ANTIPATHARIANS
of Deepwater Communities in the Northwestern Gulf of Mexico

Developed by Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

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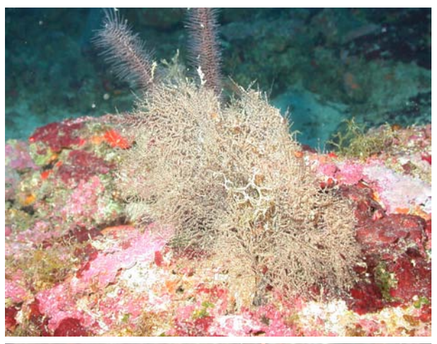
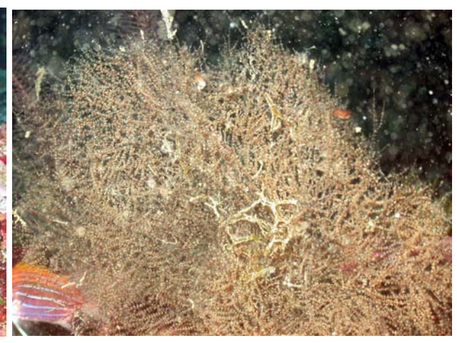
Phylum Cnidaria

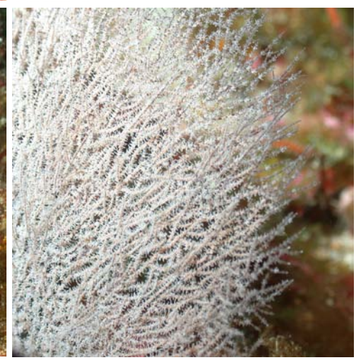
Class Anthozoa

Order Antipatharia

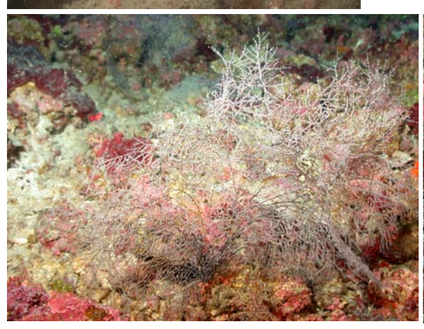
Family Antipathidae

Antipathes atlantica

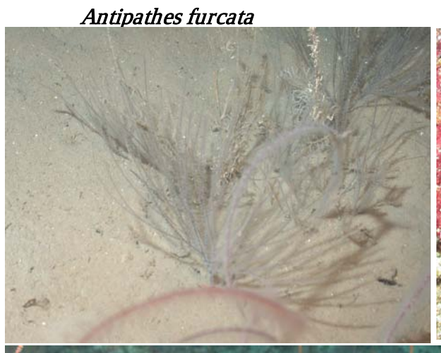



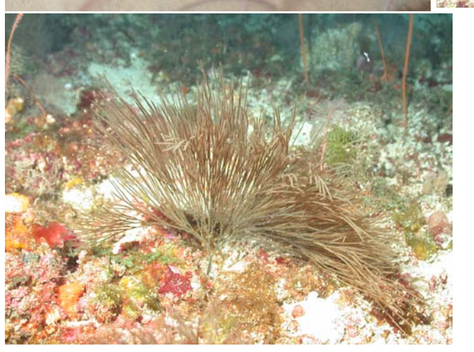


Possible ecological variant of *A. atlantica*



Antipathes furcata





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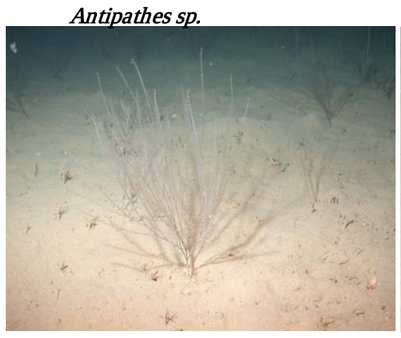

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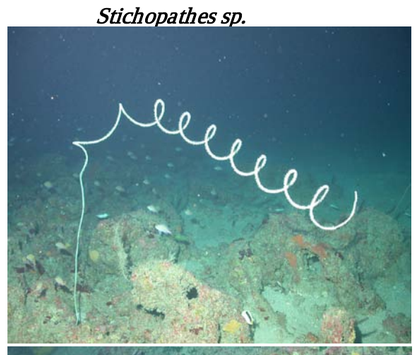

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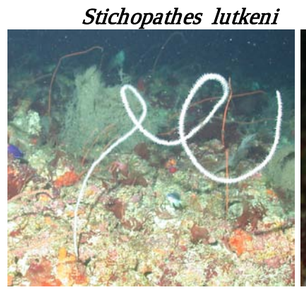
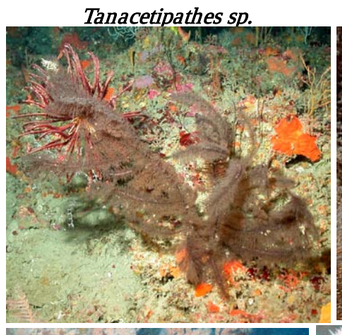


Family Myriopathidae

Tanacetipathes sp.



