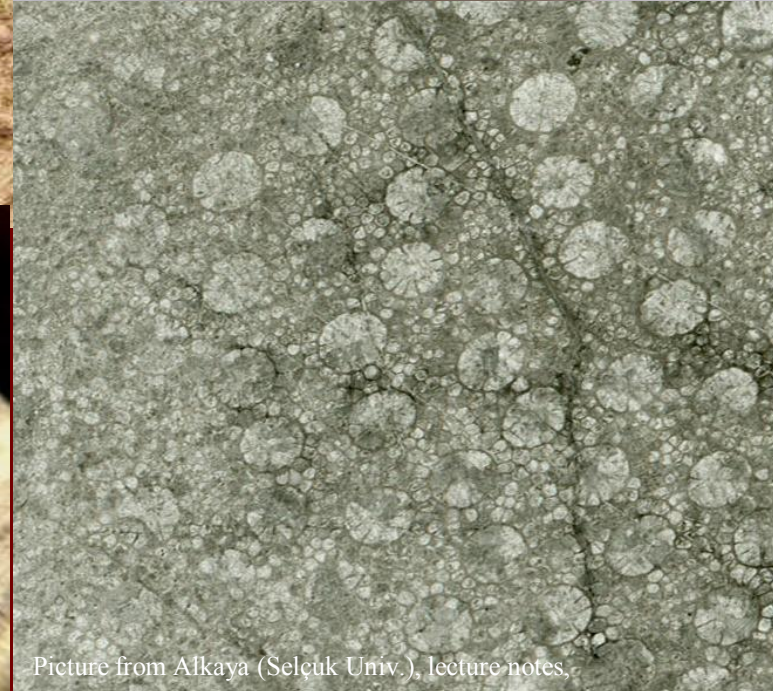
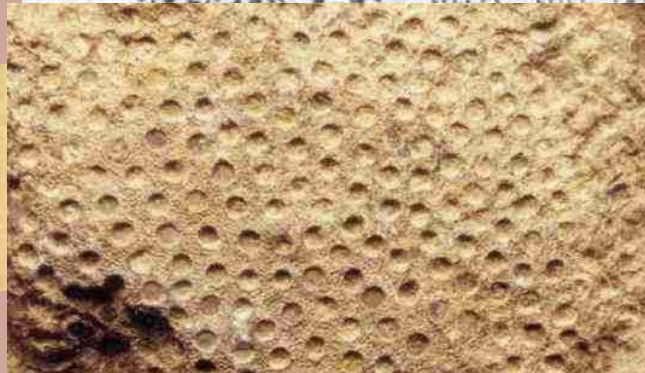
**Cnidaria
(Tabulata)**



Heliolites sp. (Early Silurian to Middle Devonian)



Cnidaria (Tabulata)

