



Squarrose or Box Fire Coral

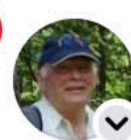


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squarrosa*



Blade Fire Coral

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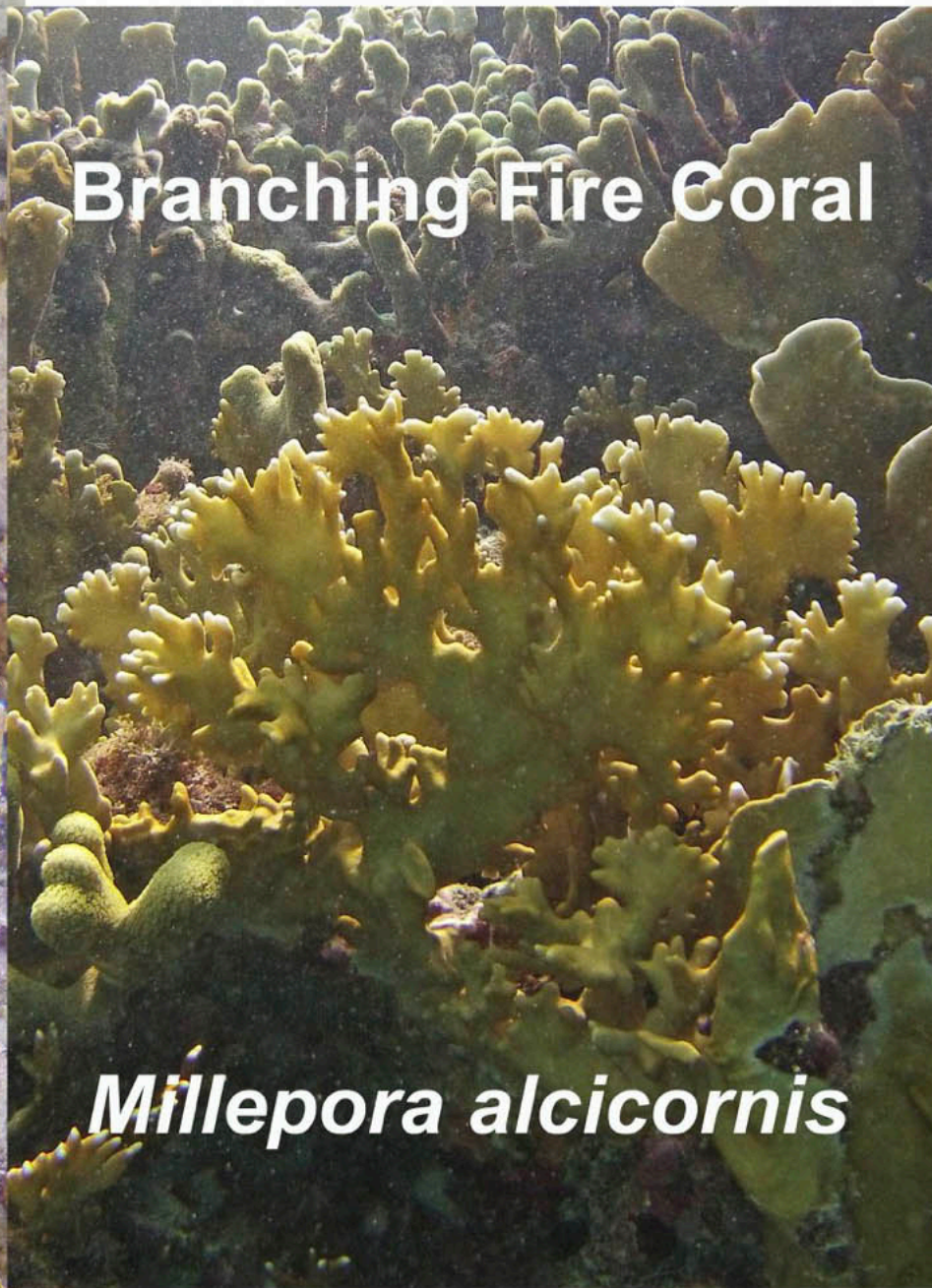
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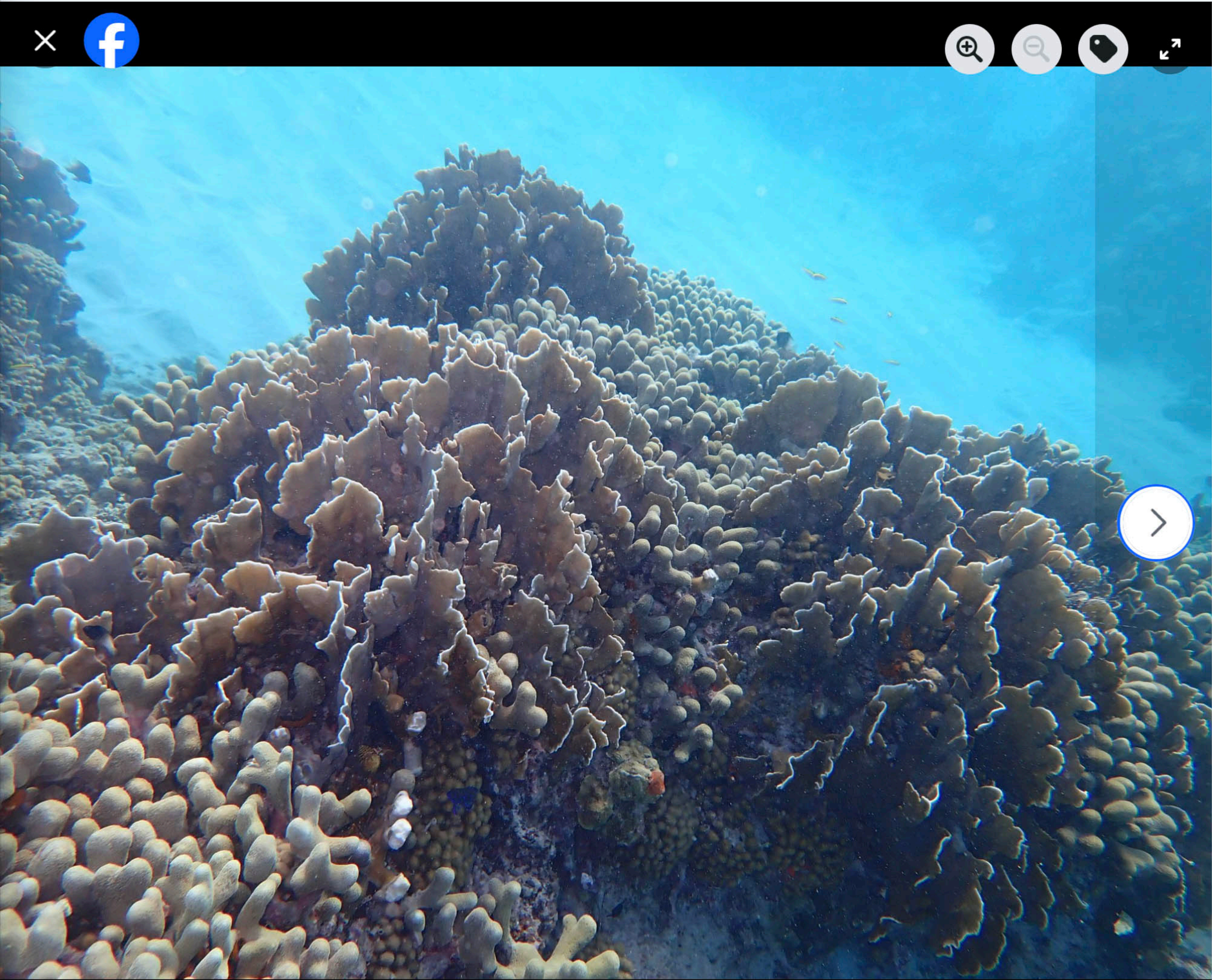
Common species


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Branching Fire Coral

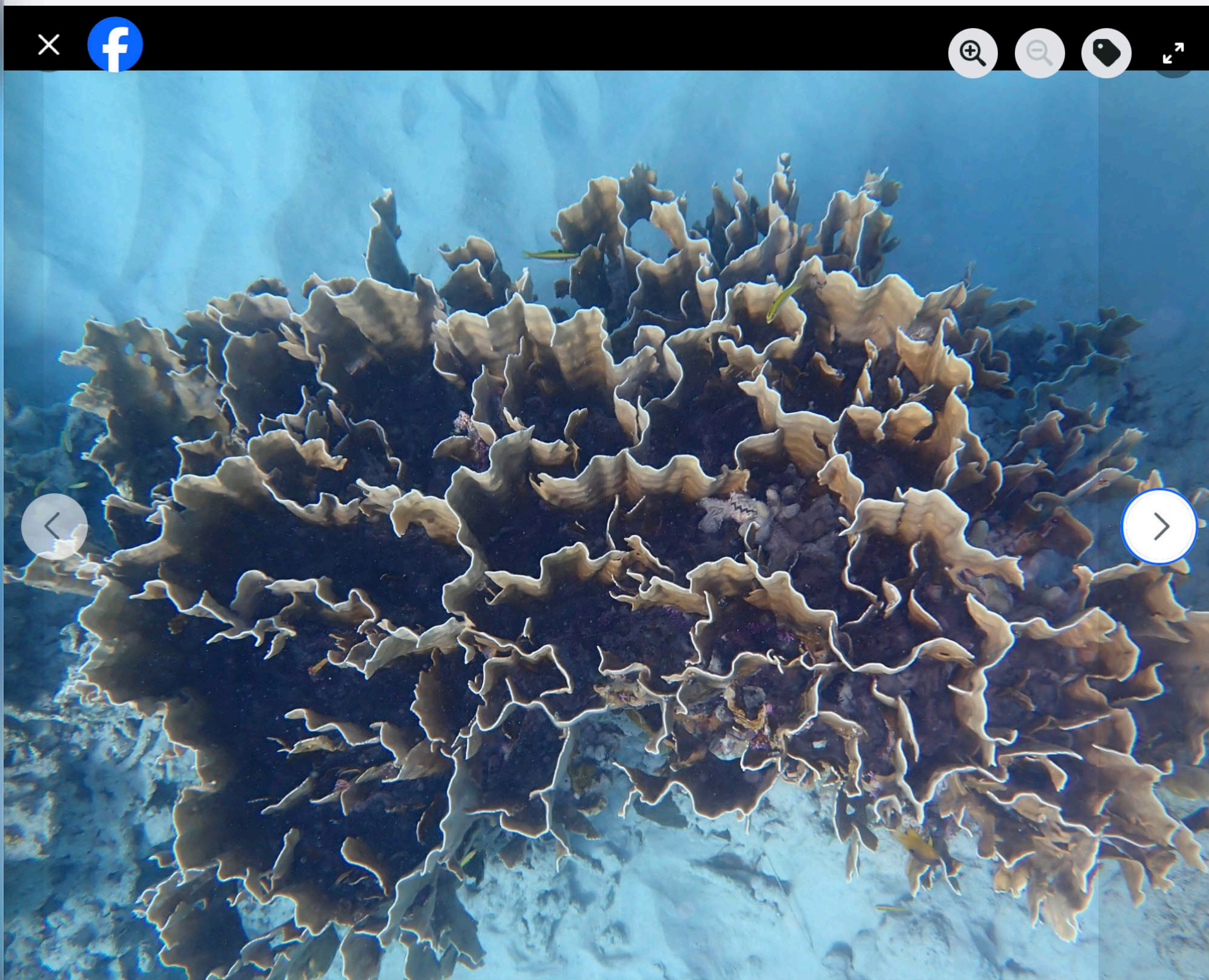
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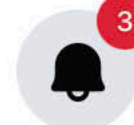
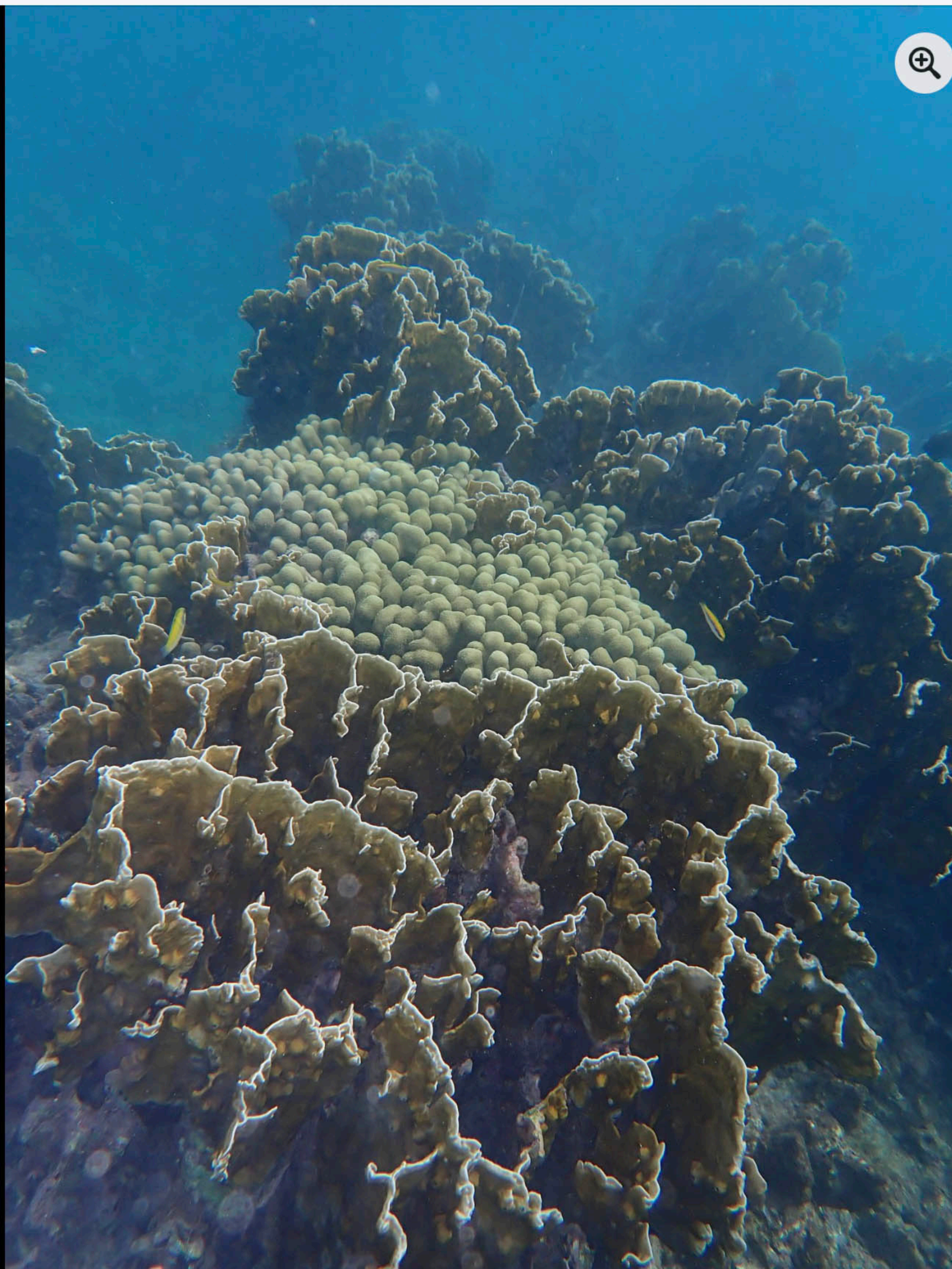


