

# Developing coral factories producing resilient and customized corals

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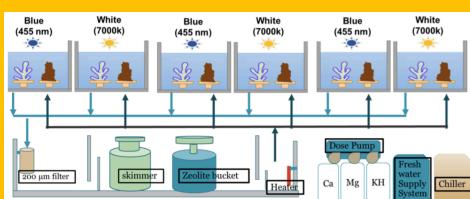
**Coral ark** and large-scale **coral farm** have been established in NMMBA for 20 years.

**Coral factories** are developing.

Internet of Things and 3D printing will be applied in the near future.



## 1. A factory for ornamental stony coral Acropora.

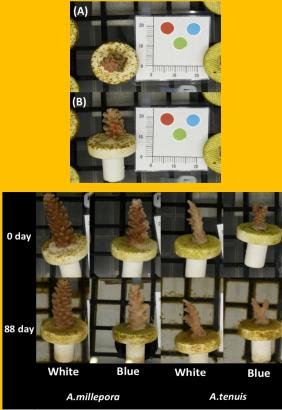
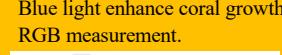
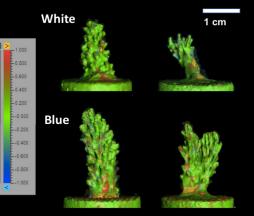


Blue light (455 nm)  
White light (7000K)  
PAR:  $200 \pm 10 \mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$   
Reef coral, *Acropora millepora*, *Acropora tenuis*  
Feed enriched *Artemia salina* in a separate tank

Blue light enhance coral growth.  
3D scanning measurement.



Blue light enhance coral growth.  
RGB measurement.



## Recirculating aquaculture systems (RAS)

Versatile, standardized modular system  
Automatic control

Synthetic seawater

Live rock, live sand

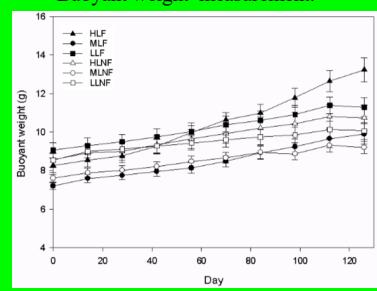
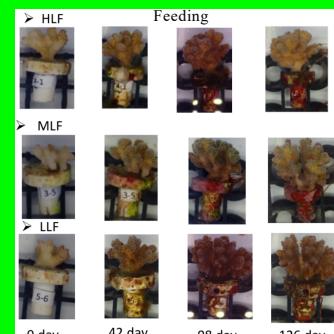
Feeding and culturing separation  
Non-destructive measurements

## 2. A factory for broodstock breeding of stony corals Pocillopora.

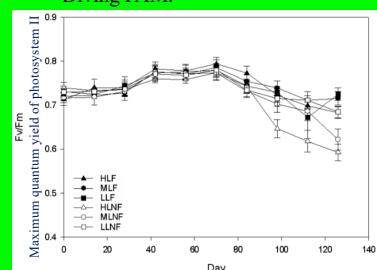


Photosynthetically active radiation:  
High light:  $250 \mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$   
Median light:  $150 \mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$   
Low light:  $100 \mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$   
Feed enriched *Artemia salina* in a separate tank  
Reef coral, *Pocillopora damicornis*

Feeding enhances coral growth.  
Buoyant weight measurement.



Feeding enhances photosynthesis.  
Diving PAM.



## 3. A factory for pharmaceutical soft coral Sarcophyton

RAS-B: a RAS without exogenous biological input

RAS+B: a RAS with live rocks and an exogenous food supply, fed with phytoplankton solution

FT: a flow-through system featuring natural seawater.

Light:  $100 \text{ vs } 200 \mu\text{mol quanta m}^{-2} \text{s}^{-1}$

Flow:  $5 \text{ vs } 15 \text{ cm s}^{-1}$

Soft coral, *Sarcophyton glaucum*

Culture systems influence effects of light and flow on corals

Parameter	RAS-B	RAS+B	FT
Specific growth rate	Light & Flow	Light	Light & Flow
Oral disc diameter	Light	Flow	Flow
Organic weight			
Oral disc diameter x Buoyant Weight		Correlation	
Oral disc diameter x Organic weight		Correlation	
Buoyant Weight x Organic weight		Correlation	Correlation

RAS-B

RAS+B

FT

RAS-B

RAS+B

FT

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