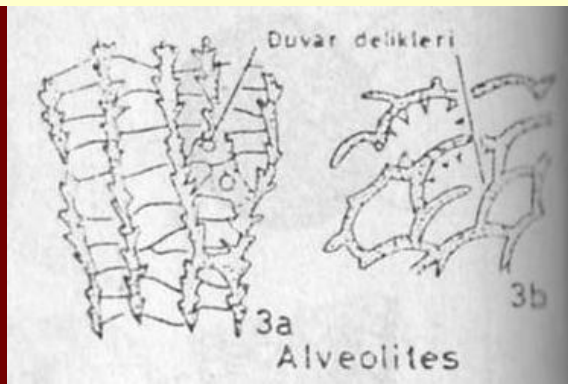


***Thamnopora* sp. (Silurian to Permian)**

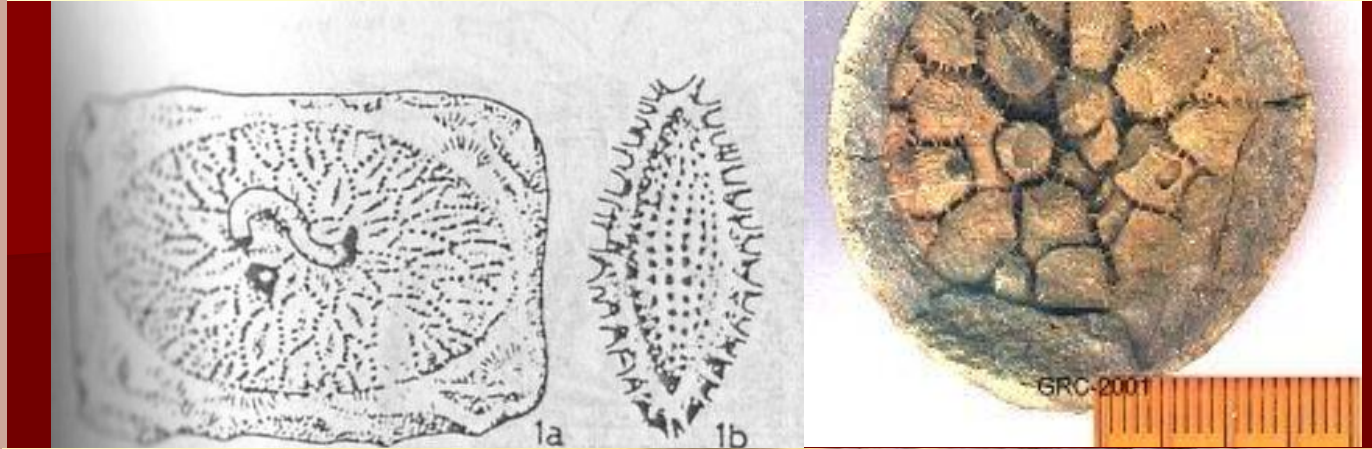
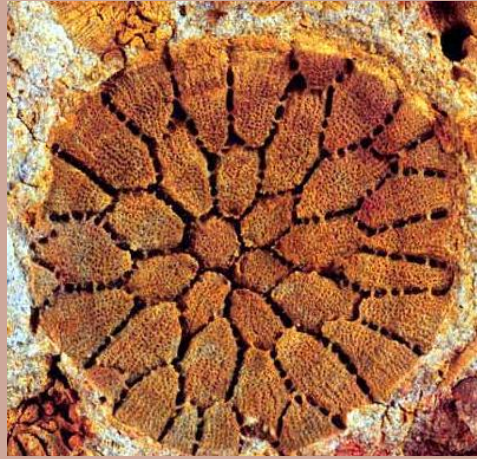


