

OCTOCORALS

of Deepwater Communities in the Northwestern Gulf of Mexico

Developed by Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

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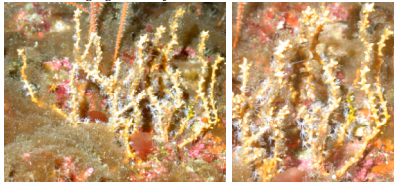
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Family Nidaliidae
Subfamily Siphonogorgiinae

Chironophthya caribaea



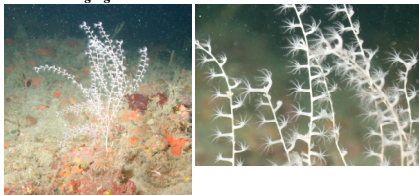
Subfamily Spongiodermatinae

Diodogorgia nodulifera



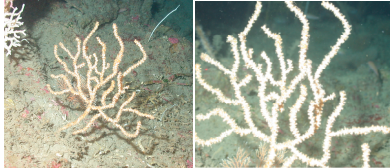
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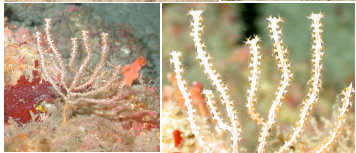


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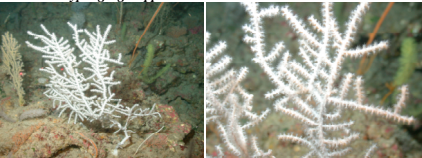
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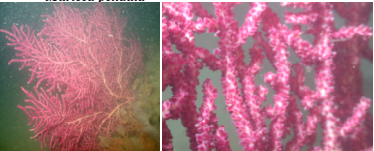
Calliacis nutans



Hypnogorgia spp.

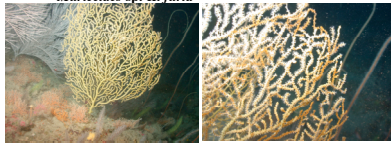


Muricea pendula



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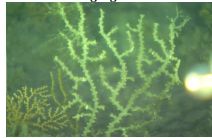
Muriceides sp. cf. furta



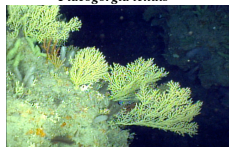
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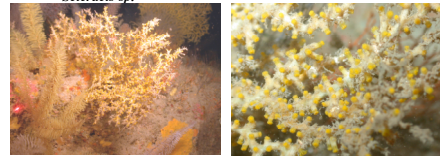
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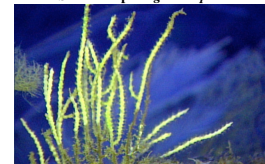
Placogorgia tenuis



Scleracis sp.



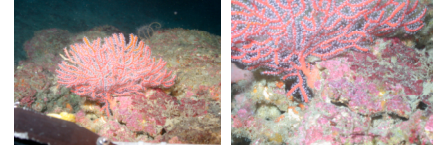
Scleracis sp. cf. guadalupensis



Swiftia sp.

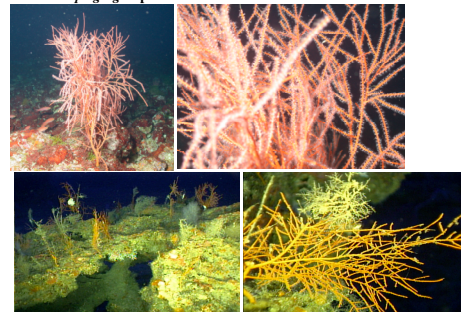


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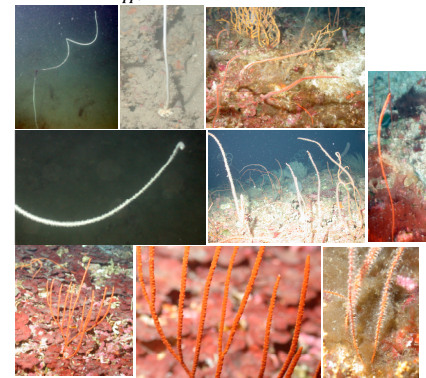
Family Gorgoniidae

Leptogorgia sp.

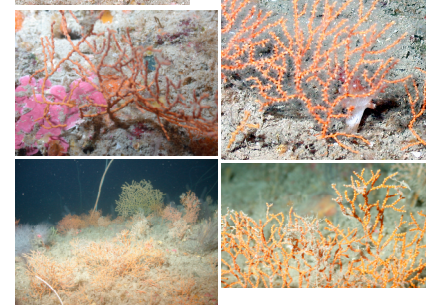
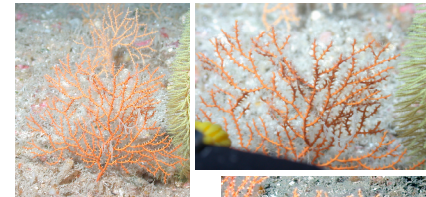


Family Ellisellidae

Ellisella spp.



Nicella deichmanni



Nicella goreau

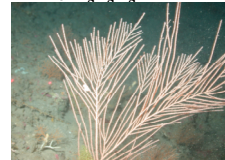


Nicella guadalupensis



Family Primnoidae

Callogorgia gracilis



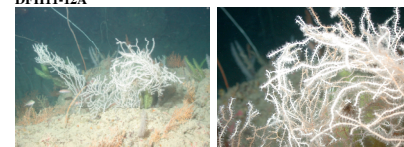
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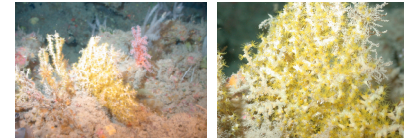


Yet to be identified octocorals

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The majority of the octocorals in these photographs were sampled by remotely operated vehicle at the Flower Garden Bank National Marine Sanctuary between 150 feet and 362 feet.