

## Goniopora & Alveopora

Class Anthozoa, Order Scleractinia, Family Poritidae, Genera *Goniopora* and *Alveopora*



*Alveopora* photo by Gene Schwartz



*Goniopora* photo by Carole Jurens



*Goniopora* photo by Doni Marie

**Common names:** flowerpot coral, daisy coral, ball coral

**Natural origin:** Indo-Pacific

**Sensitivity (Level 4):** Until very recently, it was thought that *Goniopora* were impossible to keep alive in captivity.

Thanks to recent research, new food products, and valiant efforts by some aquarists, these corals can now be kept in home aquariums with diligent and committed care. If you choose one of these corals, please be prepared to meet their demanding needs. *Alveopora* species tend to be slightly easier to care for.

**Feeding:** These corals have very specific and extremely demanding feeding requirements. Please visit [www.goniopora.org](http://www.goniopora.org) for more detailed information.

**Lighting (Level 3 to 6):** Lighting requirements are moderate. Careful acclimation to any new conditions is especially important for these unforgiving corals.

**Water flow:** Moderate to strong water flow is preferred.

**Placement:** These corals have long sweeping polyps that should be allowed to freely extend without hitting rocks or other corals that might damage them.

**General:** As stated, these corals are exceptionally demanding. It is highly recommended that any aquarist considering one do extensive research and reading on their care. If in doubt about having the time, patience and resources required to meet this corals needs, please choose a different coral.