

Desmastraea Fromentel, 1865, p.19

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Type Species

Desmastraea corallina Fromentel, 1865 p.19 by Unknown.

Syntype: ? (Unknown: Lost).

Type Locality: Upper Jurassic of Nattheim (Germany)

Diagnosis

None Given

Description

Lamellar cerioid corallum, lower face without epitheca with thin fasciculate costae. Calices polygonal. Intracalicular increase. Radial element numerous, tight, unequal, often anastomosed. Columella spongy and developed.

Comparisons

None Given

Remarks

The only description we have is a footnote of Fromentel 1865. The type species was never figured. The type-specimen was not found in MNHN. Vaughan and Wells synonymised *Desmastraea* with *Isastrea*, but the columella and frequent anastomoses are not compatible. In absence of type material and figuration, it is preferable to keep this genus into oblivion.