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An "island" in the sand

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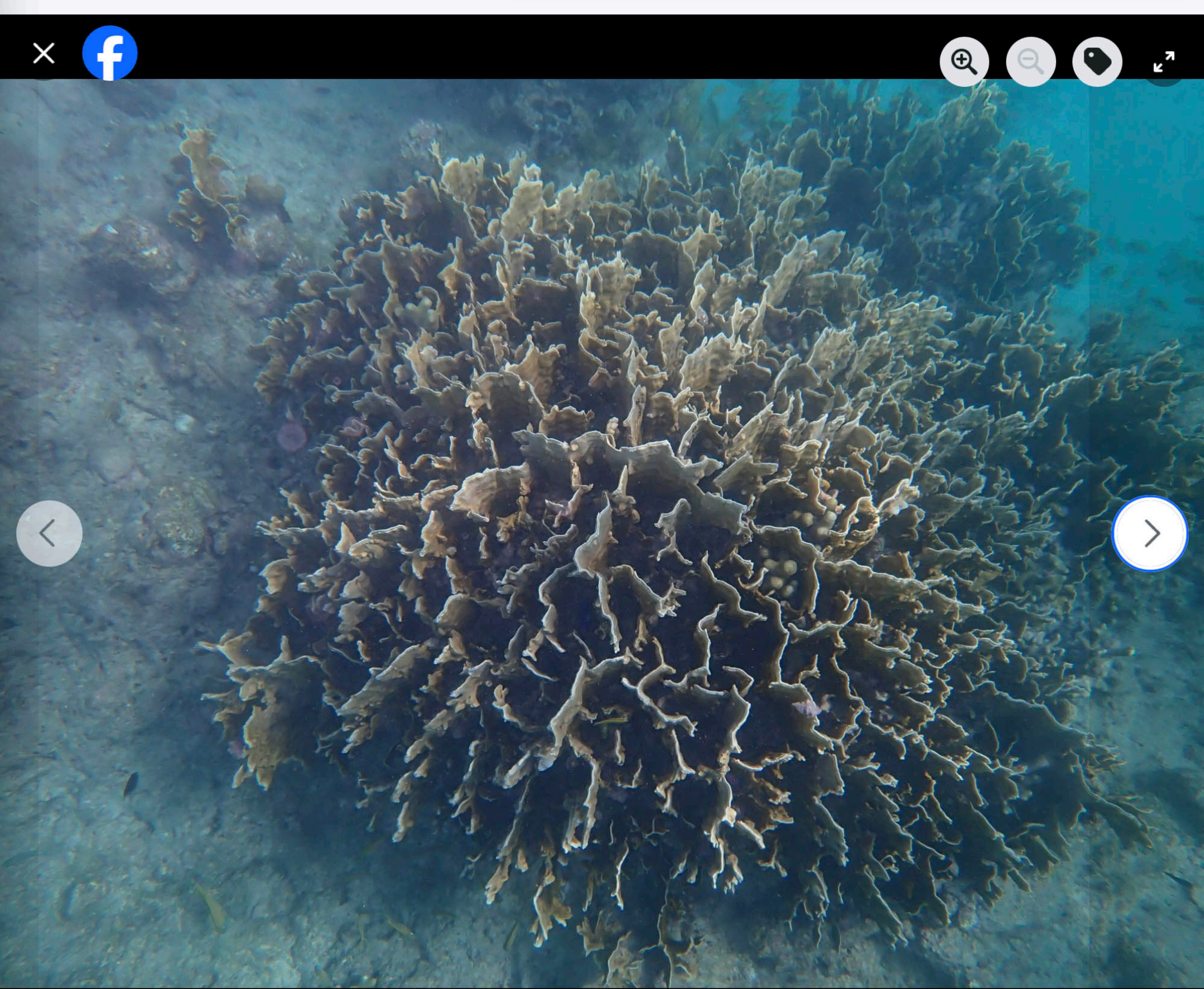


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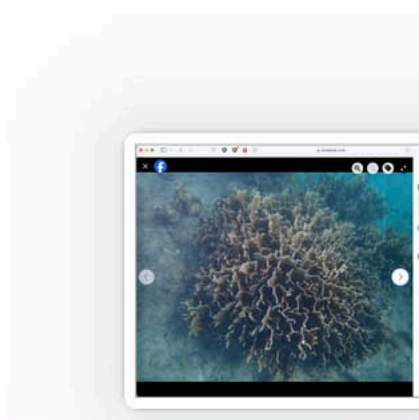


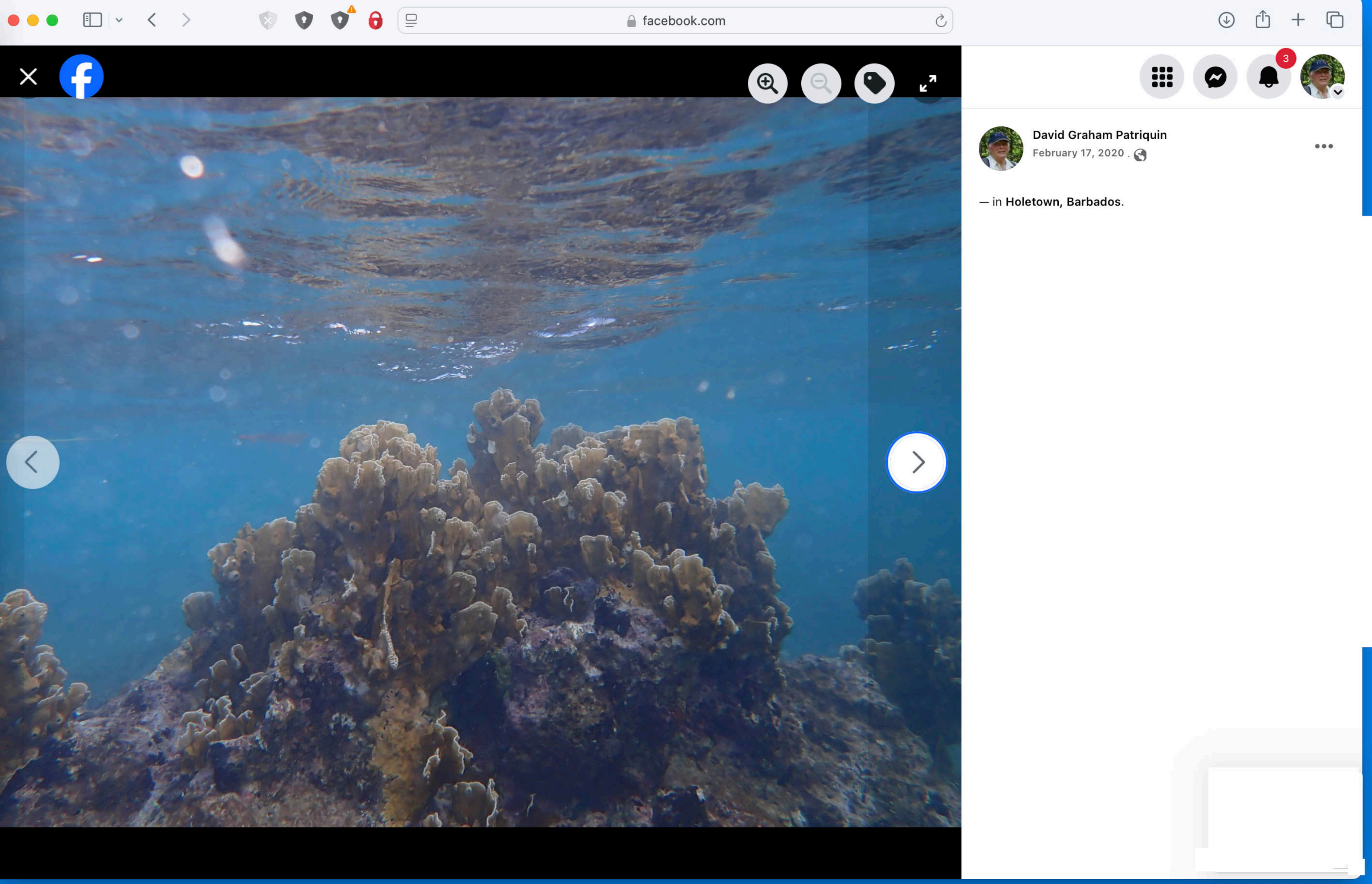
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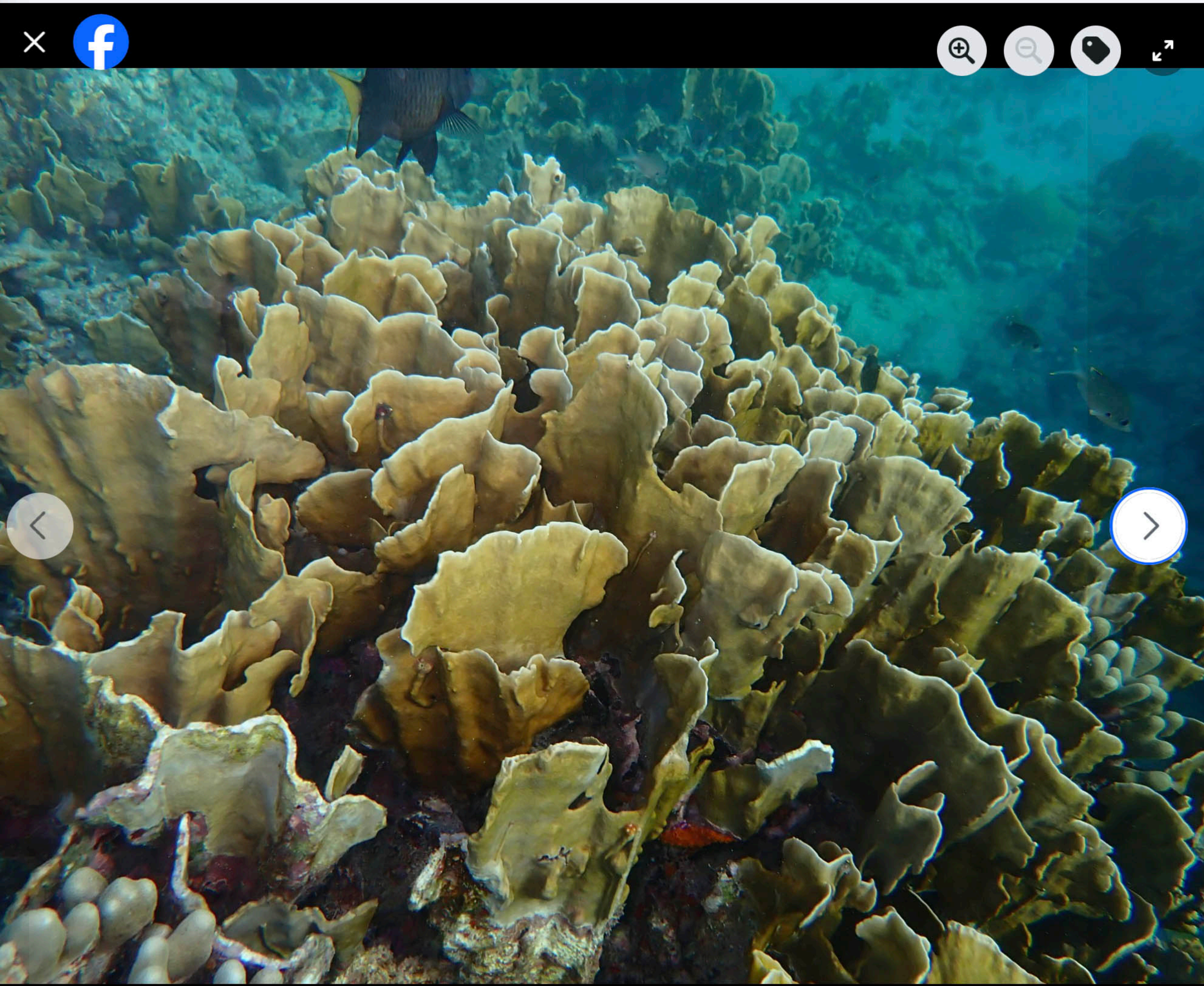
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Sometimes they provide the only excitement on otherwise drab, deraded reefs





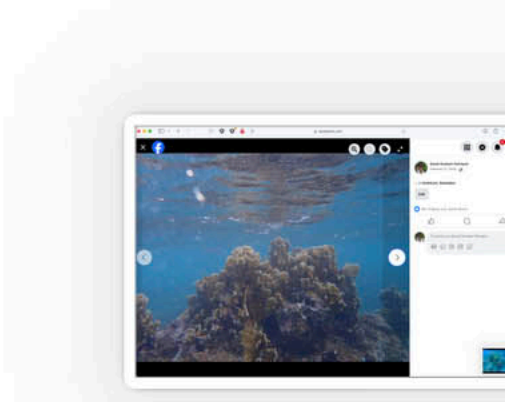


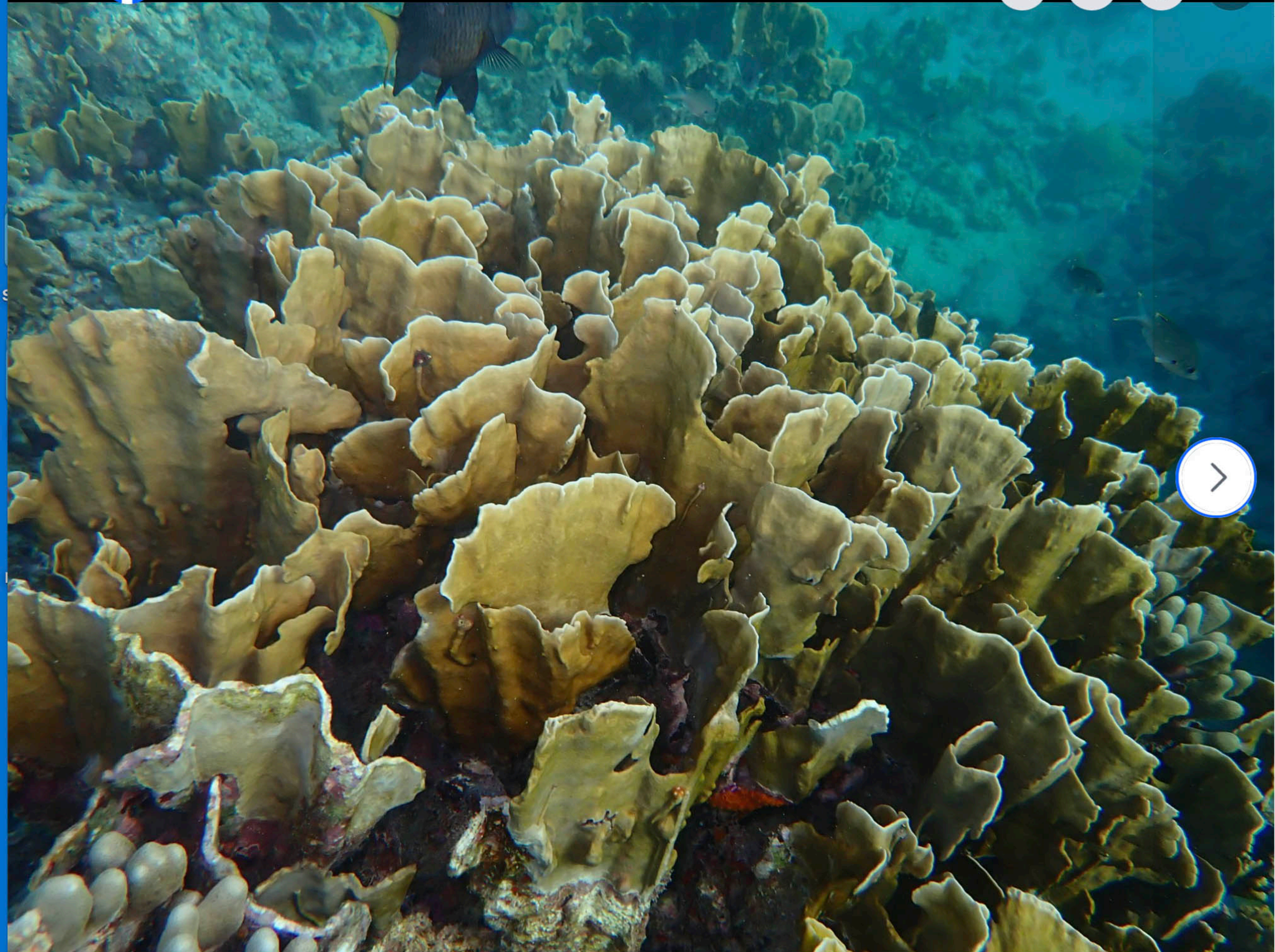
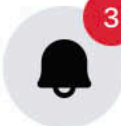