**Cnidaria
(Tabulata)**

***Alveolites* sp. (Silurian to Dev.)**



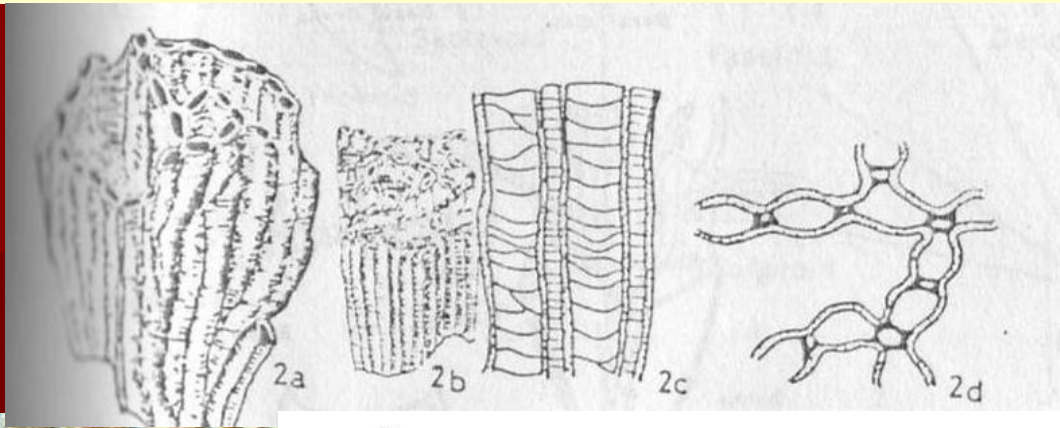
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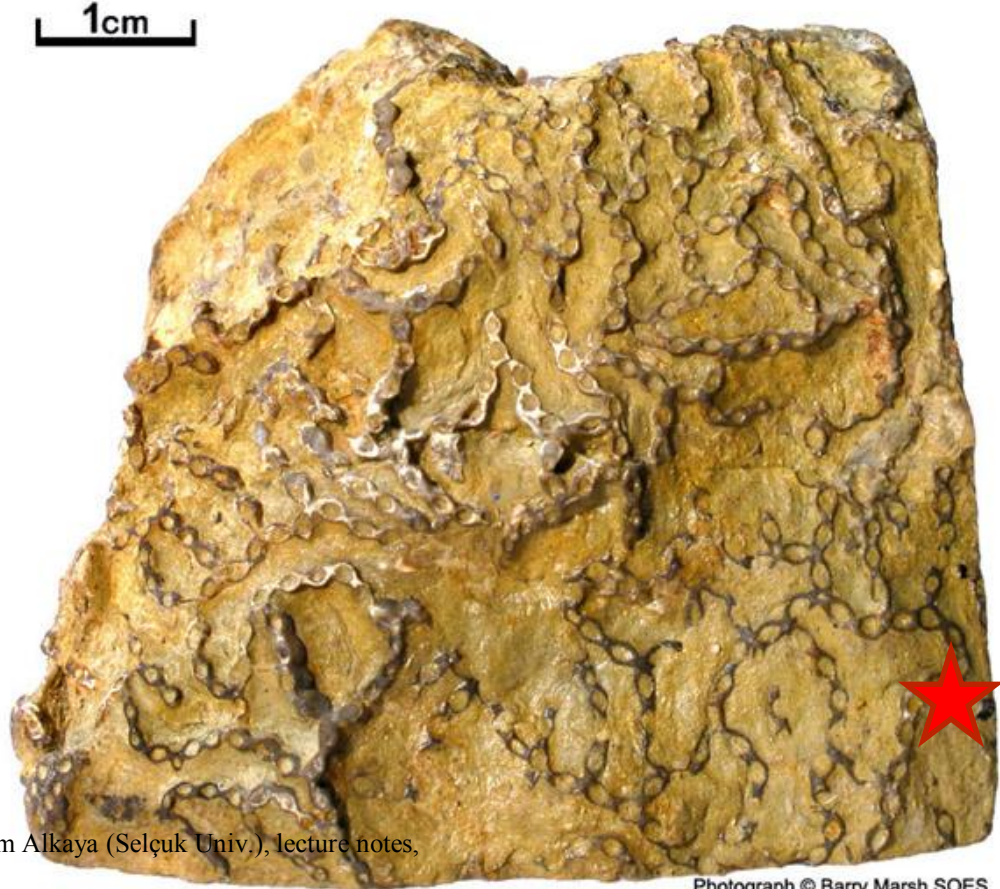
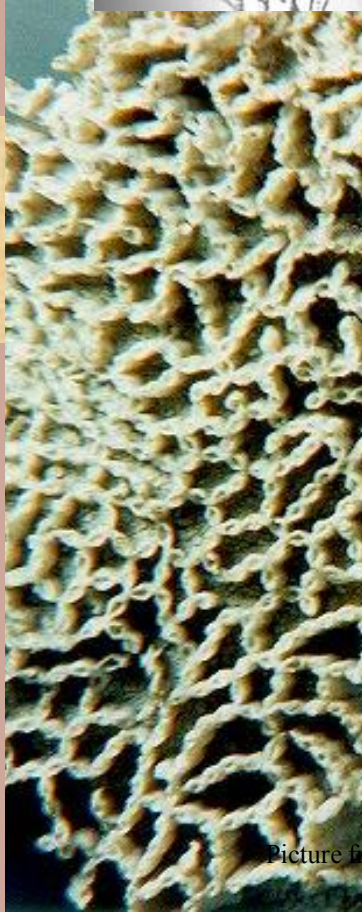
Cnidaria (Tabulata)



