

In situ spawning observations

In situ spawning observations provide very important information about the biology of the reproduction of the species, for example behaviour, season, initiating factors.

Observation from French Polynesia

Name of observer: C. Jardin , Director SNC PAE
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Date: 27/01/97

Time: 3 p.m.

Tide: –

Moon: FM + 4

Site: Rangiroa, northern area

Surroundings: sand

Depth: 5 m

Species: *Bohadschia vitiensis*

Number of specimens of this species displaying spawning behaviour: 1 in the middle of several others.

Observation and photograph from the Seychelles

Name of observer: Patrick Durville
(Marine Ecology Laboratory,
University of La Reunion)

Date: 3/11/97

Time: 5 p.m.

Tide: –

Moon: NM

Site: Ile Aride

Surroundings: Coral

Depth: 15 m

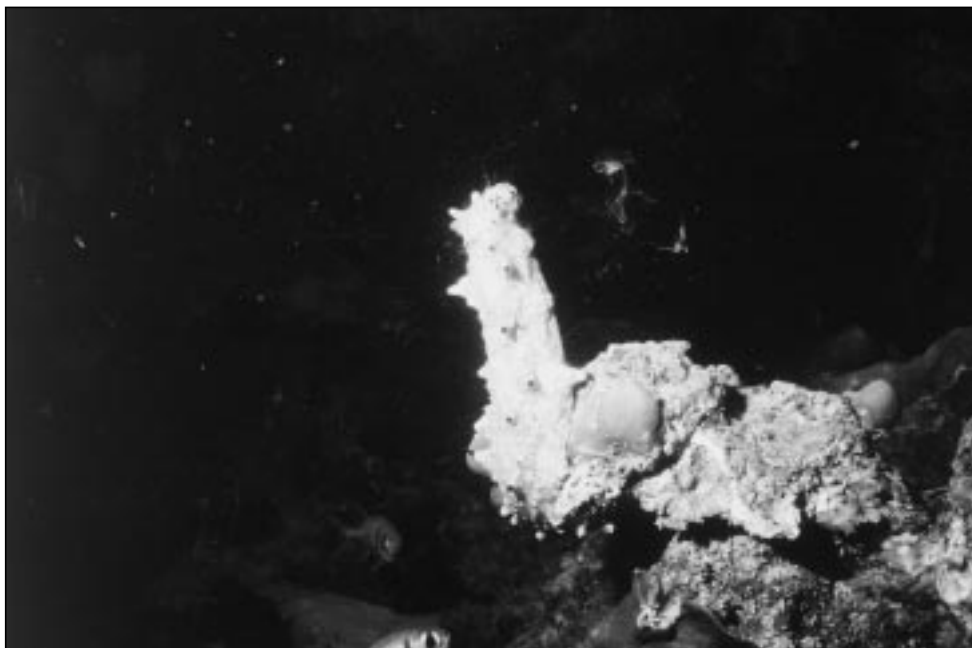
Length of observation: 5 min.

Species: undetermined

How many specimens of this species displayed spawning behaviour? 1 only

Did other species display this behaviour? No

Indicate whether it was possible to determine if the specimens were male or female: male specimen (sperm clearly visible).



In situ observation of a male spawning