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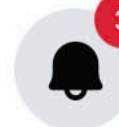




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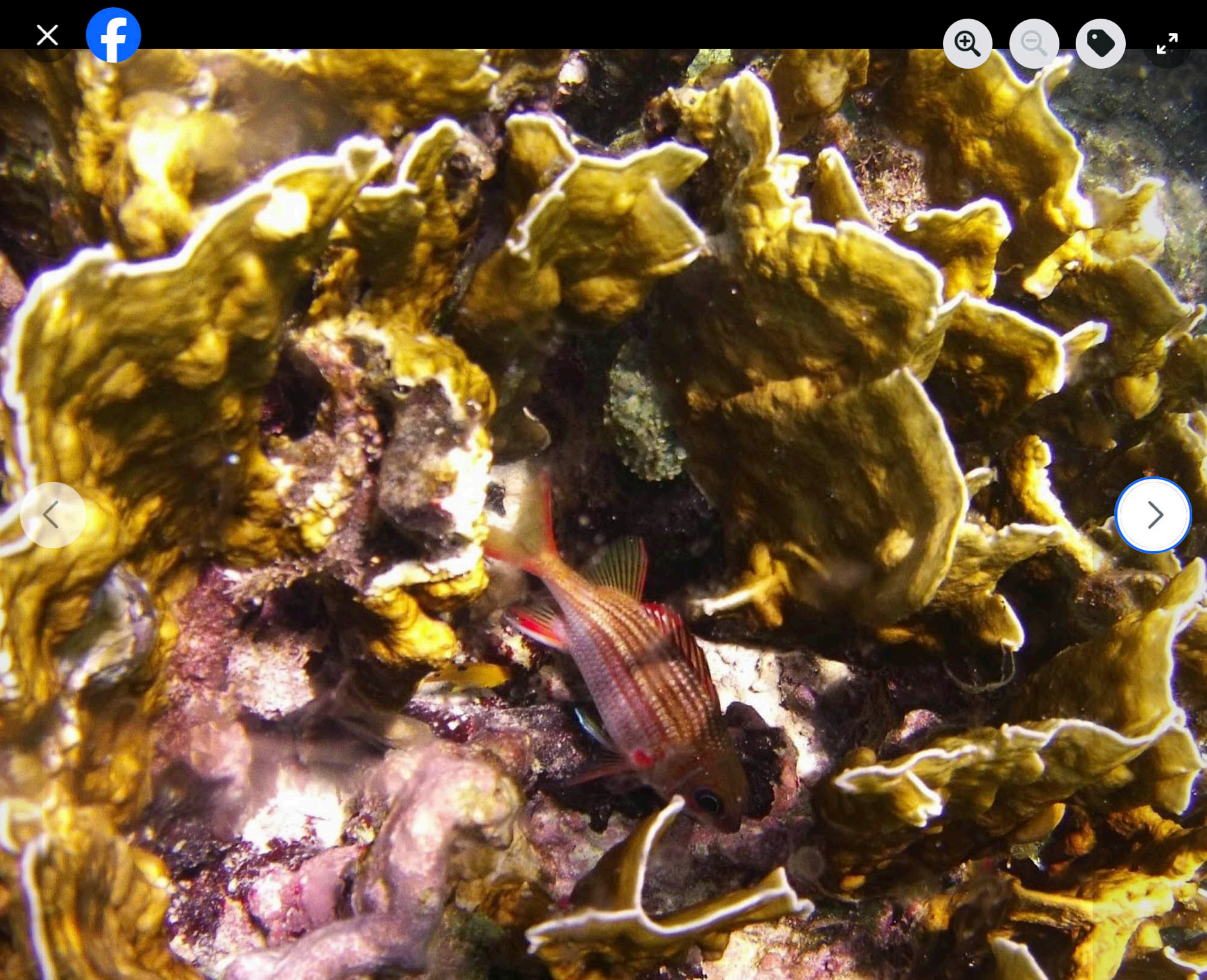
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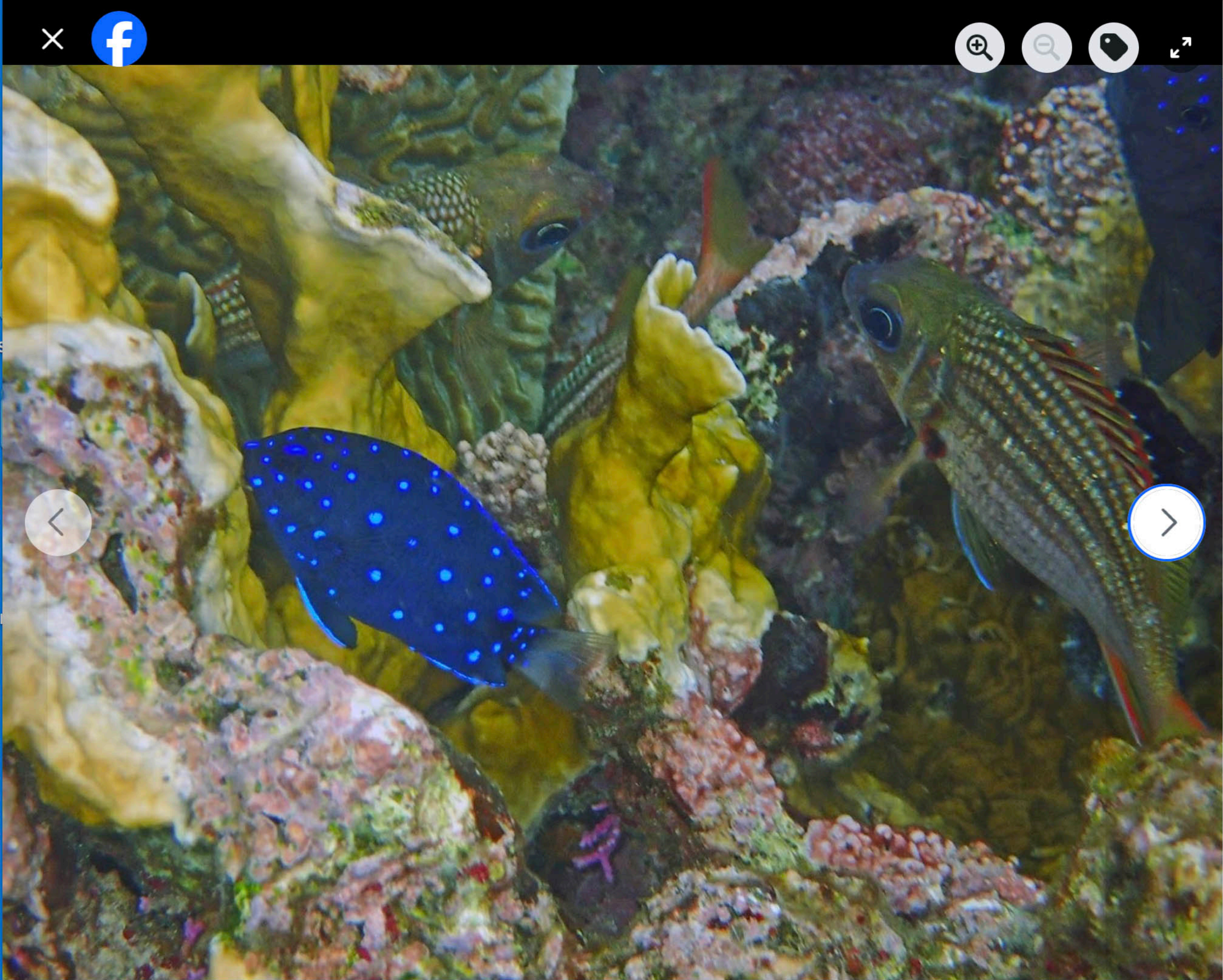
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The very common species - Dusky Squirrelfish - they dont come out of their fire coral compartment ("apartment?"), at least in daytime



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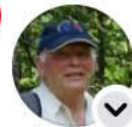
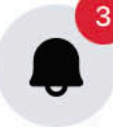
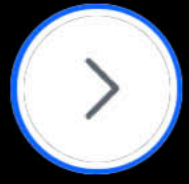
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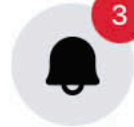
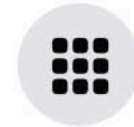


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The very common species - Commonly hanging around, above, the Brown Chromis, below Small Mouth grunt. Brown Chromis also hang out in the fire coral compartments and fight off other visitors



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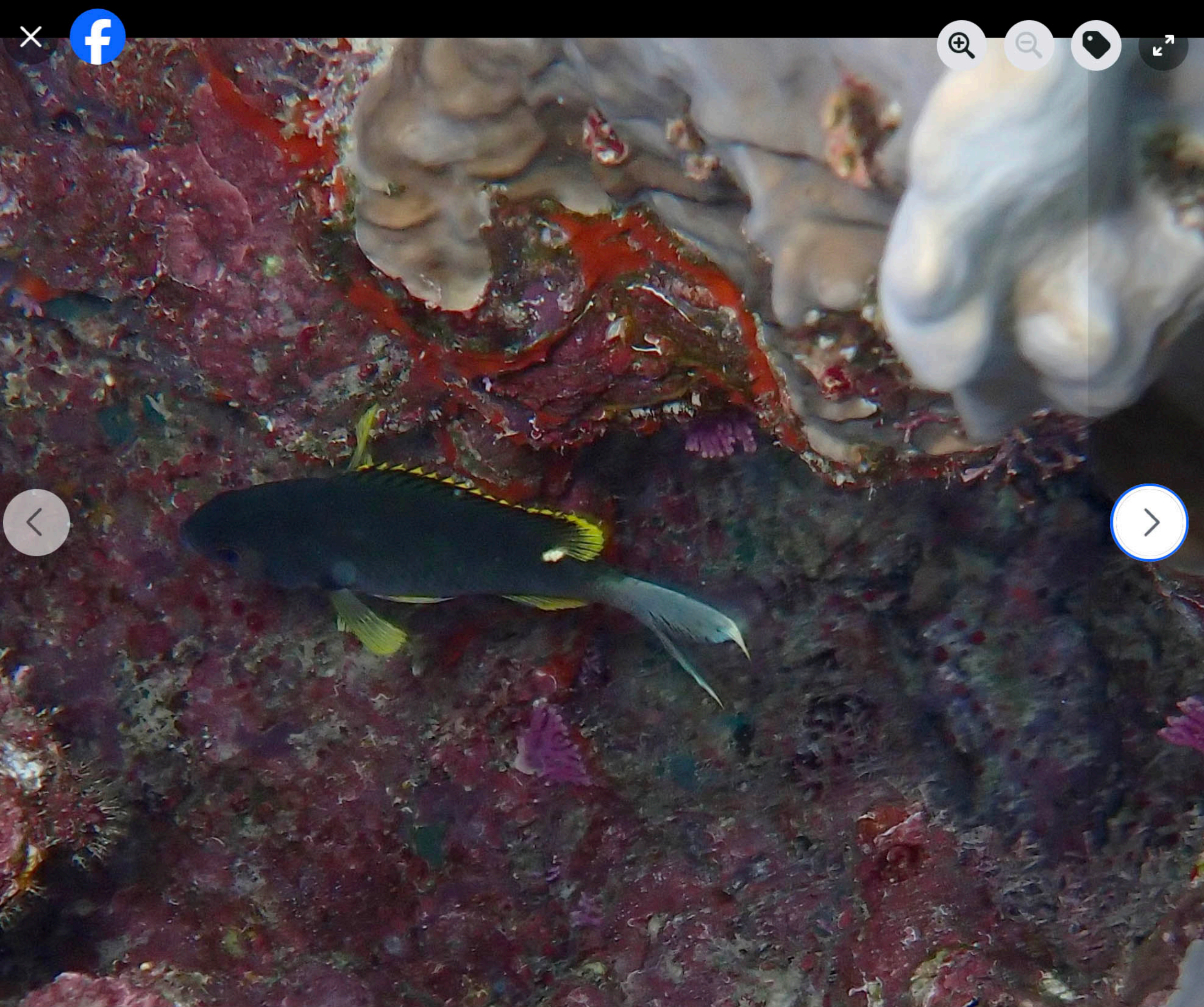


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The very common species - Yellow-tail Damselfish - juvenile to intermediate stage



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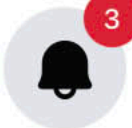
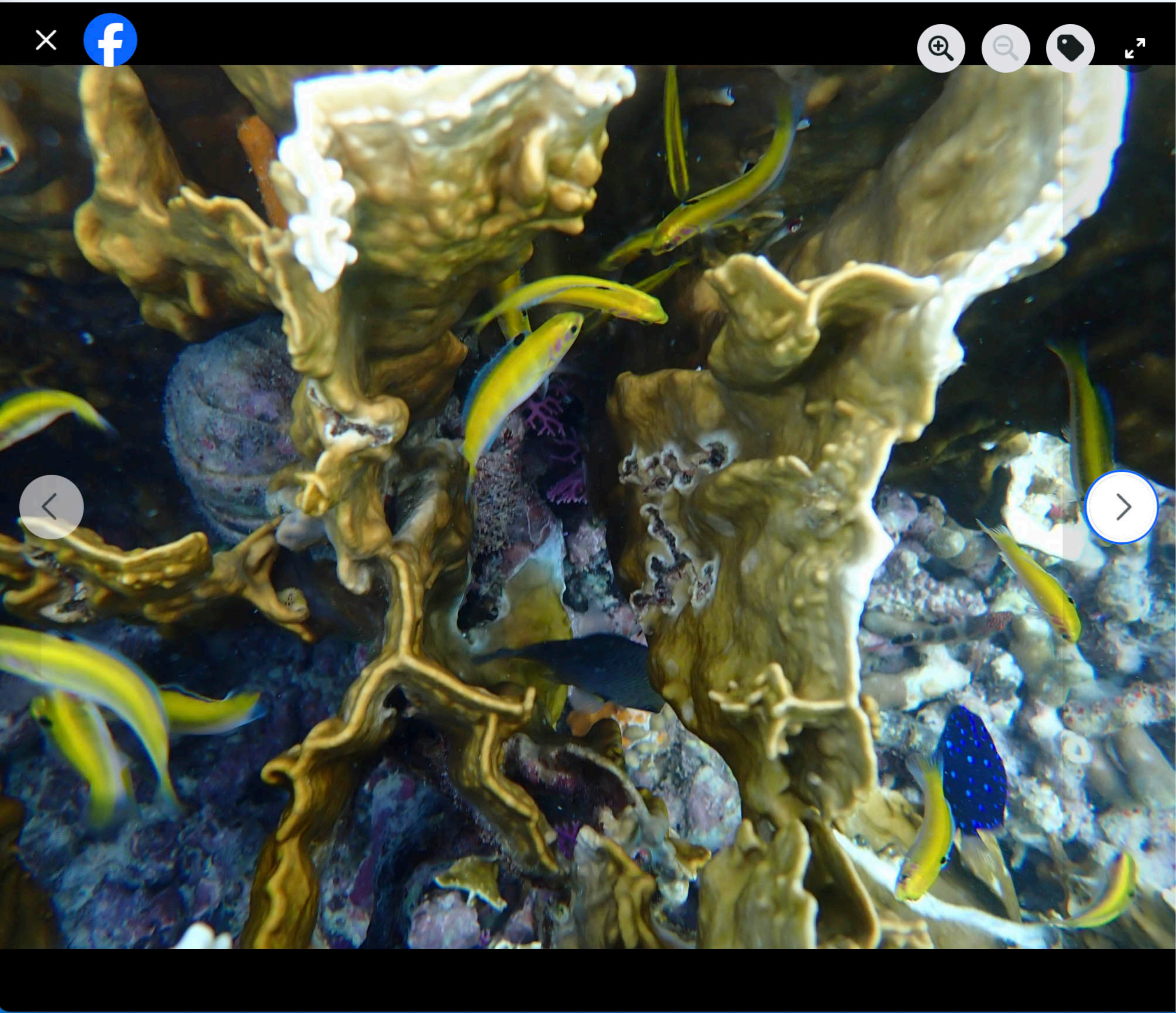


