

Animals in Their Habitats

# Coral Reef Animals







# What Is a Coral Reef?



A coral reef is a kind of **habitat**. It is a group of plants and animals that live together underwater. A coral reef is made of the skeletons of animals called **coral polyps**. Coral polyps grow on the seafloor.



When a coral polyp dies, more polyps come to live right on top of its body. In this way, the polyps build up a reef like the walls of a house.





# Where Are Coral Reefs?



Coral reefs are found only in certain places. They form in shallow water where there is sunlight, warm weather, and clean, salty water.

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