



CARE SHEET

Corals

Cnidaria

Tropical Reefs



- Keep above 22C and below 29C at all times. Corals can go down to 12C for a short time. They can die quickly above 32C
- Salinity must be kept at 34 SG. They can go down to 32 or upto 37 comfortably. Anything outside this must be rectified.
- Corals touching each other can sting and kill each other. Keep physically apart.
- Cyano – Red strands of Cyano after overfeeding can kill certain corals eg. Turbinaria
- Sand down the mouths of large polyps can kill them. Turn upside down and gently shake out
- Corals need flow so check water is moving each day.
- Direct sunlight WILL bleach them.

- All corals need feeding which will start receding after 3 weeks. Never feed too much. Little and often.
- Give food 1/3 of size of mouth as otherwise they can rot. The safest is reef roids though this gives Cyano 2 days later.
- Experience: Monitoring everyday is necessary. The most frequent fatalities we have had were due to Cyanobacteria blooms on the coral and sand. Some have been lost due to overfeeding. The RO topping up in the tank is one of the most frequent ways people lose a tank. If the corals are looking off, check the salinity. Be aware that doing a water change the RO top off should be turned OFF and then back ON. This should only be done by trained staff. We have also lost corals that have been turned upside down by fish in the sand.