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The very common species - Brown Chromis in a compartment - yellow on fins shows up in the darker setting

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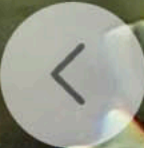
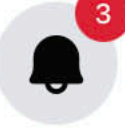
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The very common species - Juvenile Bluehead Wrasse

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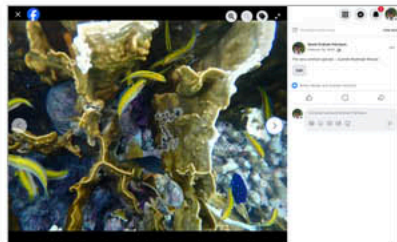


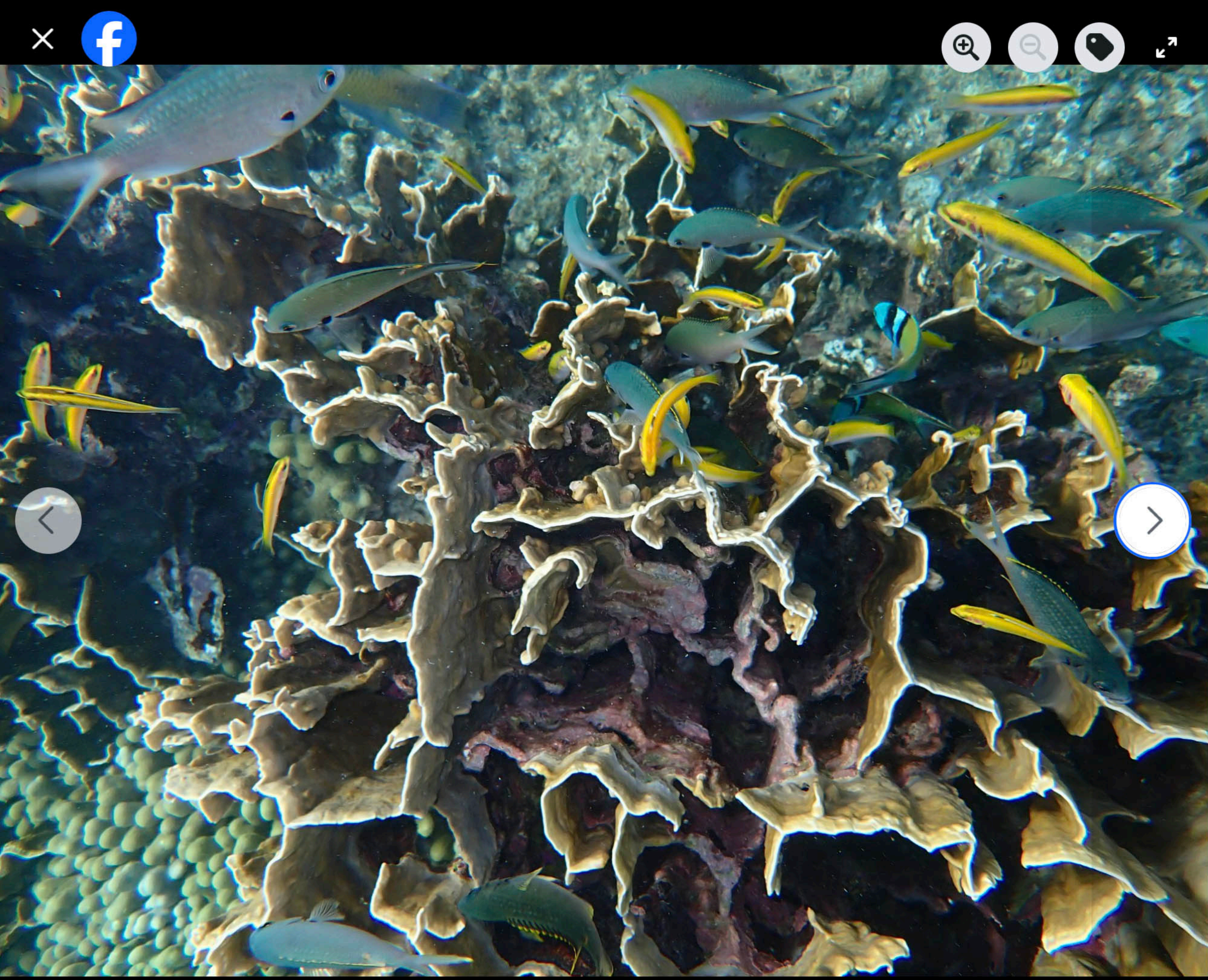
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The very common species - Blue-Headed Wrasse, Terminal Stage. These fish change gender





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The very common species - Wrasse and Brpwn Chromis everywhere

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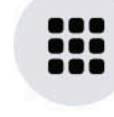
The very common species - plus a dark damselfish, not sure which species

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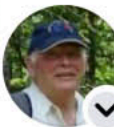
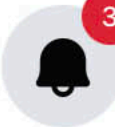
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Not so common - f0rtunately for me when I stick my fingers in to collect some seaweed: Golden-Tail Moray

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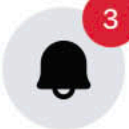
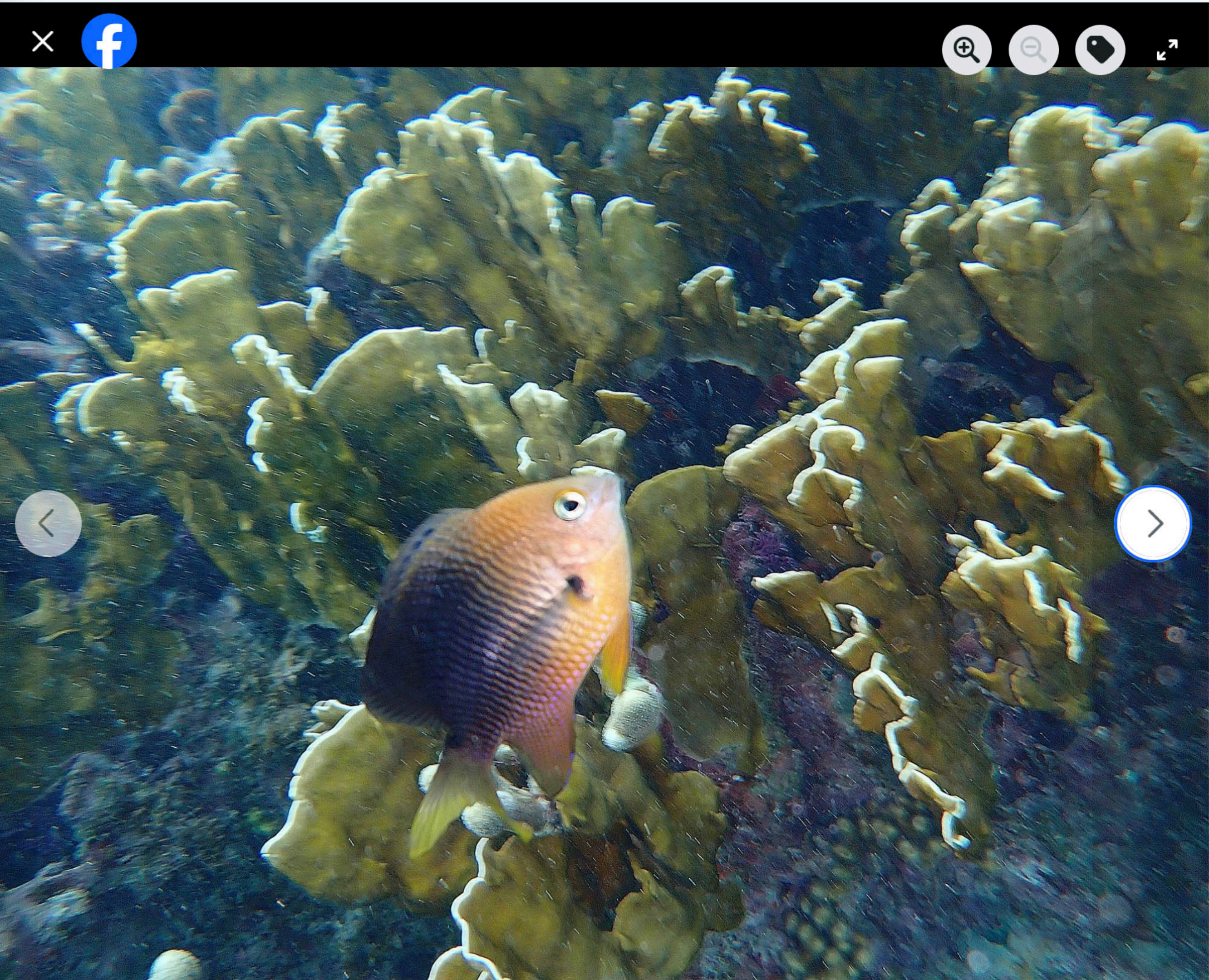
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More damselfish: Juvenile 3-Spot Damselfish

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Three spot Damselfish, older

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More damselfish: juvenile Bicolour Damselfish, common but hard to "catch"

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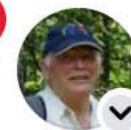
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Poss. a Longfin Damselfish

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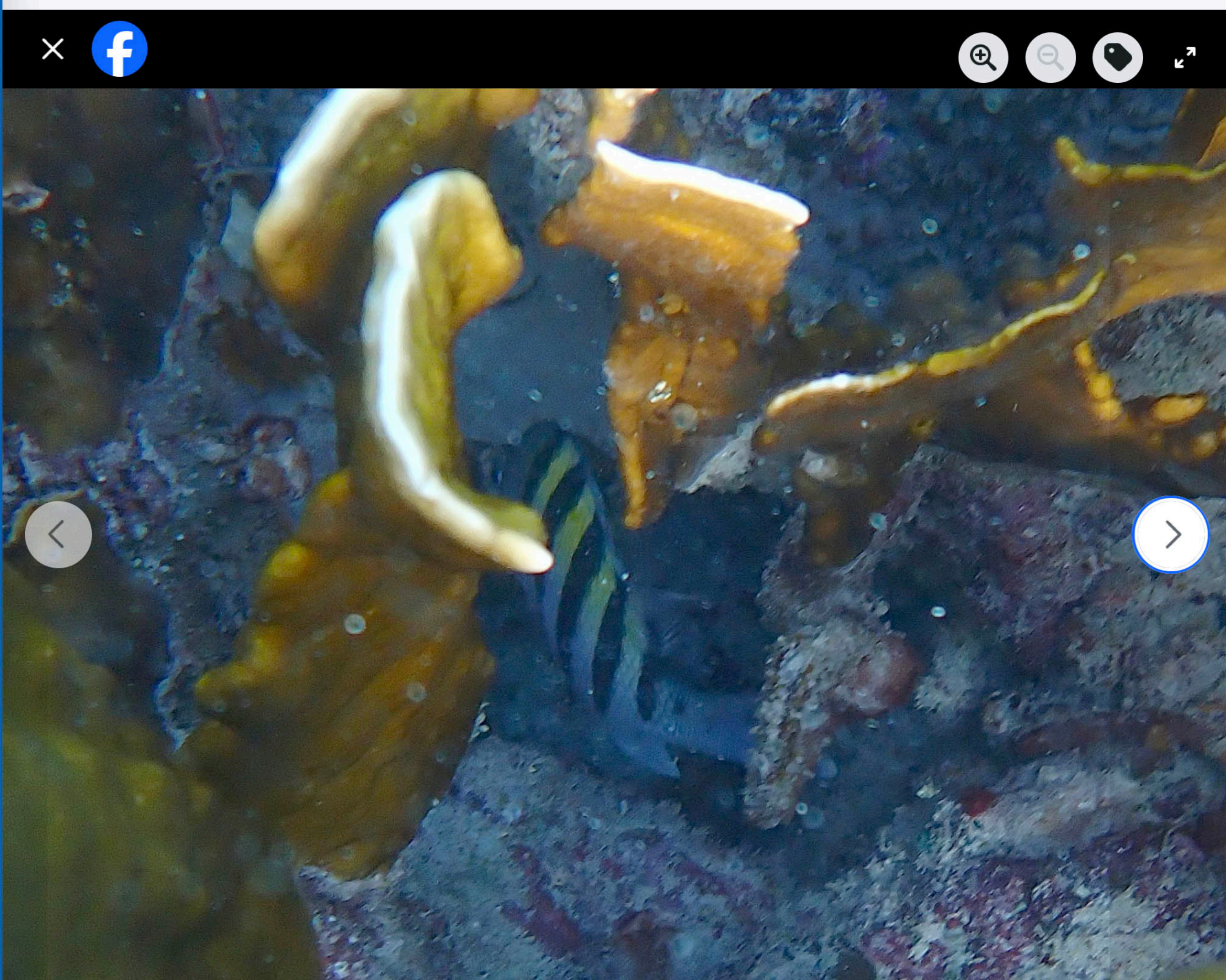
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I think it's a Disky Damselfish, common but skittish

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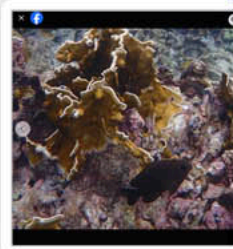
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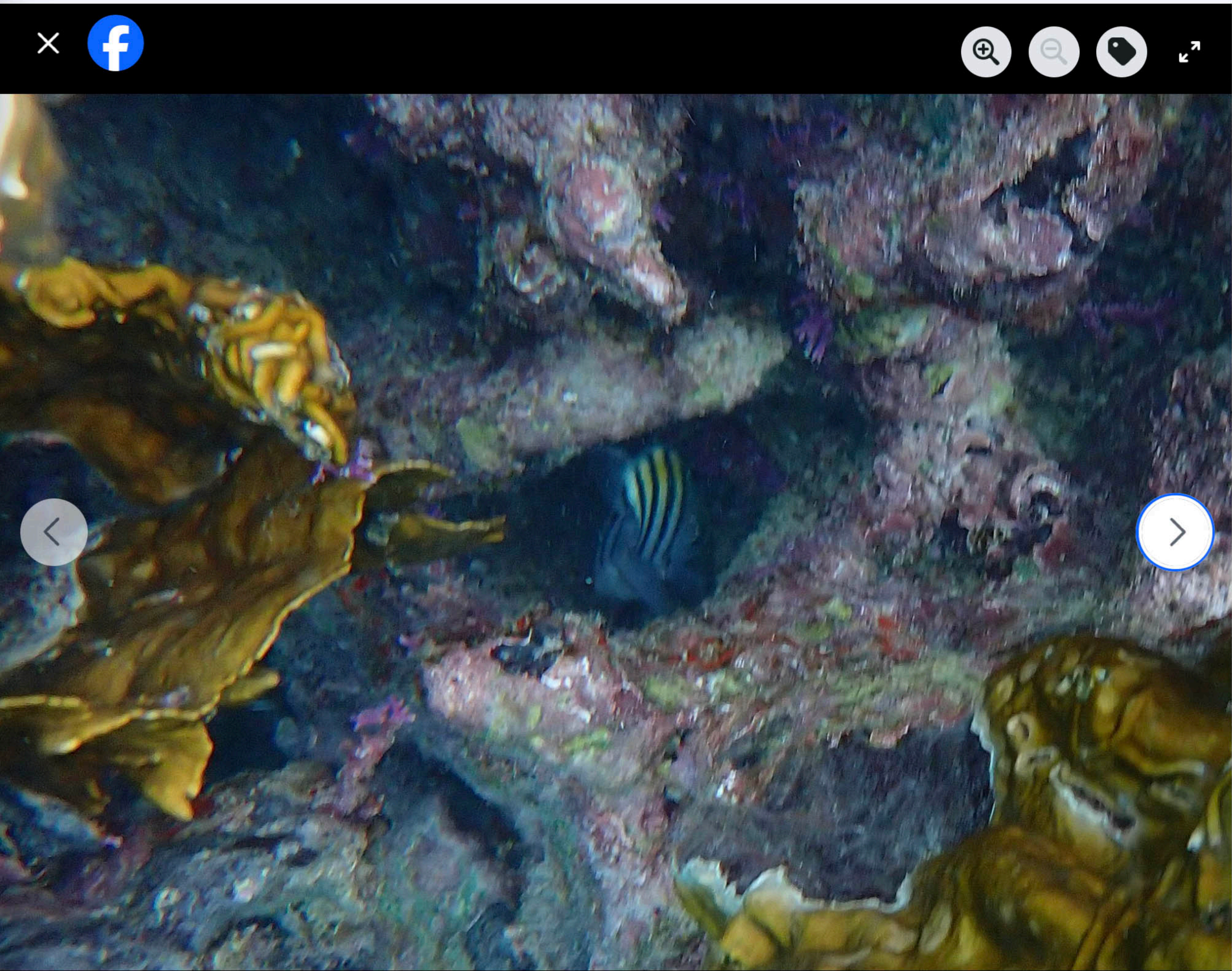
More damselfish: Sargeant Major, they are common outside, seem to go into firecoral where there is...

