

Here are some marine species you may have encountered while snorkelling or scuba diving in the United Arab Emirates.

[Anthozoa \(corals and sea anemones\)](#)

[Ascidiacea \(ascidians and sessile tunicates\)](#)

[Asteroidea \(starfish\)](#)

[Bivalvia \(bivalve mollusks\)](#)

[Calcarea \(calcareous sponges\)](#)

[Cephalopoda \(squids, cuttlefish and octopuses\)](#)

[Chondrichthyes \(cartilaginous fish\)](#)

[Cubozoa \(box jellies\)](#)

[Echinoidea \(sea urchins\)](#)

[Gastropoda \(slugs, snails, limpets and nudibranchs\)](#)

[Holothuroidea \(sea cucumbers or cotton-spinners\)](#)

[Malacostraca \(crustaceans\)](#)

[Osteichthyes \(bony fish\)](#)

[Scyphozoa \(jellyfish\)](#)