

Woman's view of the sea

Theme 8

Deep-water corals

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Deep-water corals in Norwegian waters are maybe out of sight for most of us but no longer out of mind for Norwegian aquaculture and environmental monitoring authorities. I try to shine a light on one of the most frequent observed deep-water coral species in Norwegian waters and their response to aquaculture effluents. Deep-water corals can form large habitats, providing shelter and living area to other marine animals as well as contributing to carbon uptake on the seafloor. Deep-water corals play therefore an important role in the benthic environment.