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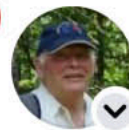
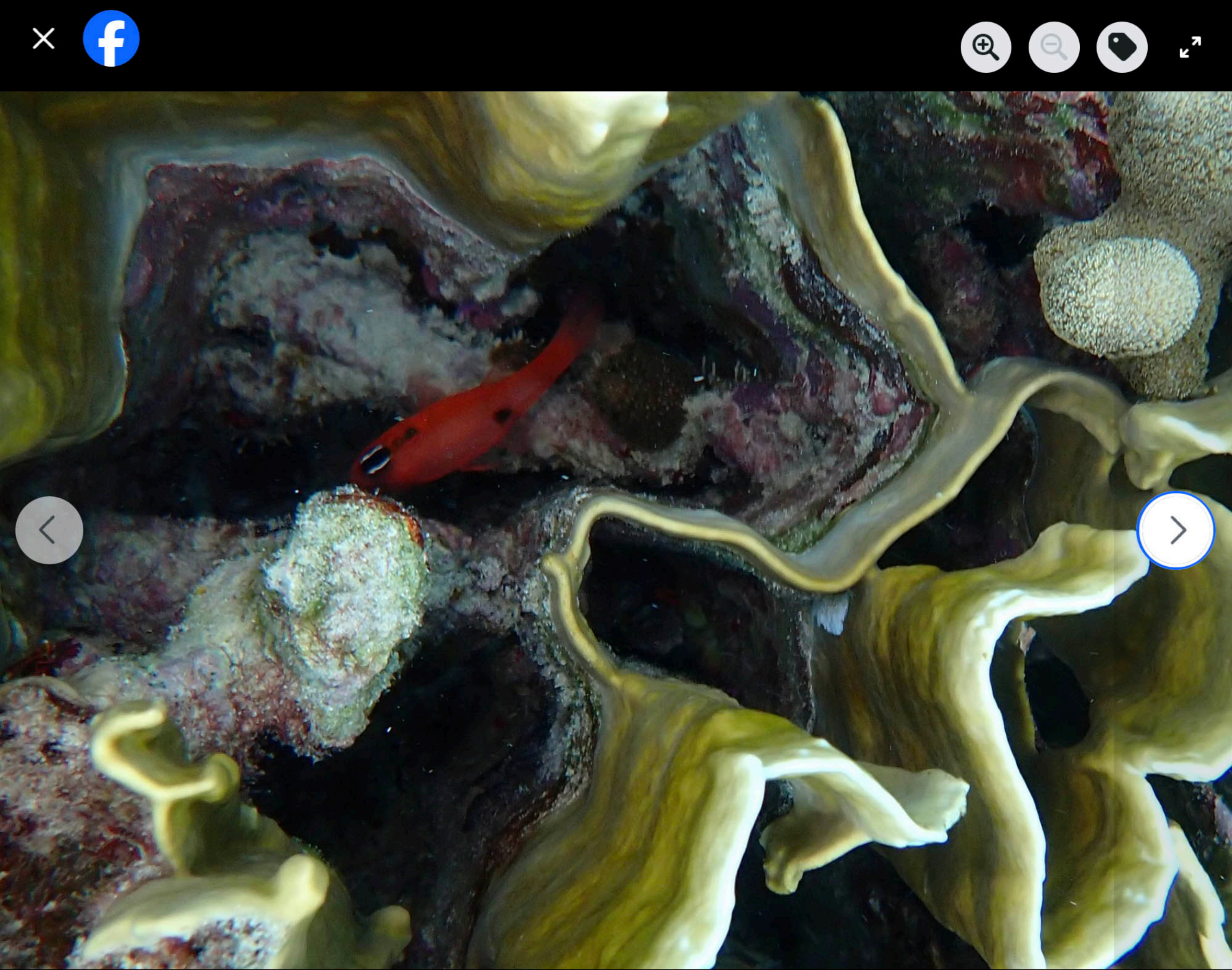
a "basement" - older, dead fire coral below the living coral, usually with escape hatches

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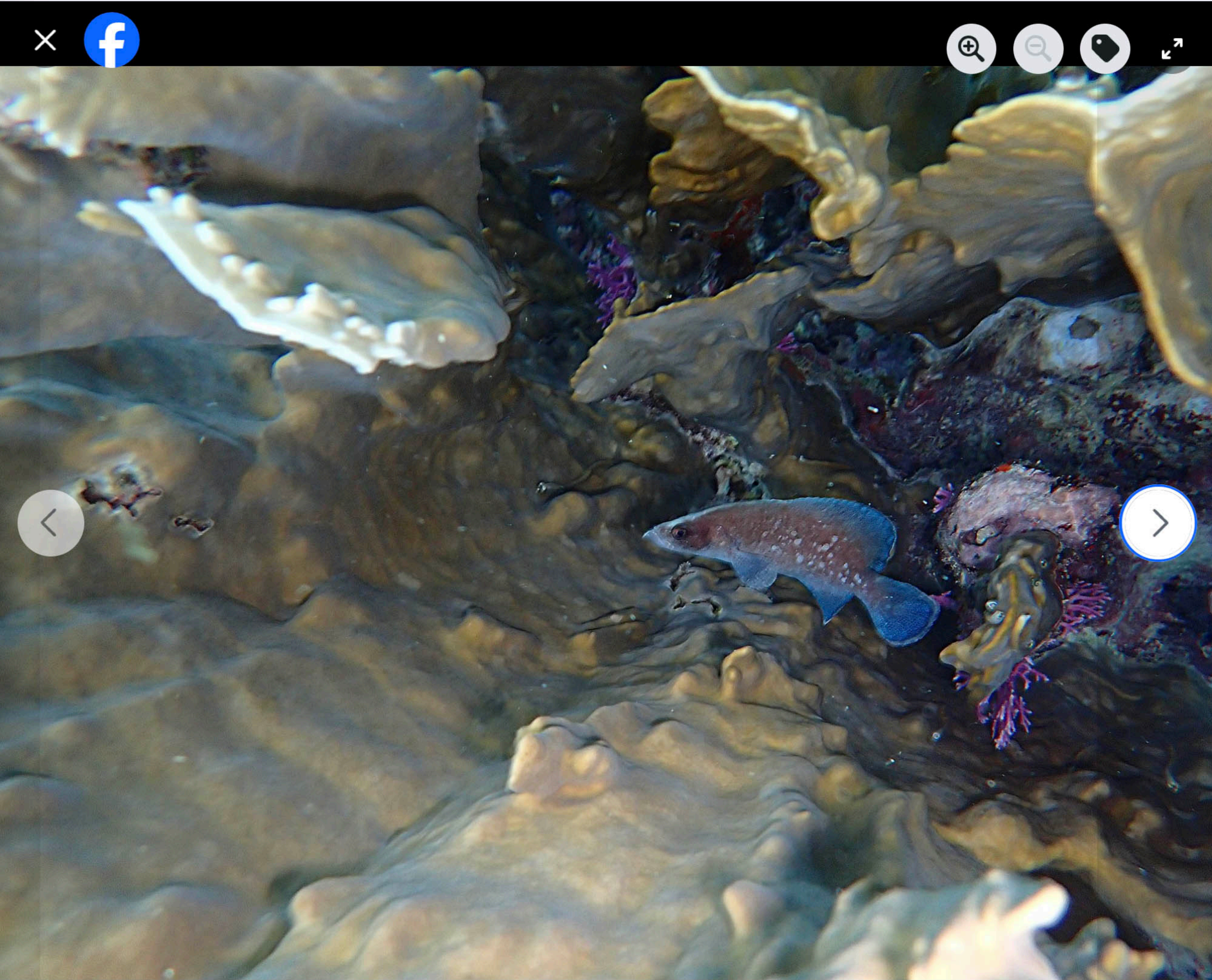
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Sometimes a small fish flashes across my field of vision and I try to catch it. Finally caught this one, a Flame Fish, with 2 white stripes across its eyes, very distinctive.

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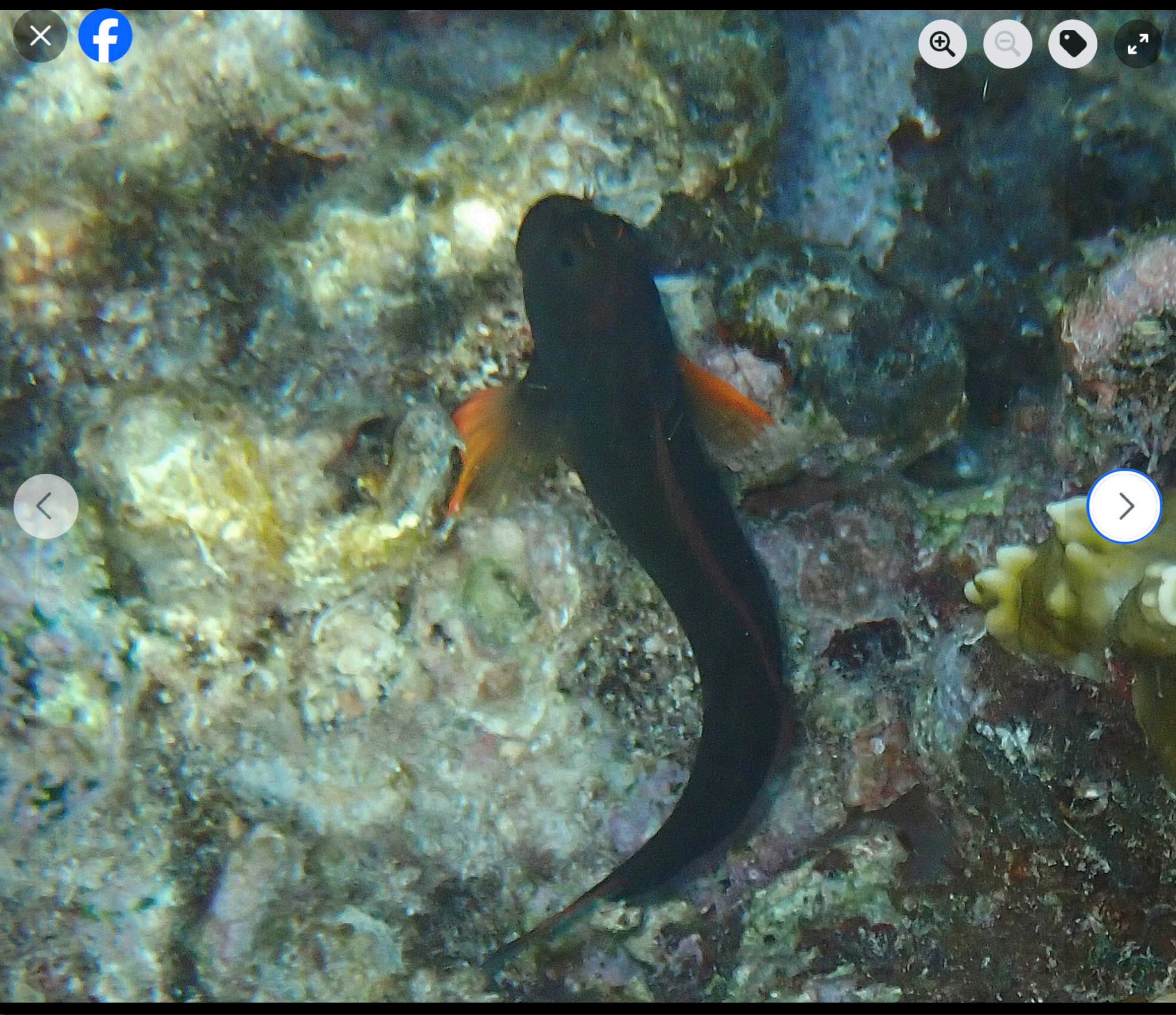


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Soapfish - the adults are found under ledges

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Common but difficult to get close to, a Red-lip Blenny

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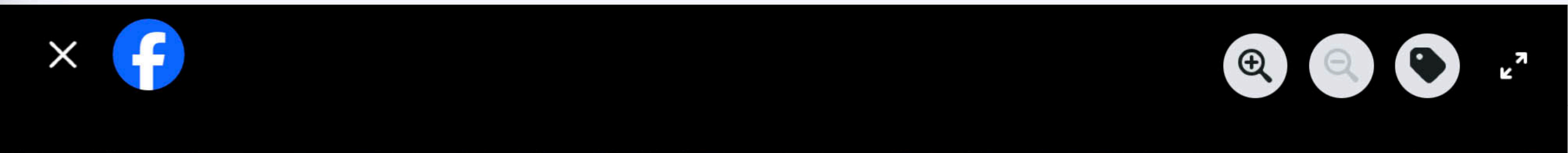
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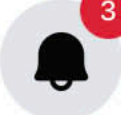


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A mystery one, I guess it is a small trunkfish, but I can't ID it. It was not in the fire coral, but nearby

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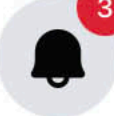




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A mystery fish



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& then there are these guys who like to hang around the fire coral colonies, with good reason (Lion Fish, invasive species)

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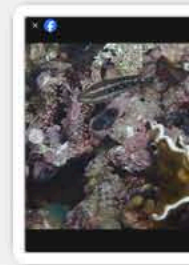


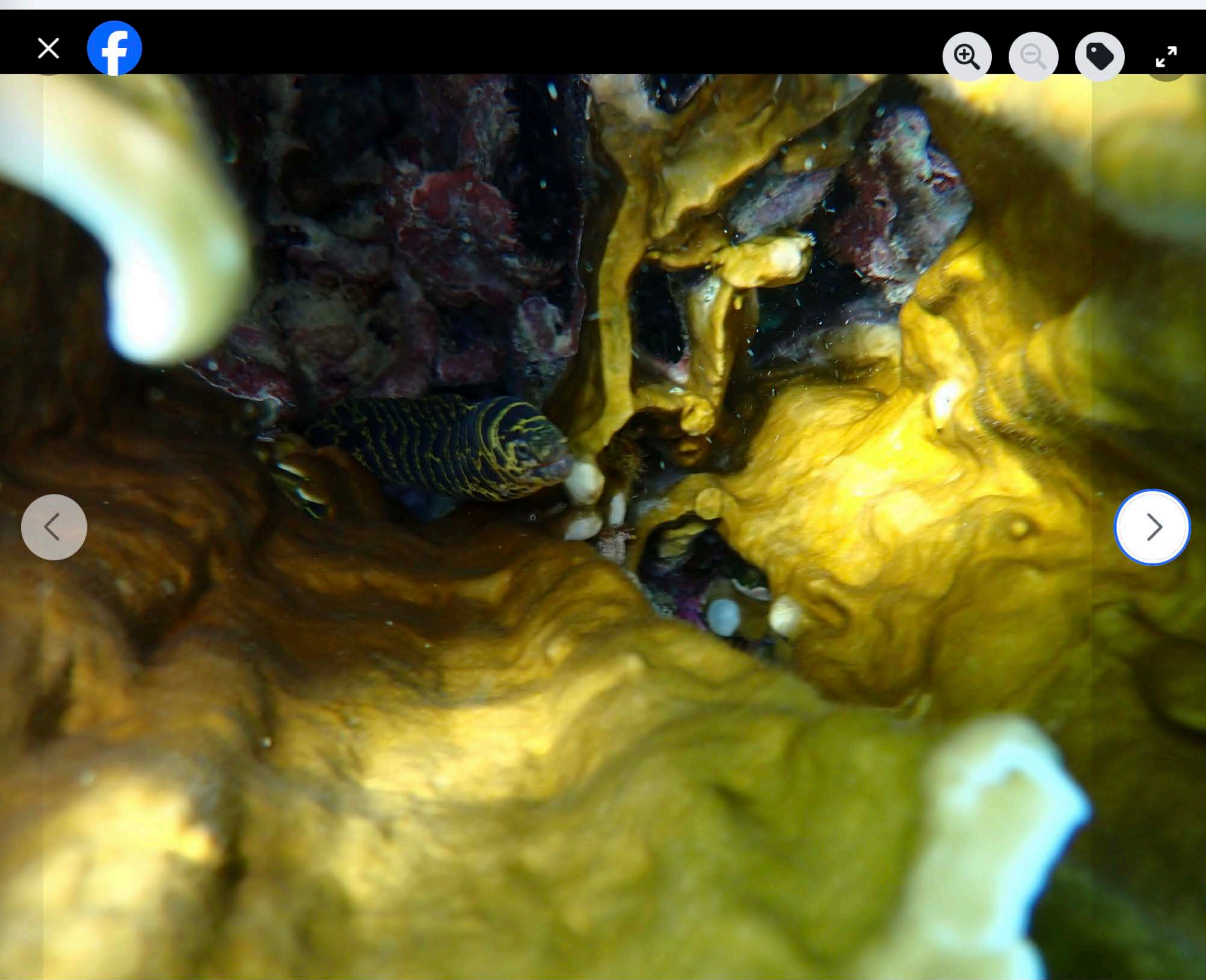
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A new fish find in the fire coral: a chain moray

