RHODOPHYCEAE

REPRODUCTION AND LIFE-CYCLE

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VEGETATIVE REPRODUCTION

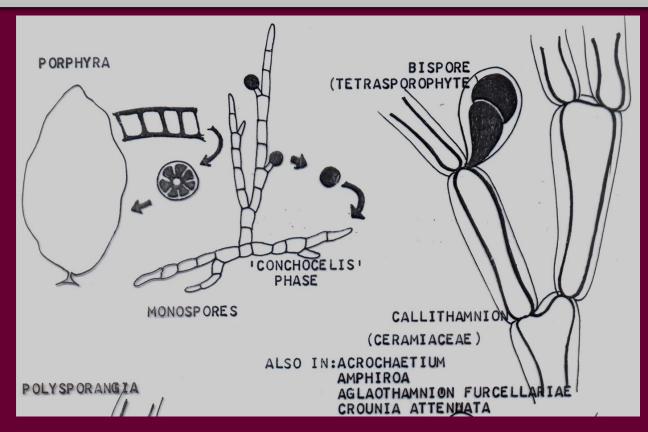
Multicellular asexual structures termed gemmae are described from the freshwater rhodophyte *Hildenbrandia rivularis*.

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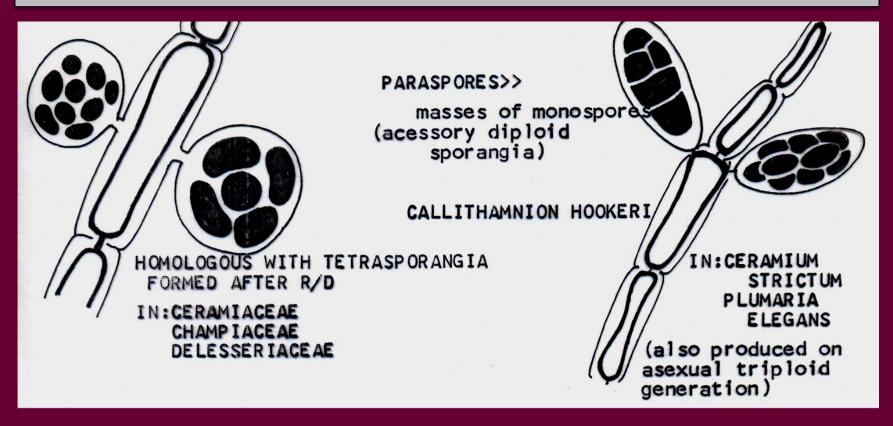
Propagules resembling spermatangial branches occur on male, female and tetrasporangial branches of *Polysiphonia ferulacea*. Hook like propagules (tendrils) and stellate propagules are produced by *Hypnea muciforms* and *H. valentiae* respectively.

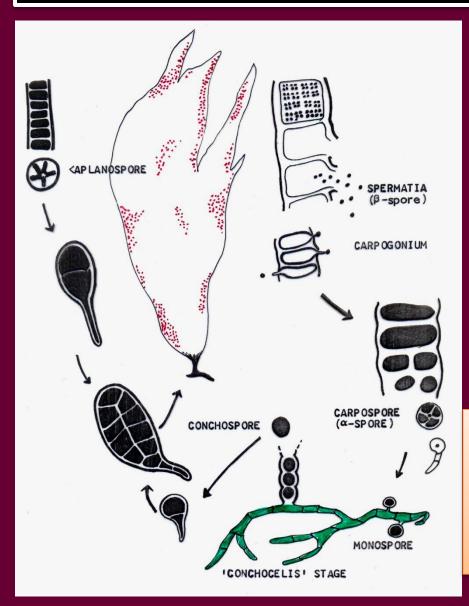
Binary cell division in unicellular coccoid forms Such as *Porphyridium*, fragmentation in filamentous forms, adventitious branches in forms like *Grateloupia*, etc. are other methods of vegetative reproduction in these members.

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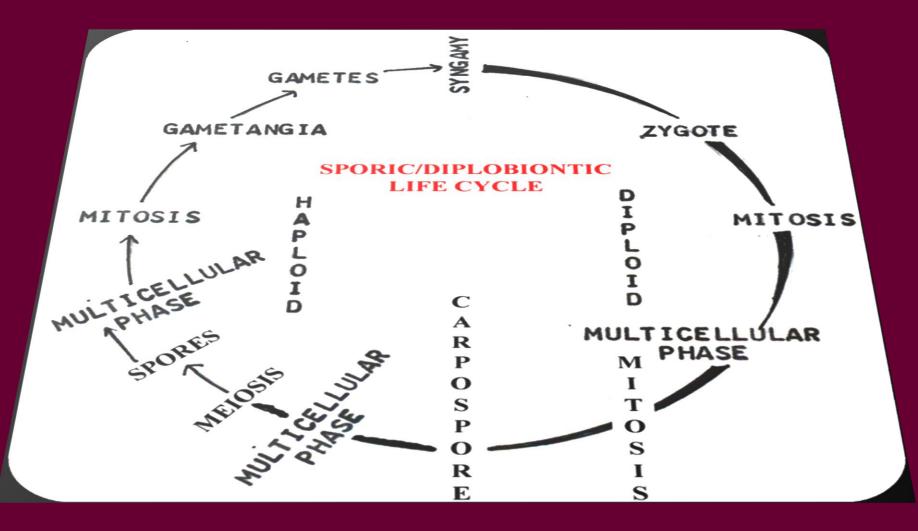




