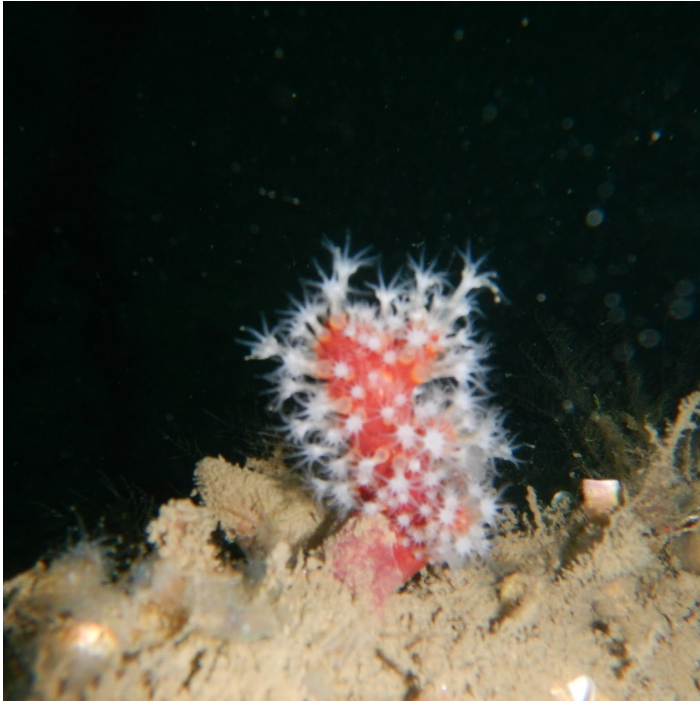


Redman's finger (*Alcyonium glomeratum*)

Anthozoa (Cnidaria:Alcyonacea)



While superficially similar to the Deadman's finger (*Alcyonium digitatum*) *A. glomeratum* tends to be much smaller in size, less robust and more slender than *A. digitatum* of similar sizes and with the polyps more widely spaced. Red or reddish orange in colour this species is more likely to be confused with the pink man's finger (*A. hibernicum*), though this species is more common at diving depths.

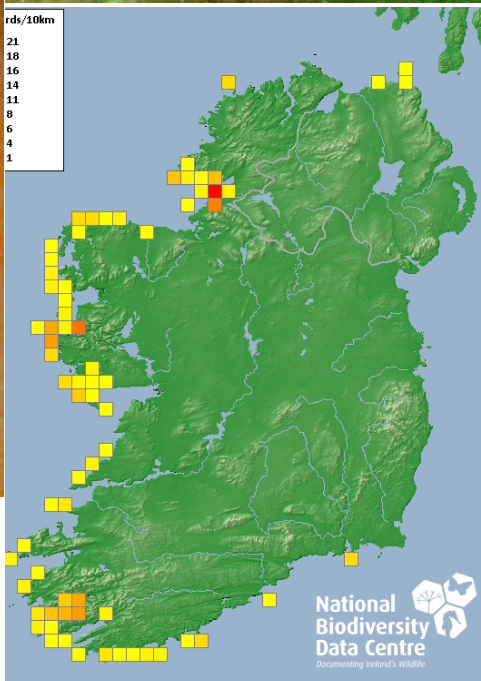


At a number of sites all 3 species of *Alcyonium* occur together such as Clare Island and the Lough Hyne. This species is thought to be moving north with warming temperatures and the distribution map may represent the true distribution.

Cnidaria->Anthozoa->Octocorallia->Alcyonacea

IUCN Red List Categorisation: Not Assessed

A species that may be expanded its distribution northward with increasing water temperature¹, this species occurs from the Bay of Biscay to northern Scotland. While this is the second most commonly recorded *Alcyonium* species by divers, with *A. digitatum*, the most, and *A. hibernicum*, the least, this order was reversed on shallow water surveys in Lough Hyne², which contains some details on the biology of the species in Ireland.



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