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Summary installation Staghorn plugs.

At March 23, 2002 the PortoMari team installed 24 new Staghorn Coral Plugs at the Reef balls in the PortoMari Bay.

The plugs are installed at the Reef balls Cluster number 12, East of the bay. The PortoMari team used a new technique for placing the plugs, which was demonstrated by Todd Barber and Larry Beggs, during their last visit at Curaçao.

The new technique has a big advantage because the corals will be only a maximum of five minutes out of the water. So they will be less stressed than using the old technique. Monitoring will be shown if the survival rate of the new plugs will be higher than the earlier placed plugs.

The plugs are installed at 3 Pallet balls and at 2 Bay balls. The exact location of the plugs and balls are mapped and further documentation is available at PortoMari.

All plugs will be part of PortoMari's Monitoring program.

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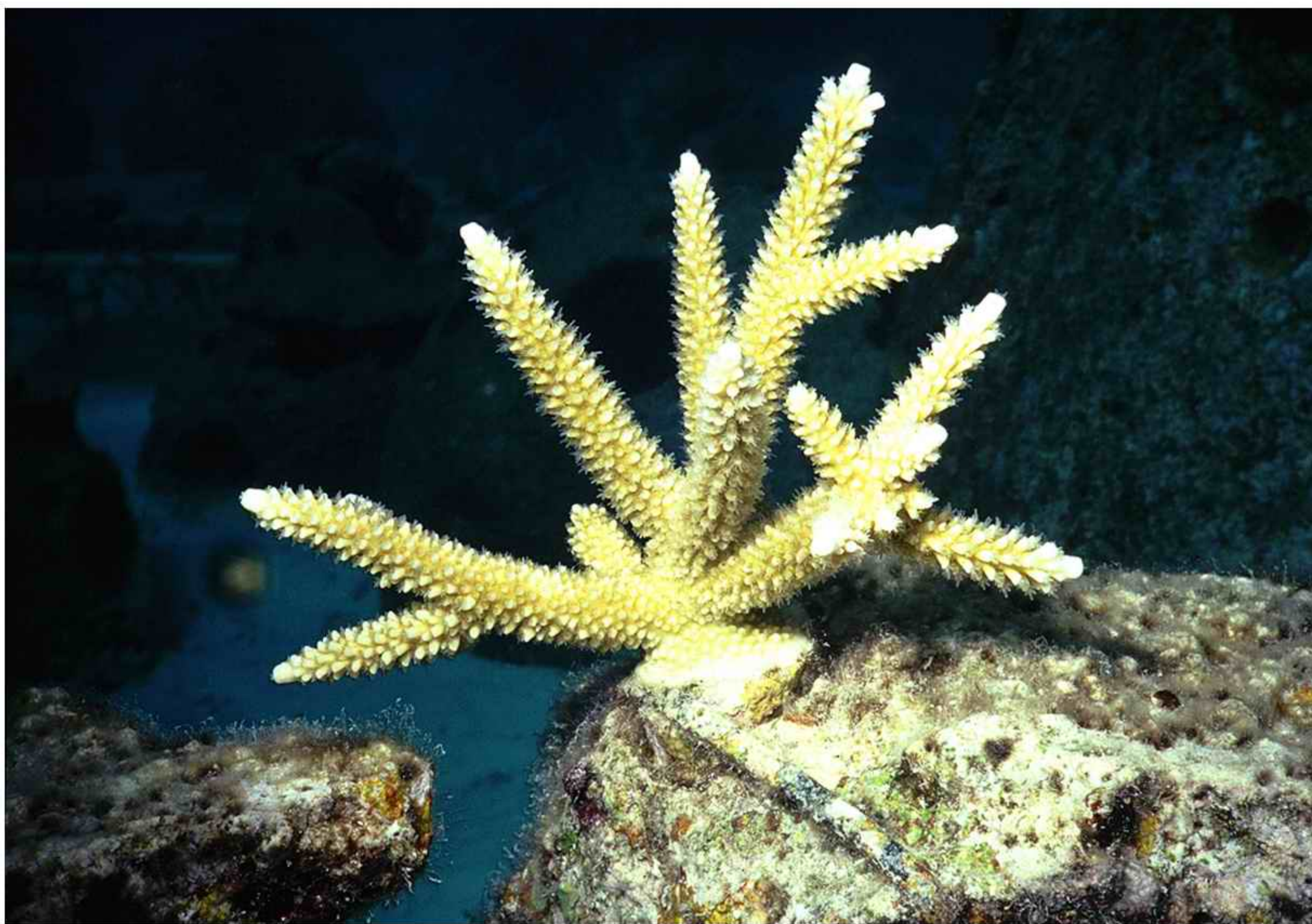
PORTOMAREA MARINE MONITORING
REEF BALL CORAL PLUGS
WEST SIDE OF BAY - CLUSTER 10R