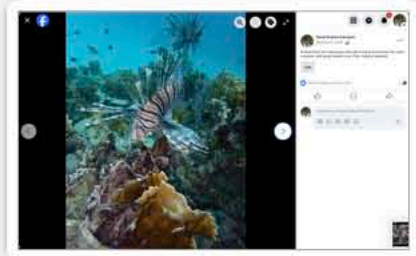
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More fish finds in the villages - I had seen this one a number of times, finally caught it, but what is it? A juvenile of the seabass group? The darkness brings out the irridescenct spots... New thought: I believe it is a redspotted hawkfish, *Amblycirrhitus pinos*

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Gilda Bowdridge

Amazing! I wonder how nature can be so astonishing!

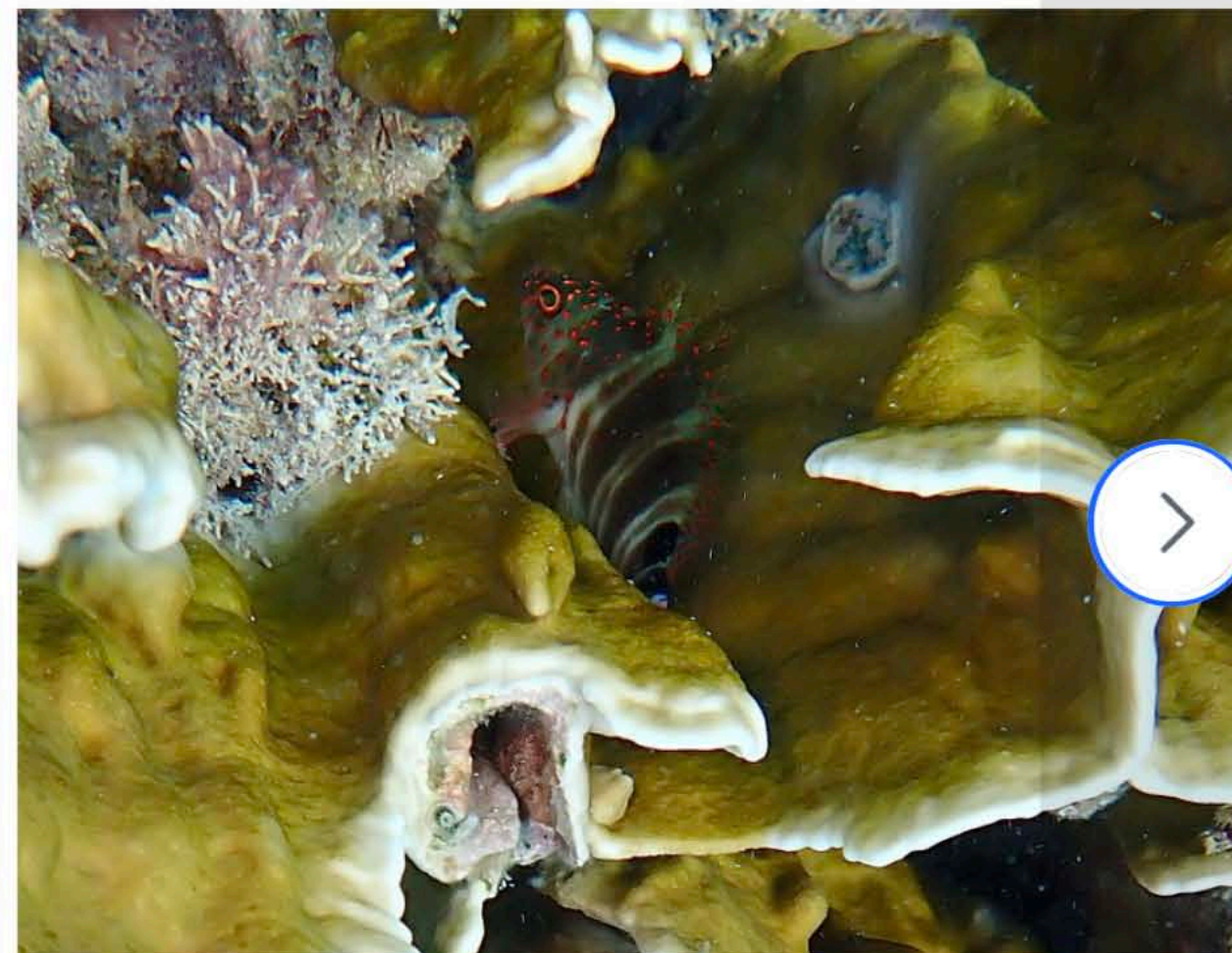
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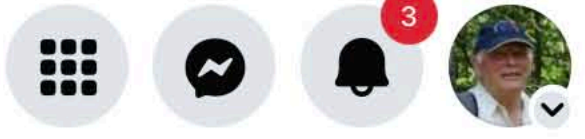
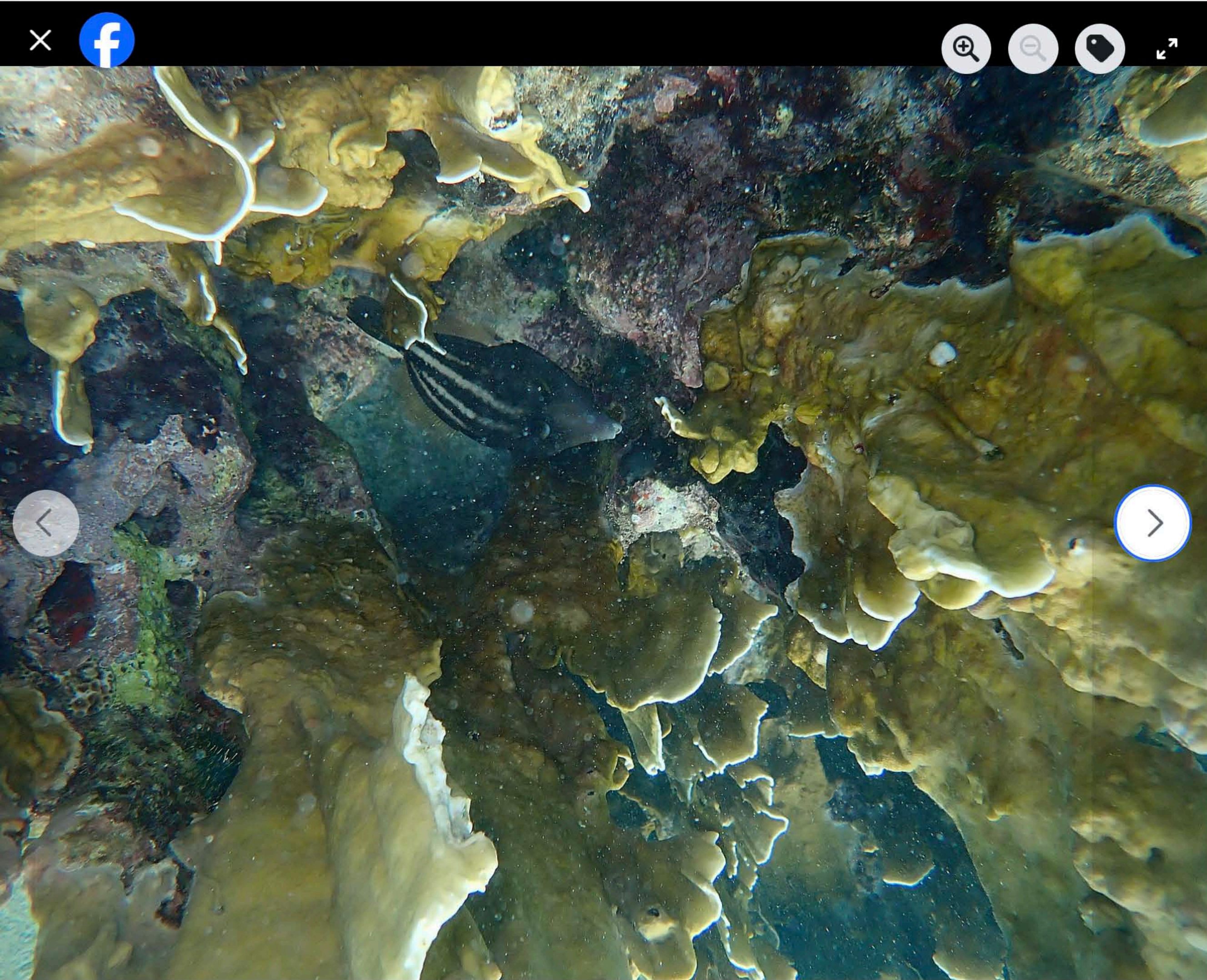
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Filefish, orange spotted

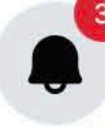
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Squirrelfish, not sure which one, perhaps a longspine squirrelfish. I saw it enter, go down and then squeeze itself into an opening and disappear.. finally I think I have an explanation for the common bruises I see on these fish (at right). I am beginning to think that many of fish I see on these reefs utilize the villages as juveniles.

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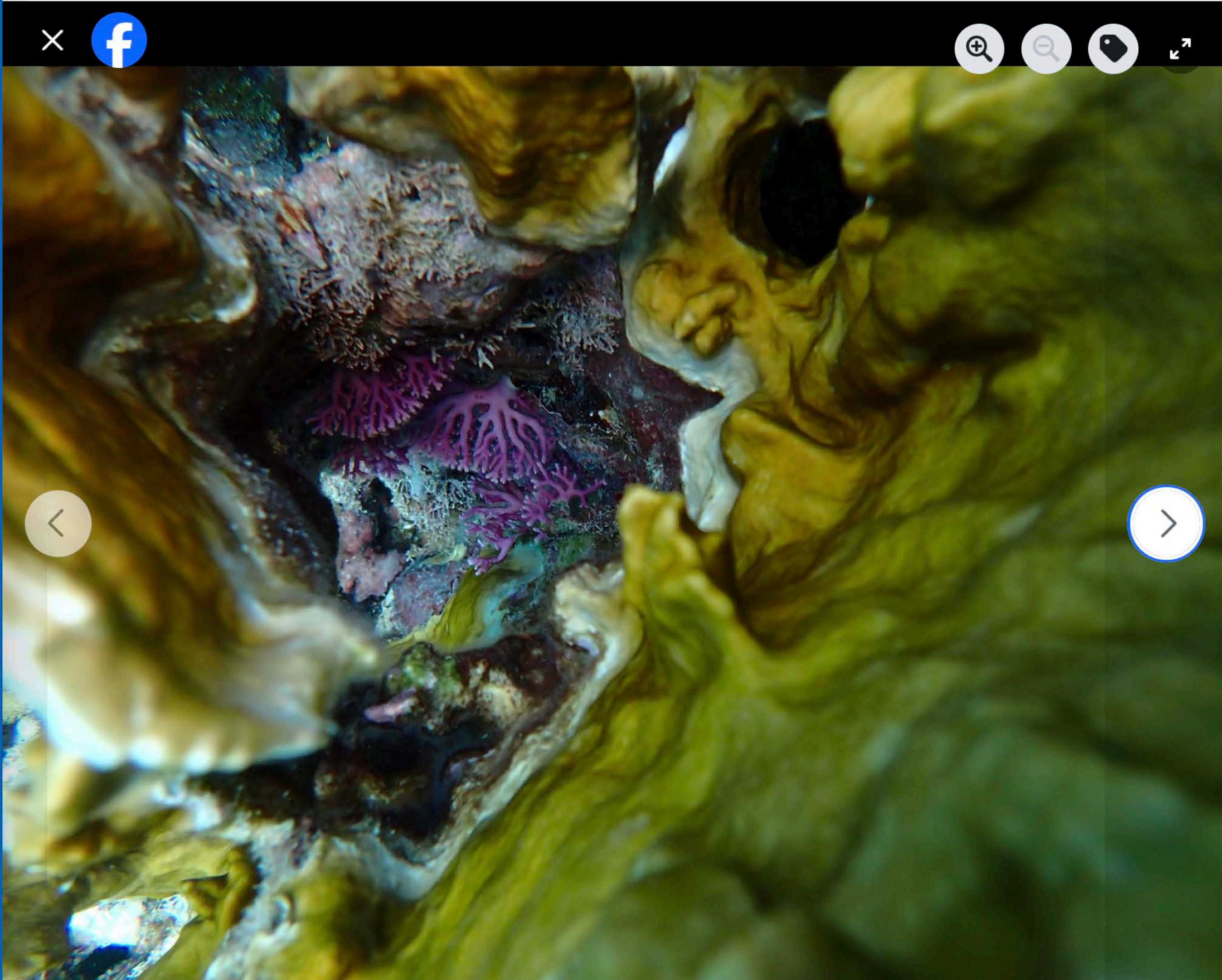


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Surely the most beautiful resident of the villages is Stylaster roseus, a "hydrocoral" in the same class (Hydrozoa) as fire corals, as distinct from true corals (class Anthozoa).

