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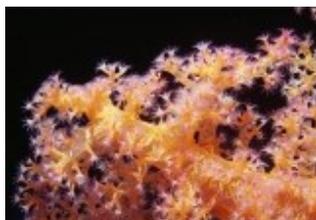
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What's New at SCUBA Travel?

Where is the best diving in Thailand?

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20% Off Indonesia trip - visit some of the most spectacular dive spots around the Banda Islands including Snake Island, famous for its many and diverse sea snakes.

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Creature of the Month: Cup Coral, *Tubastraea coccinea*





The cup coral *Tubastraea coccinea* is the pretty, orange, tubular coral which you see growing in underhangs, drop-offs and reef slopes in strong currents. At night the coral skeleton - corallum - is hidden by lovely ring of bright yellow tentacles. During the day the tentacles are retracted into the coral tube.

The name comes from the Latin for tube (tubus) and the Greek for star (astron). The skeletal tubes measure 5-15 mm across and protrude by 10 mm or more from the coral surface. *Tubastraea* species occur from the surface to depths of nearly 1500 m. There are four or five species throughout shallow Indo-Pacific waters (Red Sea, Thailand, Indonesia, Hawaii, etc.). Orange Cup Coral is also found in cold water.



As *Tubastraea* grow in low light, they lack symbiotic algae (which require light to photosynthesise). This in turn means that they grow relatively slowly and do not contribute to reef building. They are also known as Sun Coral or *T. aurea*.

Class: Anthozoa > Subclass: Hexacorallia > Order: Scleractinia > Family: Dendrophylliidae

Photo by Tim Nicholson.

Further Reading

Diving News From Around the World

Our round up of the best underwater news stories of the past month. For breaking news see our [Twitter page](#) or [RSS feed](#)



[Equatorial coral reefs less affected by global warming](#)

Ocean warming is threatening coral reefs globally. Whenever sea temperatures rise in an area, coral reefs degrade. However, a new study has found that corals at or near the equator are less affected than corals elsewhere.



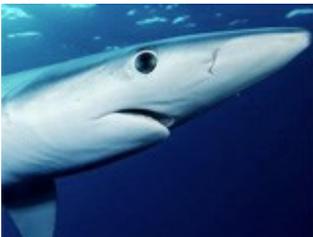
[Indonesia wins 2.52 million dollar settlement for coral damage by foreign ships](#)

Indonesia has clinched a 2.52 million dollar settlement from the operators of two foreign-flagged ships that damaged coral reefs in the sea off southeastern Sumatra in 2017.



[Seahorse Trust contest permission to drill for oil in seahorse area](#)

The Seahorse Trust is challenging the UK government's decision to allow drilling for oil in Poole Bay, Dorset without proper environmental impact assessment.



[Study maps where tunas, sharks and fishing ships meet](#)

Most fishing boats operating within the high seas part of the study region belonged to just five nations: Taiwan, China, Japan, Mexico and the United States.



[Whales rocked by heavy metals](#)

Whales in the Gulf of Maine are contaminated with toxic metals in concentrations similar to those seen in industrial workers with decades of exposure.



[Plastics leading to reproductive problems for marine animals](#)

Scientists say some marine animals with high levels of pollutants are failing to calve



[No silver bullet for helping the Great Barrier Reef](#)

Mass outflows of dirty water onto the Great



Barrier Reef are raising concerns about their impact on reef health. Improving water quality can help the Great Barrier Reef, but won't suffice to rescue it.



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