

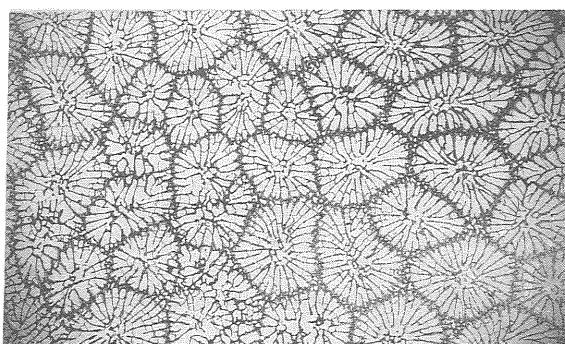
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サンゴの骨格

サンゴはポリップと呼ばれる肉質の体の下部に、炭酸カルシウムの骨格を作る。化石として残るのは、この骨格の部分である。骨格には、ポリップの隔壁に対応した放射状の壁が見られる。造礁サンゴの多くは、この隔壁が6の倍数あることから、六放サンゴと呼ばれる。



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