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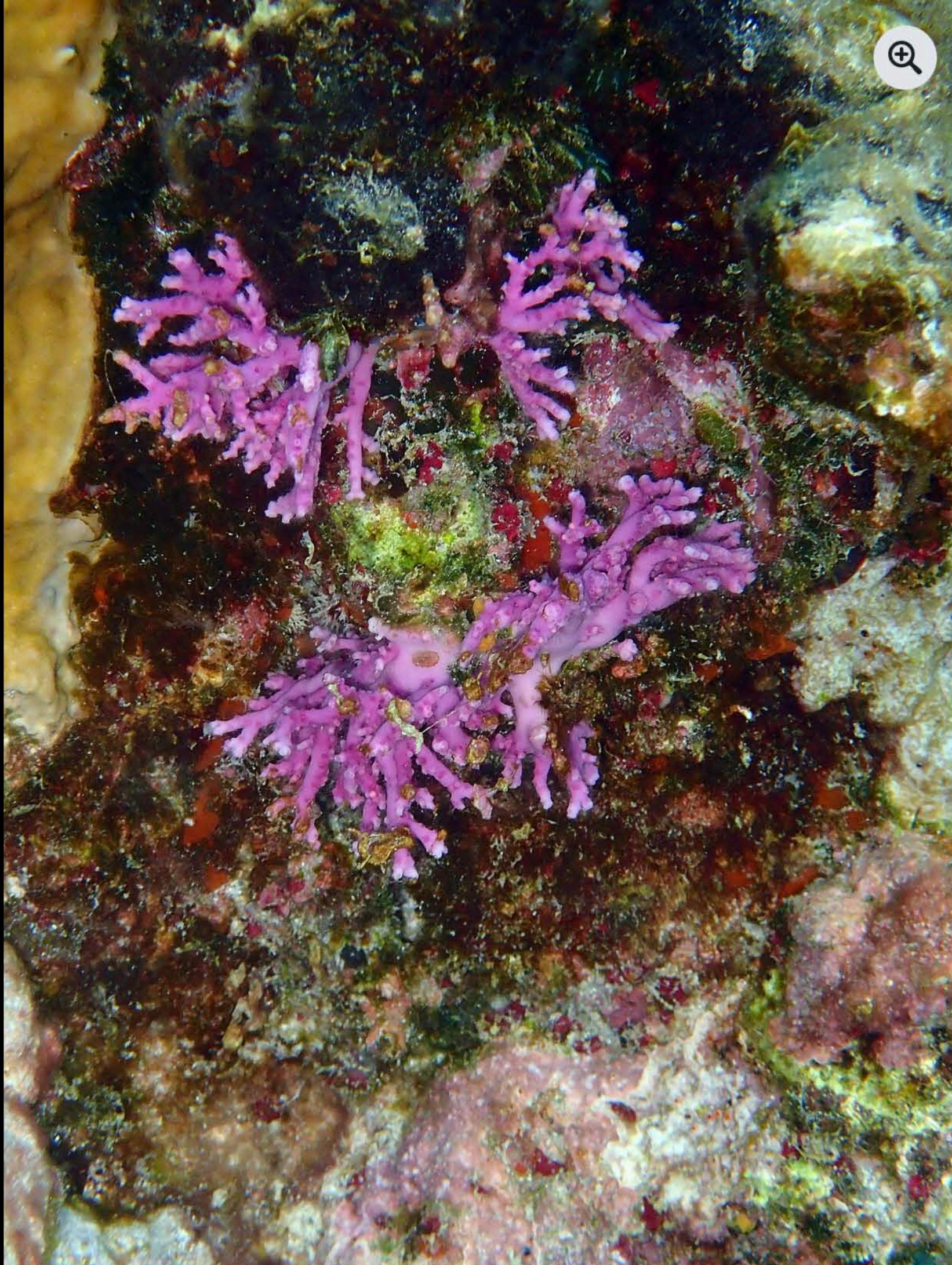
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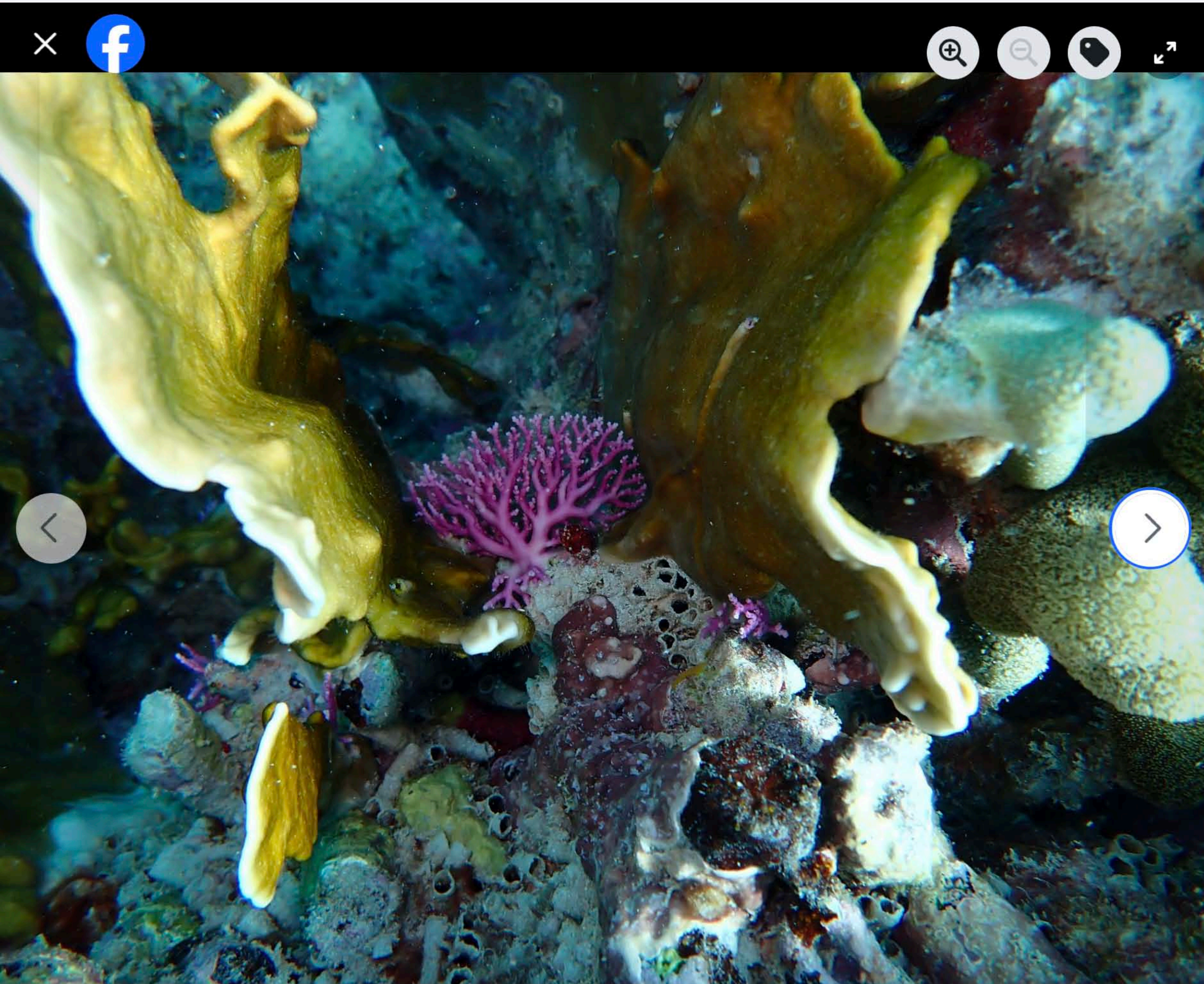
Stylaster roseus - it has been used in jewelry, but has some degree of protection under CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora)

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Stylaster roseus. They don't occur in full sunlight and most records of them are from overhangs, caves etc at 5+ meters in depth, however they are very common amongst the fire coral villages in Barbados at depths 0.5 to 3 m below Mean Low Water.

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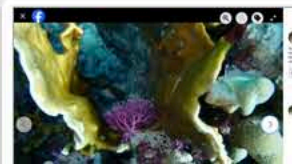


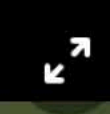
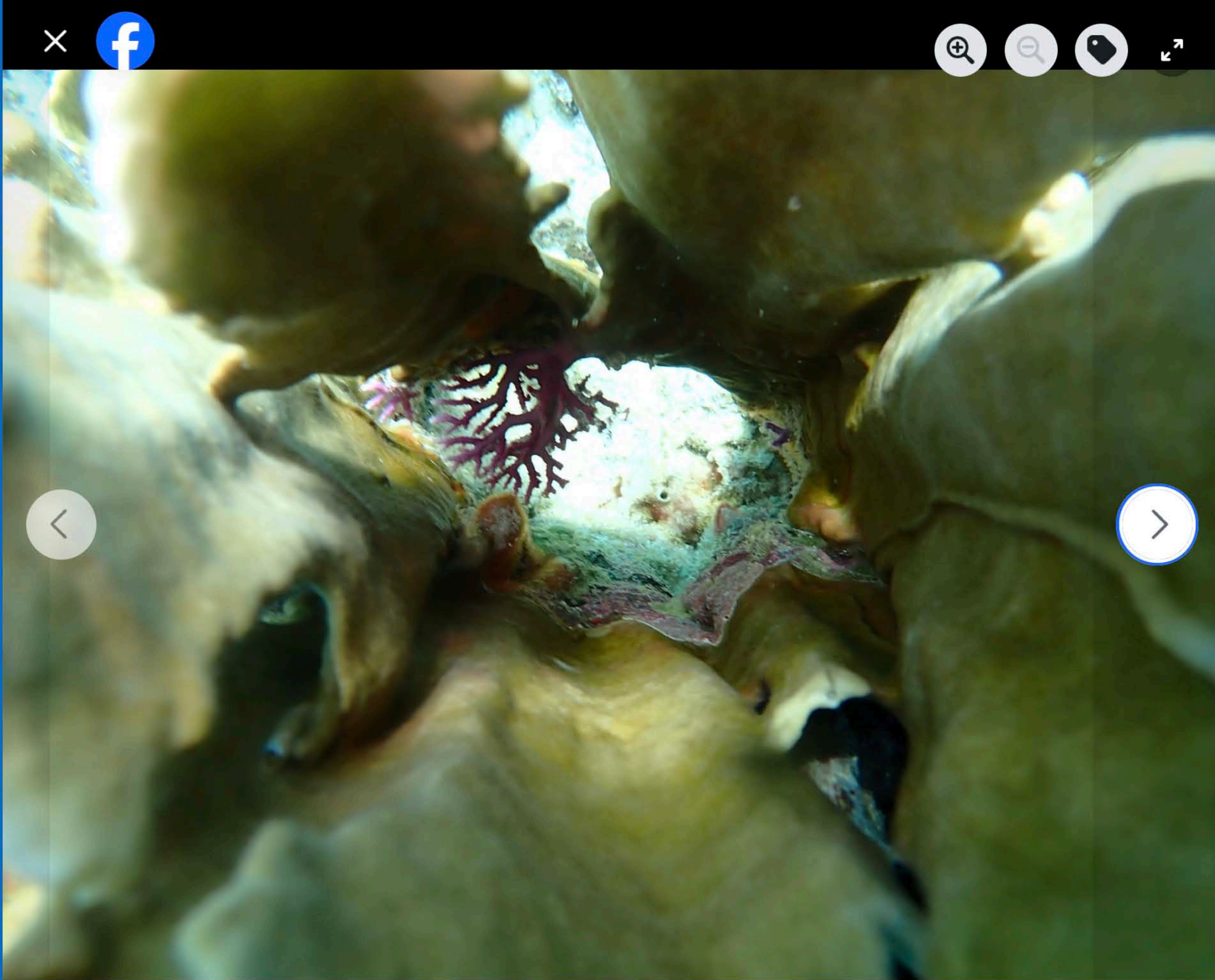
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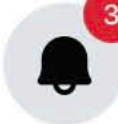
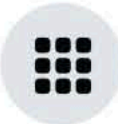
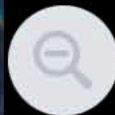


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Stylaster roseus

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I have found some "new" (for Barbados) seaweeds in the fire coral colonies, this one *Amphiroa hancockii* .

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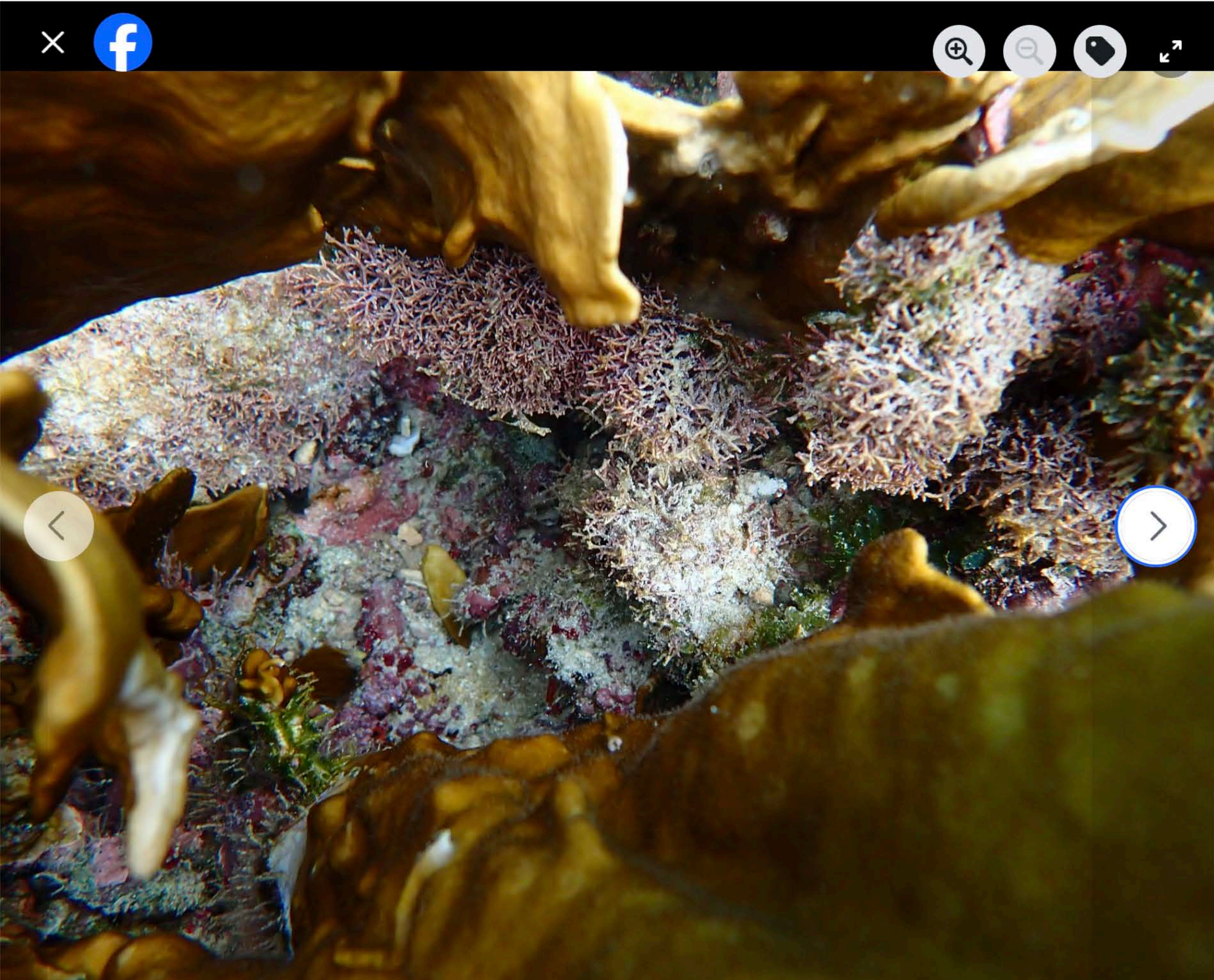


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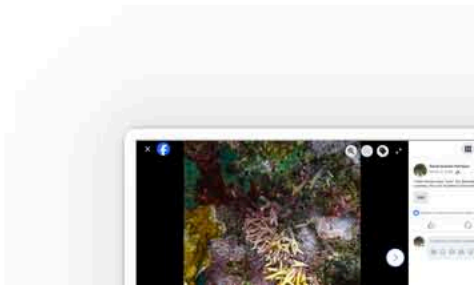