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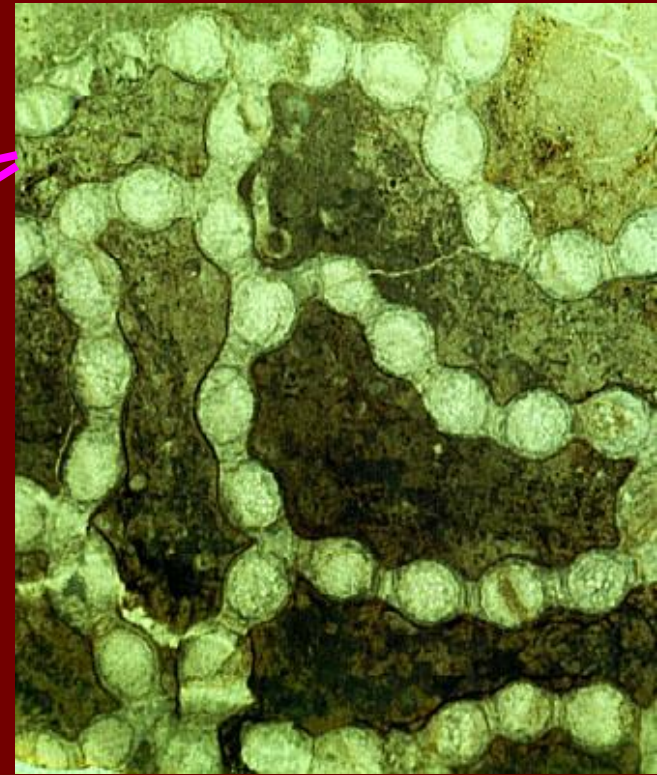
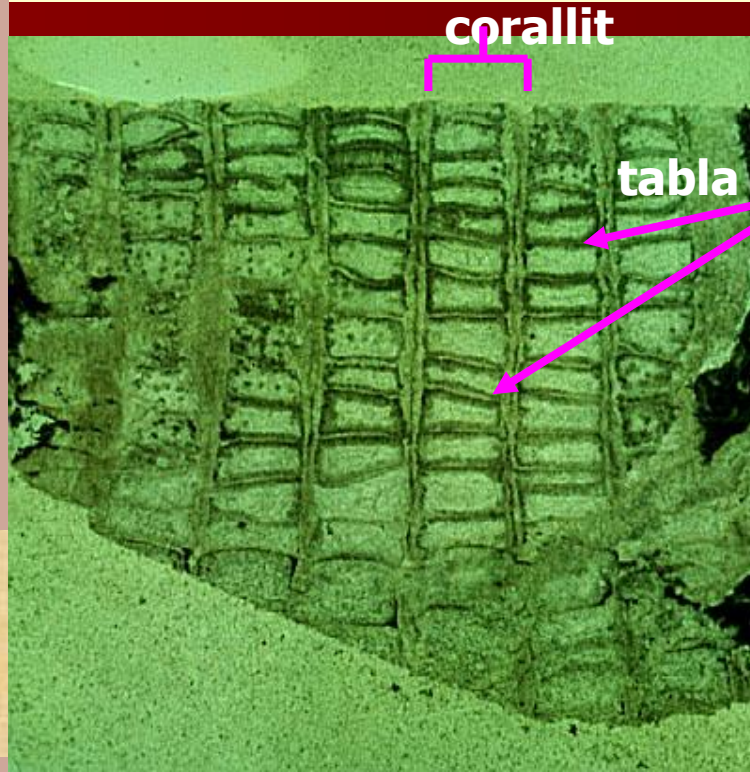
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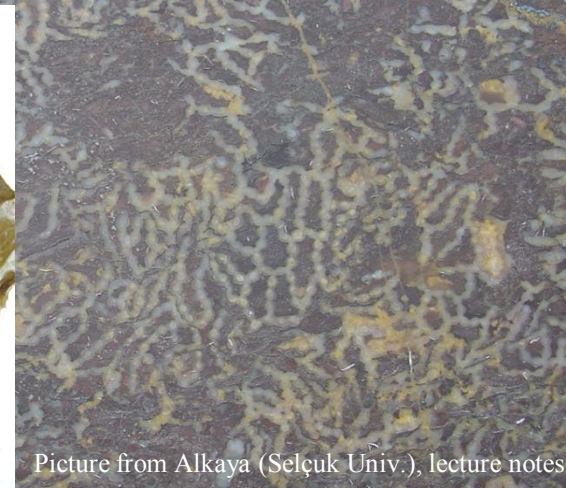
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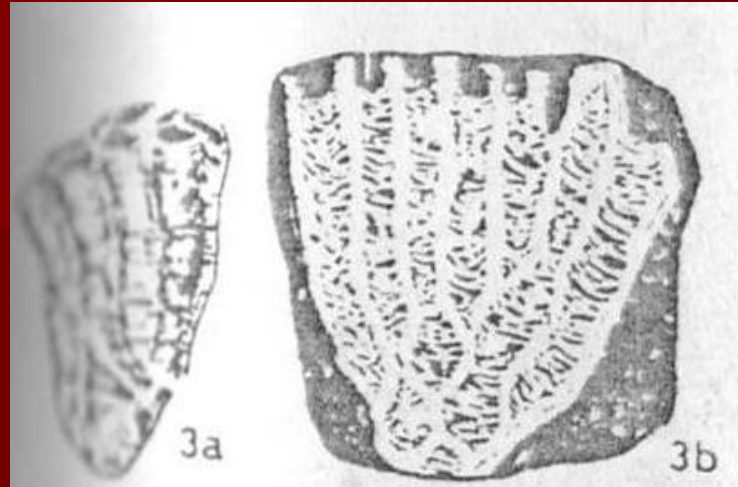
Cnidaria (Tabulata)