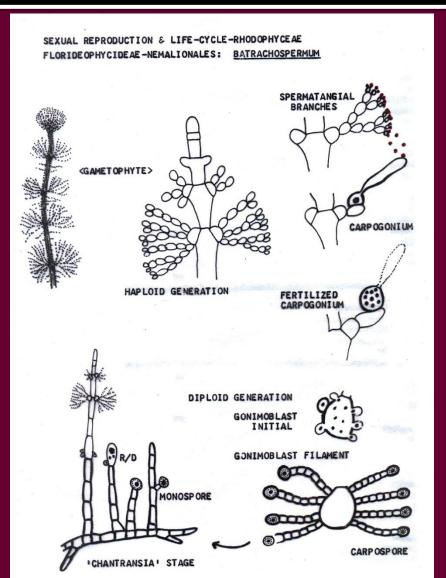
PORPHYRA (BANGIALES, BANGIOPHYCIDEAE)

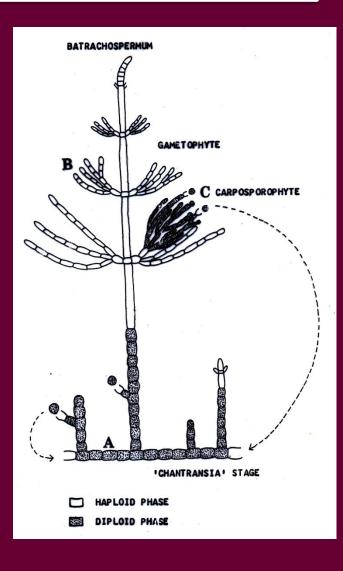
CONCHOCELIS-HETERO-TRICHOUS FILAMENTOUS INTERMEDIATE STAGE

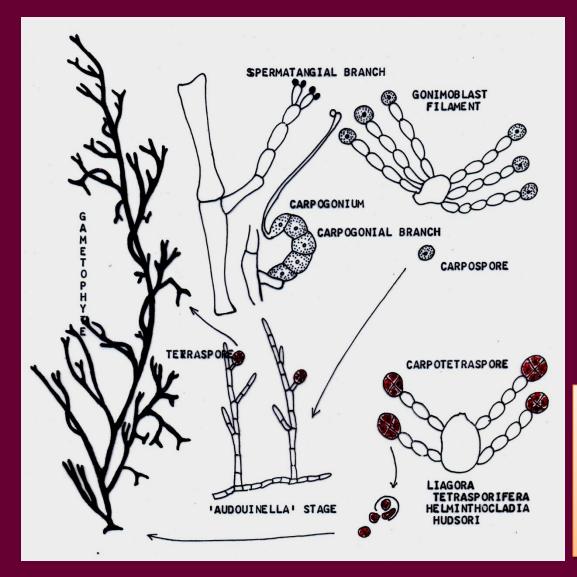
LIFE-CYCLE IN FLORIDEOPHYCIDEAE



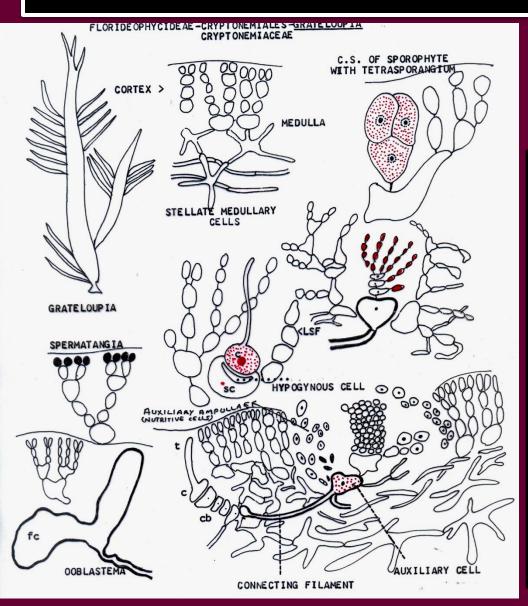
NEMALIONALES-*Batrachospermum*





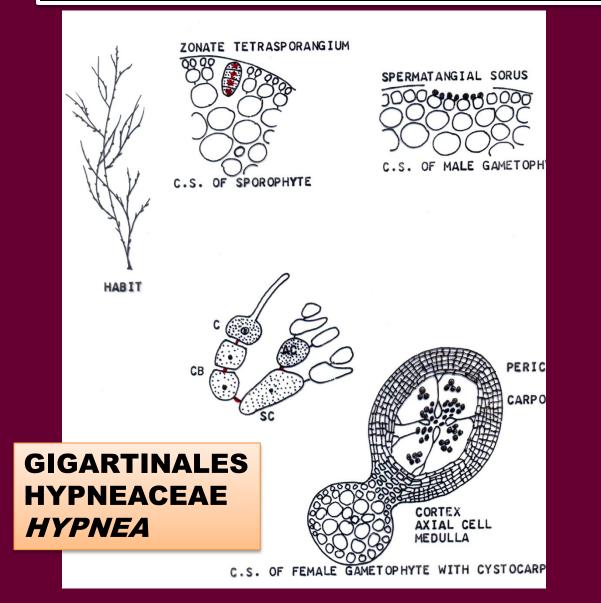


CARPOTETRASPORE: LIAGORA TETRASPORI -FERA HELMINTHOCLADIA HUDSORI



CRYPTONEMIALES CRYPTONEMIACEAE GRATELOUPIA

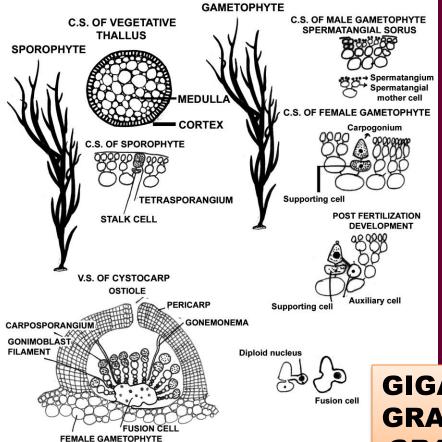
