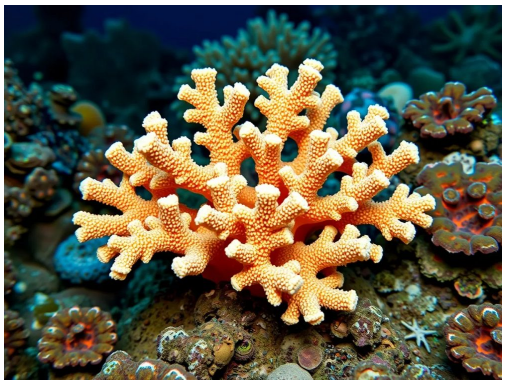
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# Lace Coral

*Pocillopora damicornis*

Lace coral, scientifically known as Pocillopora damicornis, is a species of stony coral noted for its delicate, lace-like branching structure. Found primarily in shallow tropical and subtropical reef…

## Quick facts

**Classification:** Invertebrate
**Family:** Pocilloporidae
**Habitat:** Coral reef
**Diet:** Omnivore (zooplankton and photosynthetic via symbiotic algae)
**Conservation status:** Vulnerable
**Lifespan:** Up to 10-15 years
**Weight:** Varies widely by colony; individual branches weigh only a few grams
**Scientific name:** Pocillopora damicornis

## Did you know?

- Lace coral can rapidly change its shape and growth form in response to varying wave energy, making it highly adaptable within its reef environment.
- Lace coral can reproduce both sexually and asexually, allowing it to quickly colonize new areas. Its polyps harbor symbiotic zooxanthellae algae, whi…

## What I learned

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