Vertical section under microscope



Michelina sp. (Devonian to Permian)

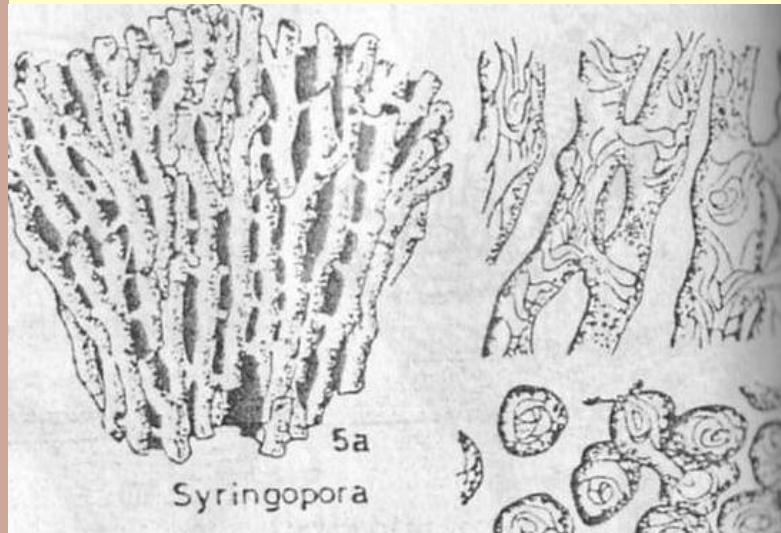


Cnidaria (Tabulata)

