

FLOWER GARDEN BANKS CORAL REEF CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Across

6. A one-celled algae that lives inside coral polyps and helps the coral obtain nutrition.
7. This mollusk has eight tentacles with suction cups and squirts ink when disturbed.
9. A snail that is protected from harvest, grows a pink shell, and lives in the open sand flats.
11. This crustacean does not have claws like its northern cousin.
14. People who use Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.
17. The waters of the Flower Garden Banks and Stetson Bank have been designated as a National _____.
20. A primitive group of aquatic plants that do not have true roots, stems, or leaves.
21. A soft-bodied animal with a body called a foot that usually grows a shell for protection.
22. A cartilaginous fish with many rows of razor-sharp teeth.

Down

1. An echinoderm with an elongated body shape that feeds on bottom sediments.
2. This kind of reef builder grows in a pattern that resembles human gray matter.
3. A snake-like fish with long, pointed teeth, that lives in crevices on the reef.
4. An entire colony of coral is actually many individual _____ living together.
5. A family of colorful reef fishes with beak-shaped mouths.
8. A simple invertebrate with stinging tentacles that floats in the ocean currents.
9. These underwater rivers form eddies in the Gulf of Mexico.
10. This invertebrate is usually composed of many tiny polyps that are connected to one another and share food.
12. This marine reptile comes ashore to dig a nest in the sand and lay its eggs.
13. A long silver fish with lots of sharp teeth that is often found schooling above the reef.
14. The test ("shell") of this echinoderm is covered in tiny bumps which are the points of attachment for its many spines.
15. A fish that has a large mouth for gulping its prey.
16. Members of this family of brightly colored fish are often seen feeding on sponges. (Hint: Queen, Blue, French)
17. A cartilaginous fish that feeds on plankton.
18. A primitive animal that constantly filters seawater through its pores to obtain the oxygen and food it needs to survive.
19. A blue _____ is a member of the surgeon fish family and is often found in schools at the reef.

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