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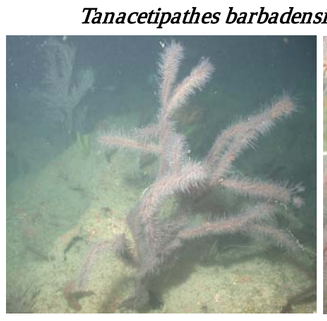

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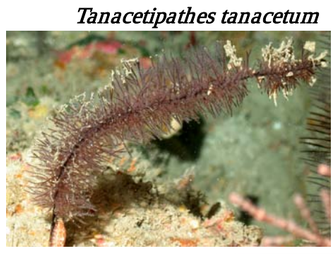

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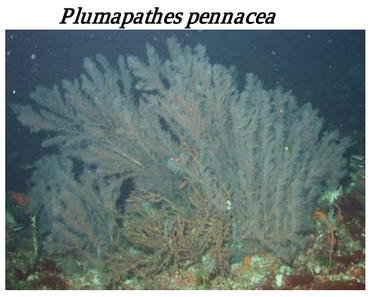
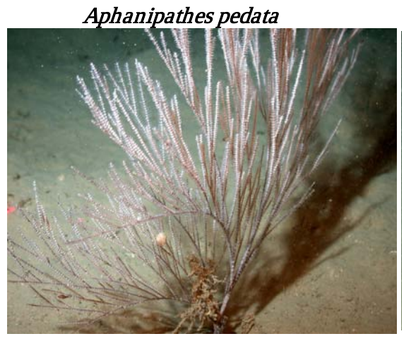


Family Aphanipathidae

Aphanipathes pedata



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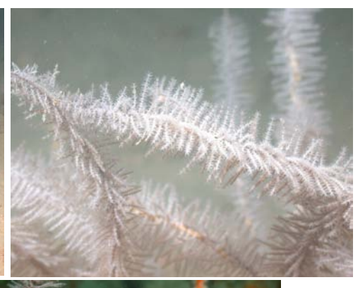
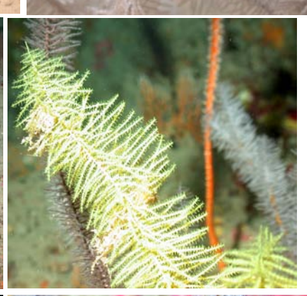
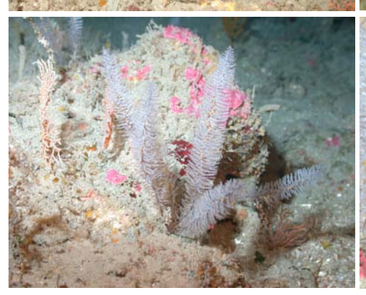
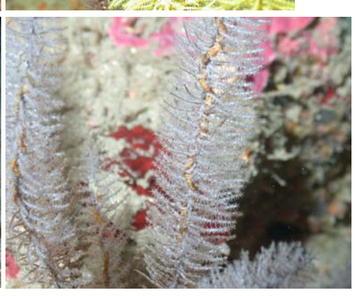
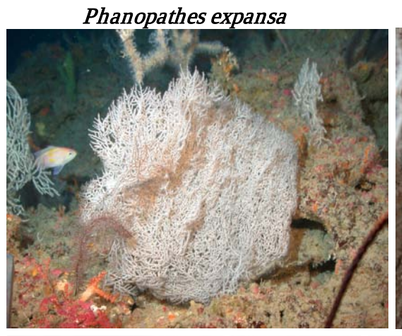
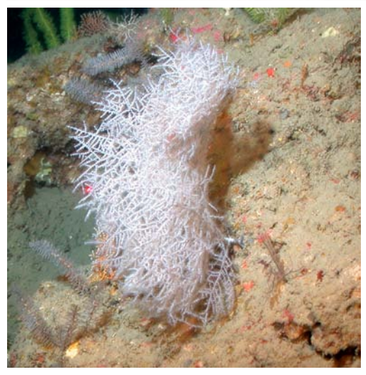


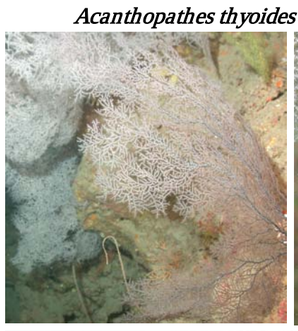




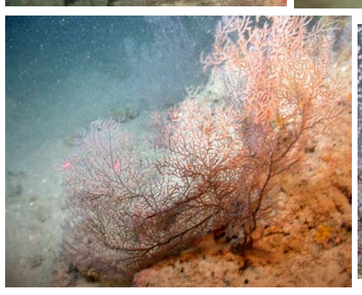
Phanopathes expansa





Acanthopathes thyoides





The majority of the antipatharians pictured were sampled at the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary by remotely operated vehicle at depths between 158 feet and 431 feet.