

## NEW RECORD OF SCLERACTINIAN CORAL *ASTRANGIA* SP. FROM INDIAN WATERS

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THE scleractinian coral, *Astrangia* sp. was found settled on aluminium and mild steel panels exposed at two stations, Cortalim Bridge and the Oil jetty of Marmagoa Harbour.

At Cortalim station the coral settled at 3 metres depth during Feb–May 83 and at the Oil jetty, at three different depths, 3, 4.5, and 6 m during Feb–May 83 as well as June–Sept 83. In addition, the long-term panel exposed for the period Feb–Sept 83 also had these forms indicating thereby their survival during the low-saline (10.27‰) monsoon period.

No corals have hitherto been recorded from Goa water<sup>1</sup> thereby making this the first record from Goa waters. Similarly, the work of Gopinath Pillai<sup>2</sup> does not list *Astrangia* sp. from the seas around India (figure 1). The other bioecological aspects of this coral are being reported elsewhere.

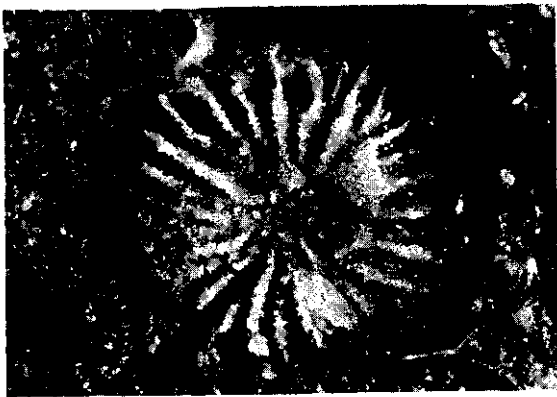


Figure 1. *Astrangia* sp.

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