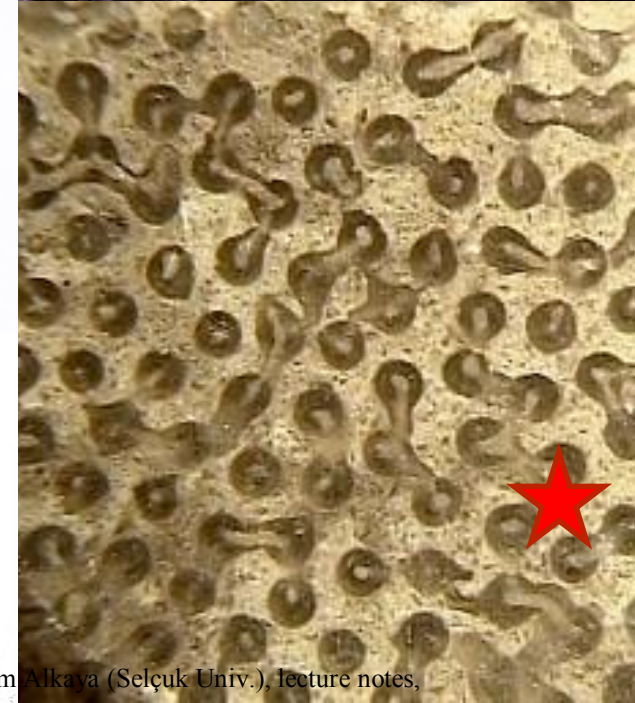
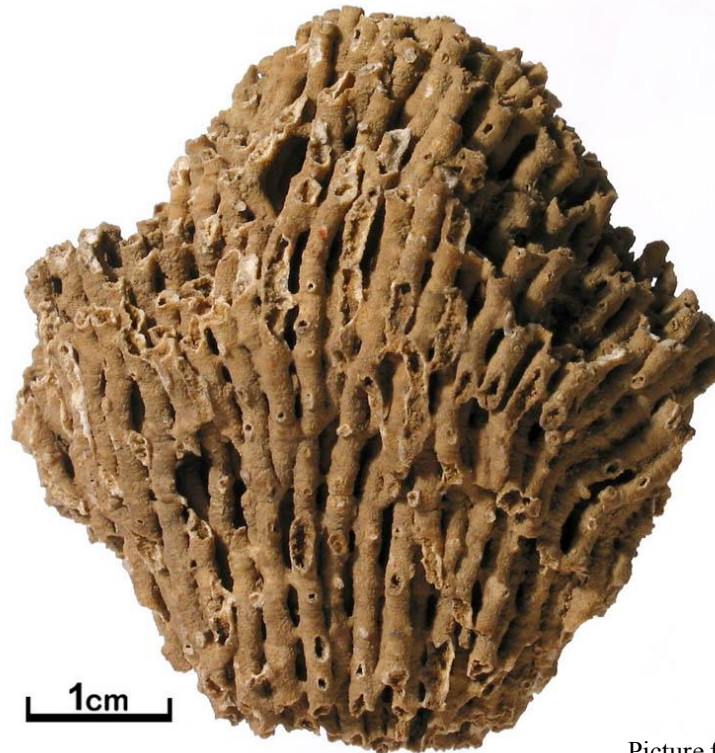
Aulopora sp. (Devonian)



Syringopora sp. (Silurian to Permian)



Cnidaria (Tabulata)



Syringopora sp. (Silurian to Permian)

Cnidaria (Tabulata)

