CORAL LIFE CYCLE
Broadcast Spawning

1 Sperm and egg bundles released at the same time

🕐 MINUTES TO A FEW HOURS

2 Bundles break apart

ASCENT

🕐 MINUTES TO A FEW HOURS

3 Sperm

Egg

FERTILIZATION

📝 HOURS TO A FEW DAYS

4 Cell division begins, forming identical daughter cells (mitosis)

📝 DAYS TO A WEEK

5 Formation into a free-swimming planula larvae

Dispersion

📝 DAYS TO SEVERAL WEEKS AND EVEN A MONTH

6 Settlement and formation of ancestral polyp

📝 SEVERAL DAYS TO WEEKS

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