



The nursery of the Coral Farming project was implemented by Eco-Sud during the Lagon Program in 2017

Photos: Anthony Risse



Suborder Archeocoeniina Family Pocilloporidae
Pocillopora damicornis (Linnaeus, 1758 Lamark, 1816)
 Colour pale brown or pink.
 Colonies branched, bushy, <30cm high. Branching usually takes place distally. Growth forms highly variable. Branches usually thin and verrucae not distinguishable from branches. Colonies may grow together to form large monospecific stands of several metres across. Corallites small, <1mm in diameter.



Suborder Fungiina Family Agariciidae
Pavona danai (Milne-Edwards, 1860) Verril, 1864
 Colour pale or dark brown. Commonly pale brown or yellow in Mauritius.
 Colonies mostly short and stunted leafy fronds. Radial ridges not prominent. Distal edges short and wavy. Corallites arranged vertically in shallow valleys



Suborder Fungiina Family Poritidae
Porites cylindrica Dana, 1846
 Colour cream yellow or green. Commonly cream and brown in Mauritius.
 Colonies branching with encrusting base. Branches usually cylindrical with tapering ends. Corallites shallow with not well defined walls. Branch surface smooth. Calicles ≤1.5mm in diameter. Pali well developed



Suborder Archeocoeniina Family Pocilloporidae
Pocillopora damicornis (Linnaeus, 1758 Lamark, 1816)
 Colour pale brown or pink.
 Colonies branched, bushy, <30cm high. Branching usually takes place distally. Growth forms highly variable. Branches usually thin and verrucae not distinguishable from branches. Colonies may grow together to form large monospecific stands of several metres across. Corallites small, <1mm in diameter.



Suborder Fungiina Family Poritidae
Prites lutea (Milne-Edwards & Haime, 1851)
 Colour cream or yellow. Commonly blue, dark brown and cream in Mauritius.
 Colonies massive or helmet-shaped. Surface smooth without any remarkable mounds except for weak keels. Corallites shallow and thin-walled. Calicles rather small, 1 to 1.5 mm in diameter. Sometimes tentacles are extended during the day.



Suborder Archeocoeniina Family Acroporidae
Acropora cytherea (Dana, 1846) Verril, 1902
 Colour pale brown but may exist in a variety of colours. Commonly pale brown in Mauritius. Colonies tabular to plate-like. Branches horizontal, thin and finely structured with vertical branchlets arranged in groups. Axial corallites elongate and the inner diameter ≤1.0mm. Radial corallites evenly sized and do not form rosette. Tentacles usually extended during the day.