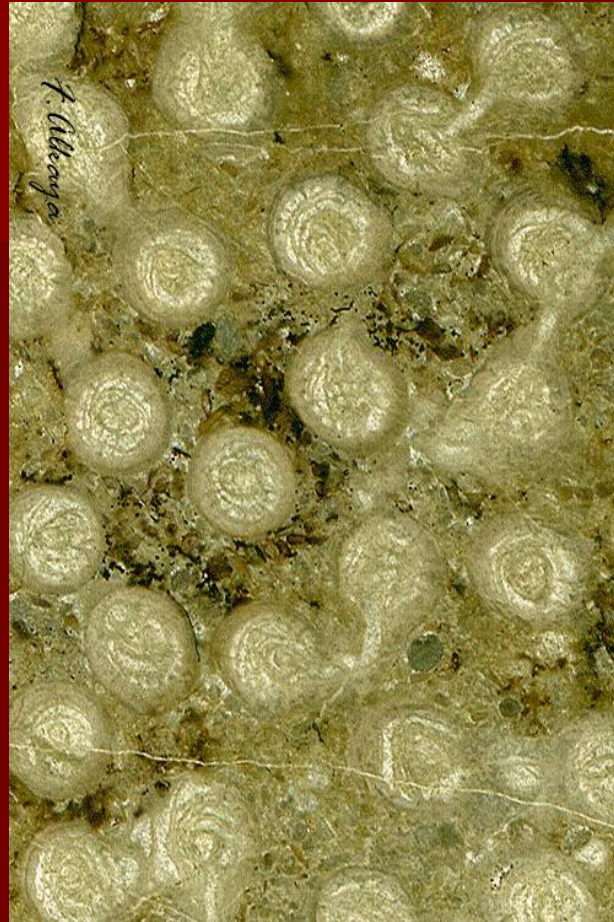
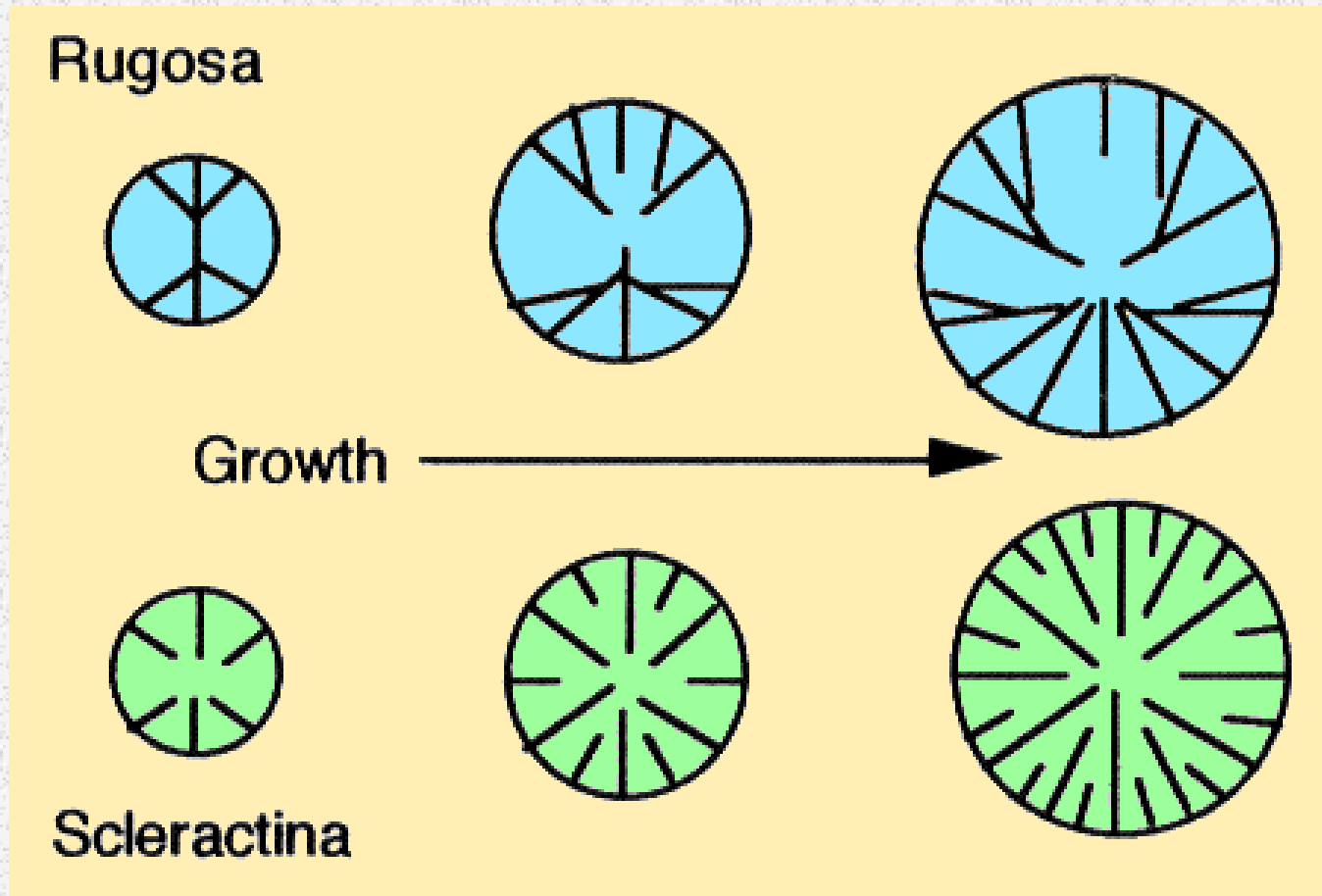