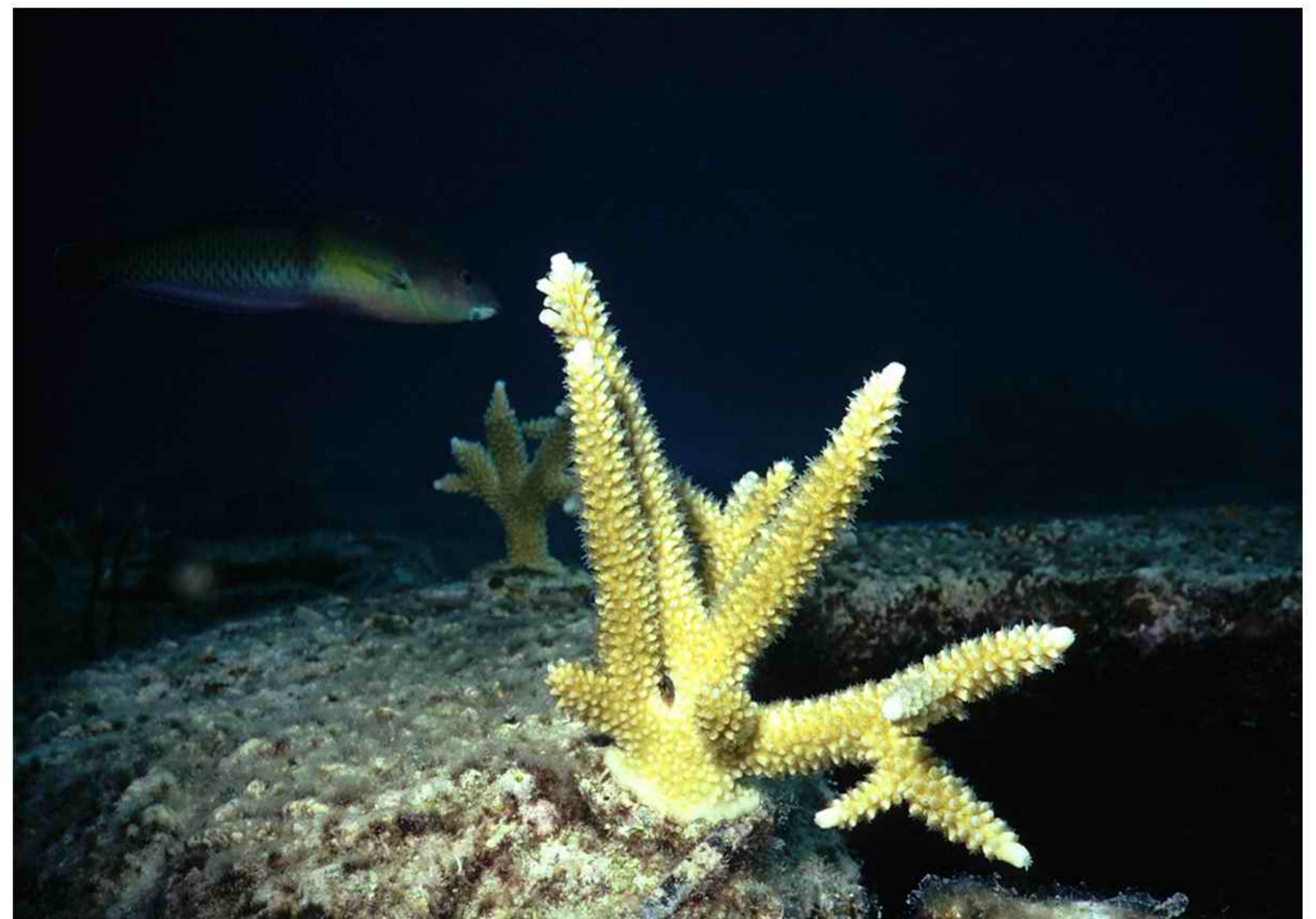
Brain Coral



Purple Sea Rod
Note coral growth on plug base



Staghorn Coral



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