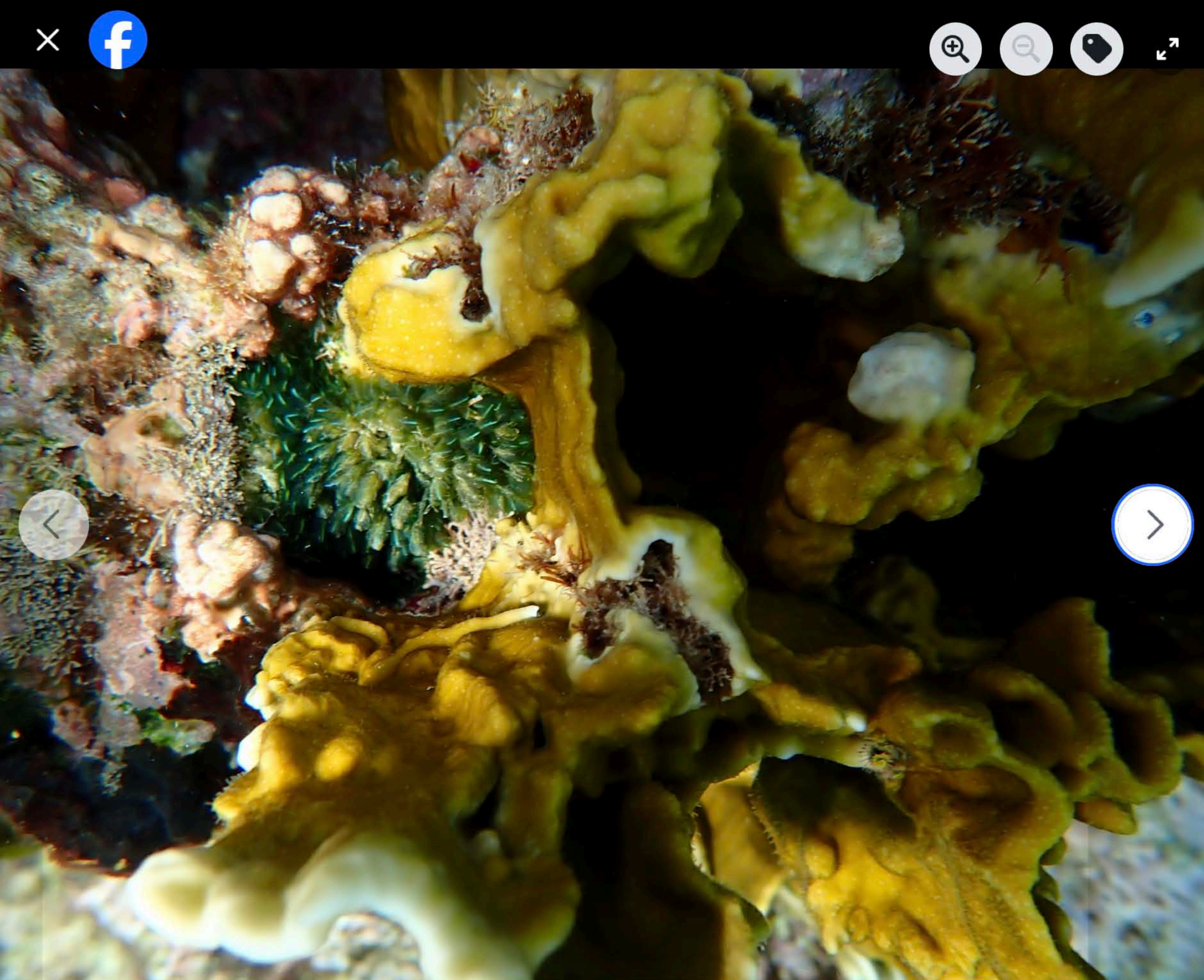
This one (the mat above) is *Amphiroa brasiliana*

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I think this green alga in fire coral colonies on the reef crest is a Bryopsis, but I need to get a specimen for a closer look without risking my fingers (eels) or impaling myself on the fire coral in the surf!..

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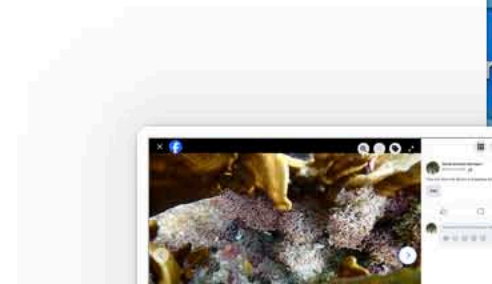


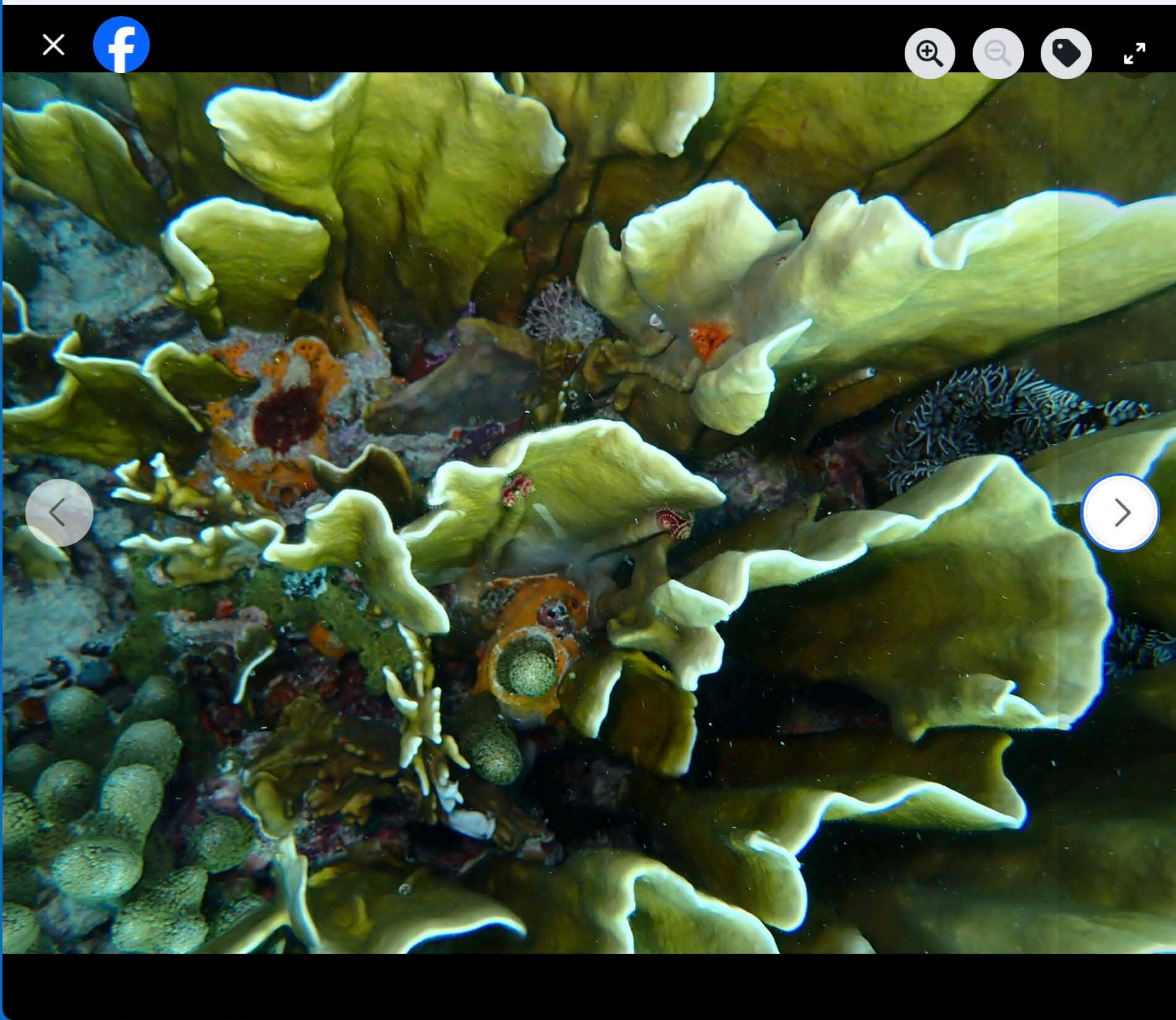
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I didn't notice the eyes at the ends of the tubes when I took this photo, only when I "developed" it.

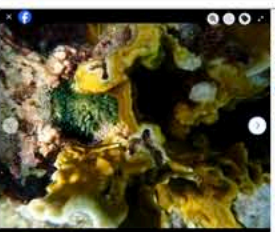
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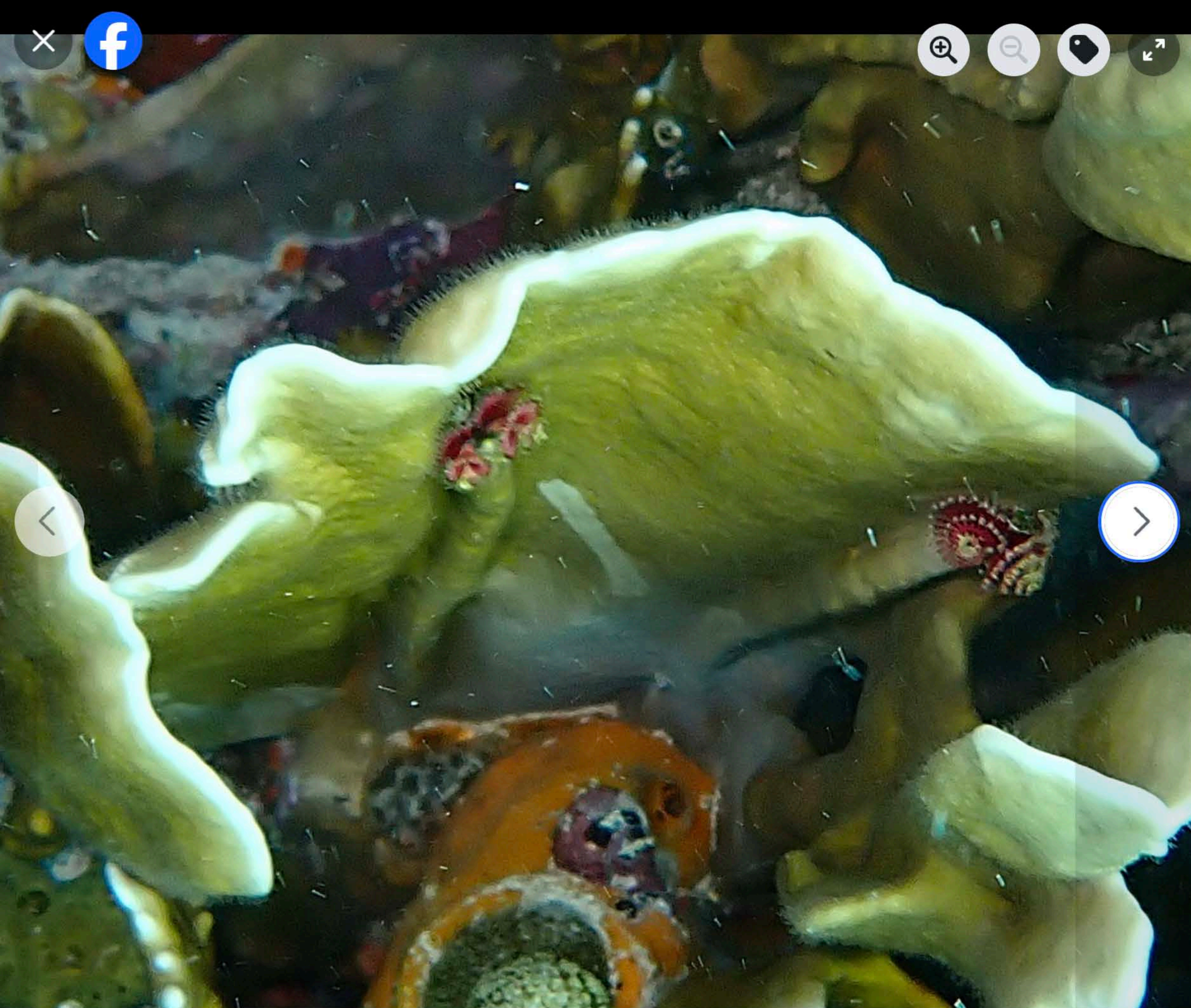


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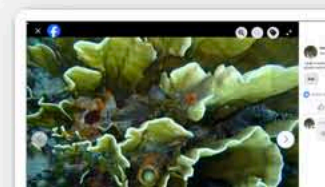
'Turns out that "Christmas tree worms" are very common in the fire coral villages. They build calcareous tubes that eventually get overgrown by the fire coral

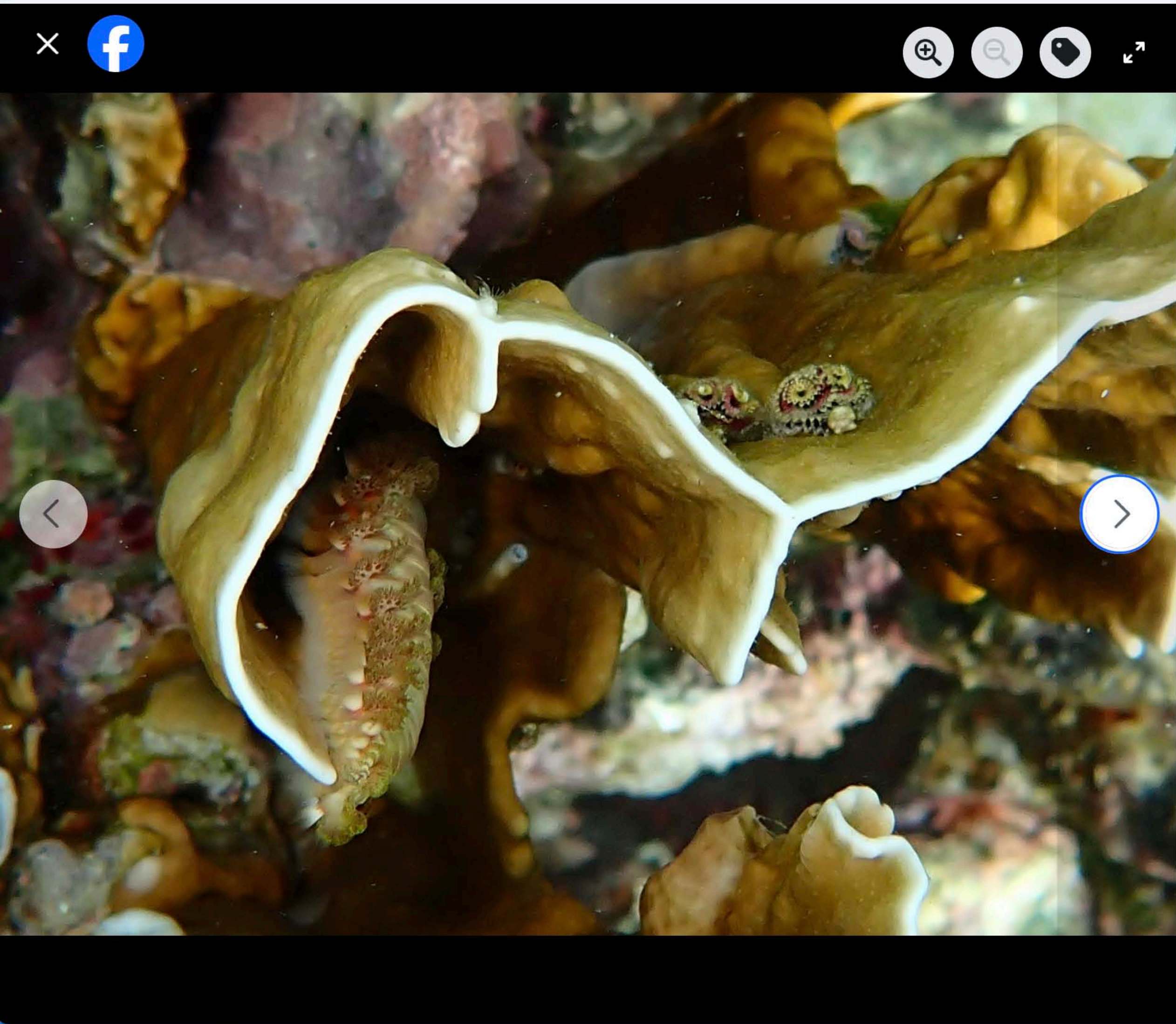
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More miniature Xmas trees; at left a tubeless polychate fire worm

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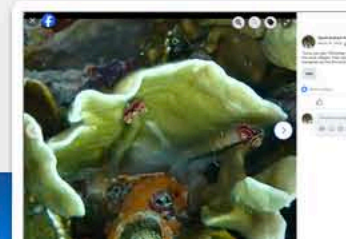


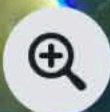
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