Figure 3 - Septal Growth Patterns

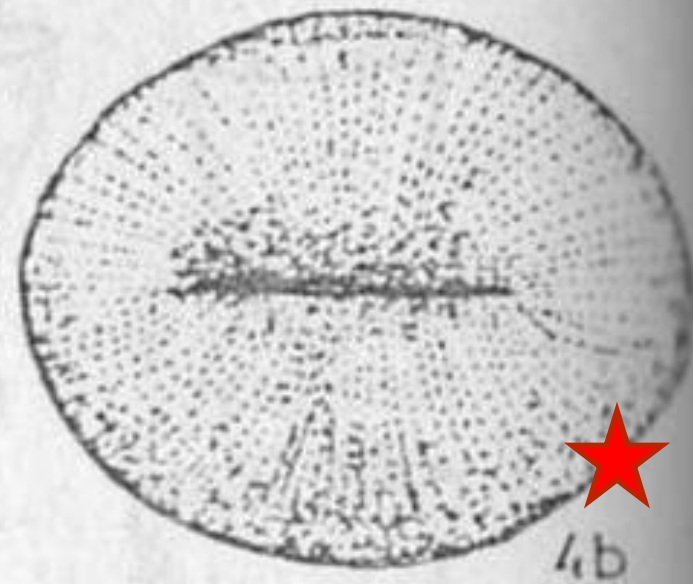


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***Isastrea* sp.** (Middle Jurassic to Cretaceous)



***Cyclolites* sp.** (Cretaceous to Eocene)



Cnidaria
(Scleractina)

Cyclolites sp. (Cretaceous to Eocene)



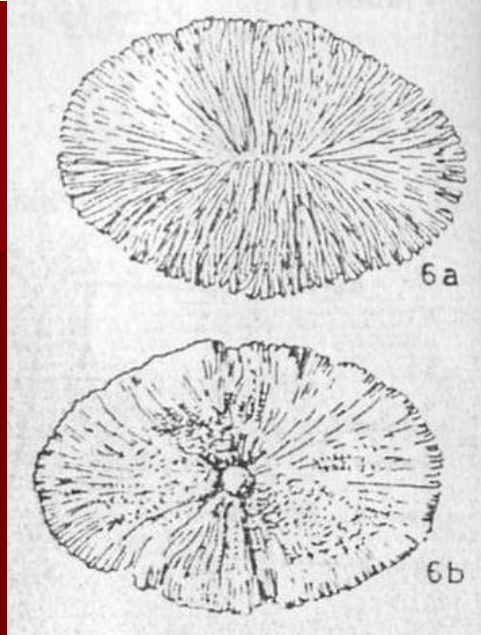
Cnidaria (Scleractina)



Fungia sp. (Miocene to Recent)



Cnidaria (Scleractina)





Cnidaria (Scleractina)

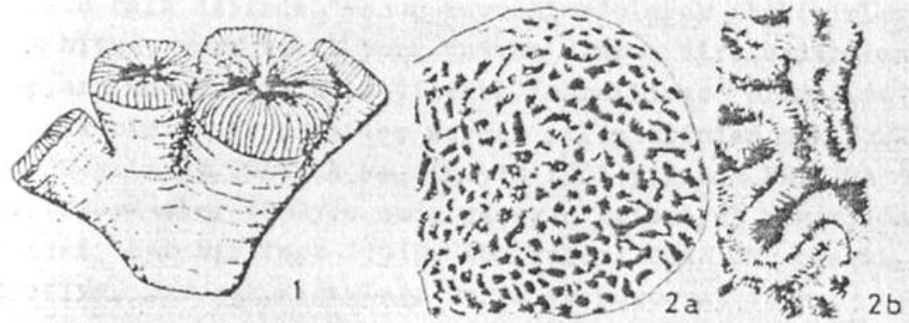


Fungia sp. (Miocene to Recent)





Cnidaria (Scleractina)

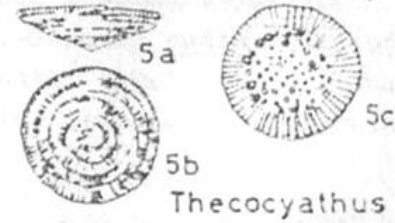


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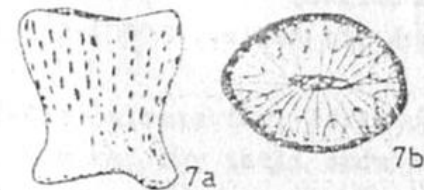
Goniastrea



Thecocyathus



Lophelia



Balanophyllia

Homework 7

Please get a stratigraphical range chart of the genera of Spongia and Cnidaria phylums mentioned in the Lecture 7.

