Phylum Chidaria (Coelencerata)

Hydra with Prey of Water Flea

Stinging Animals

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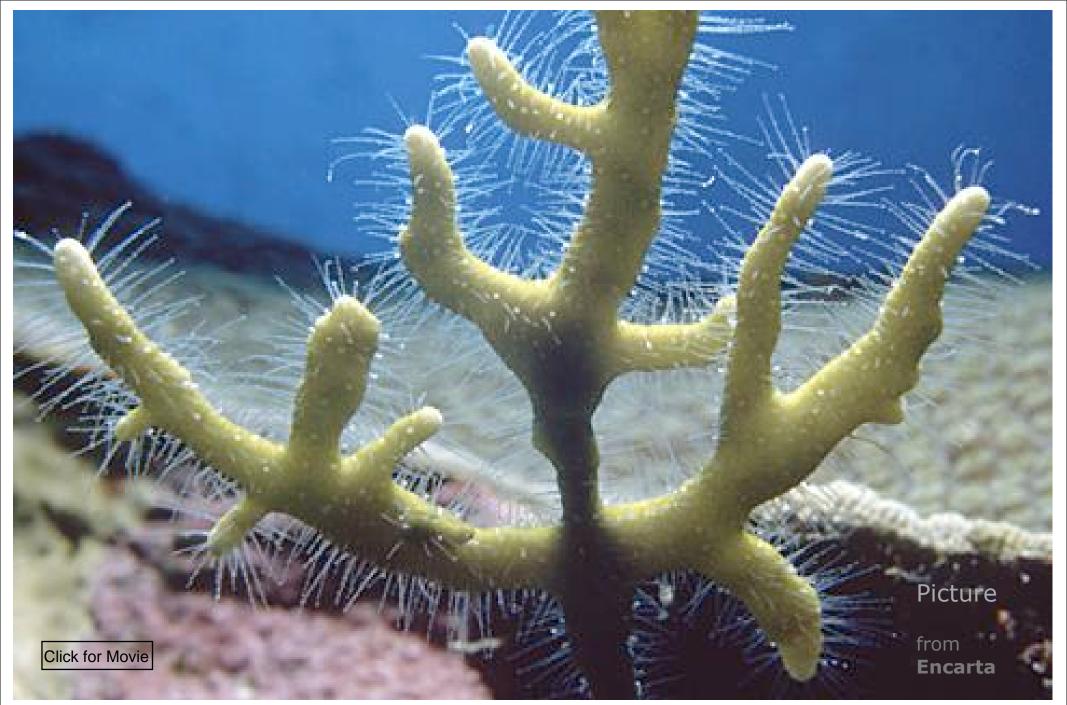


Fiji's Coral Reefs

This pair of shots illustrates the importance of the reef as a shelter for small fish," says photographer Tim Laman, who took these two photographs just seconds apart.







Fine, hairlike tentacles on fire coral contain powerful nematocysts that are capable of stinging humans