Members of this order, carposporophyte is formed after the transfer of the zygote nucleus to an auxiliary cell formed in a specialized filament, which may or may not be some distance from the carpogonium.



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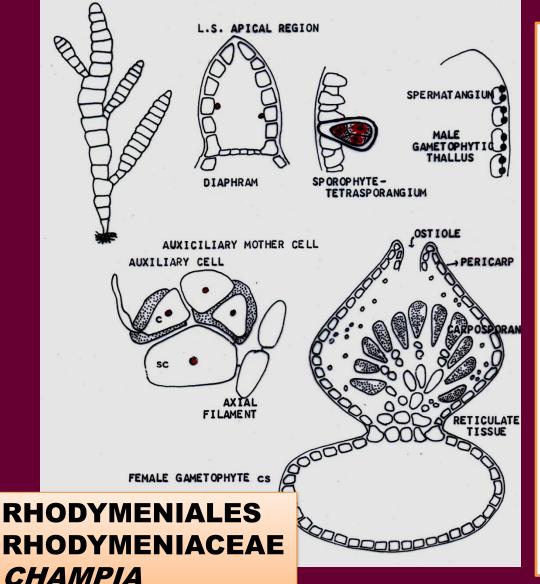
GRACILARIA-SEXUAL REPRODUCTION AND LIFE-CYCLE

DIPLOBIONTIC/SPORIC LIFE CYCLE (TRIPHASIC, ISOMORPHIC ALTERNATION OF GENERATIONS)

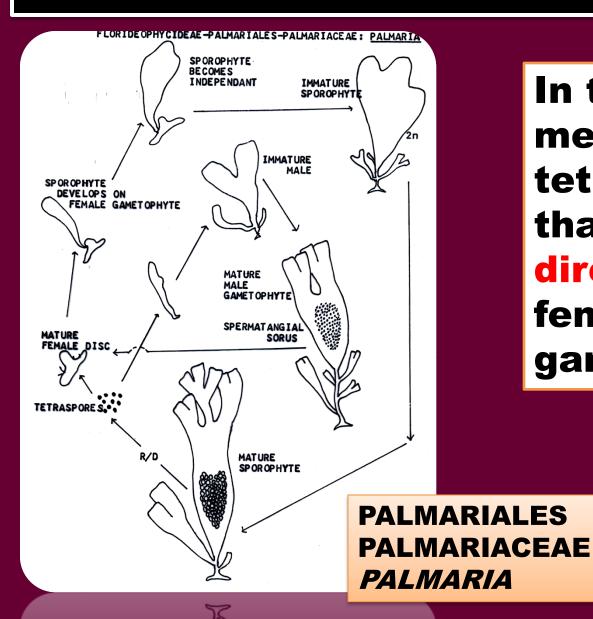


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GIGARTINALES GRACILARIACEAE GRACILARIA

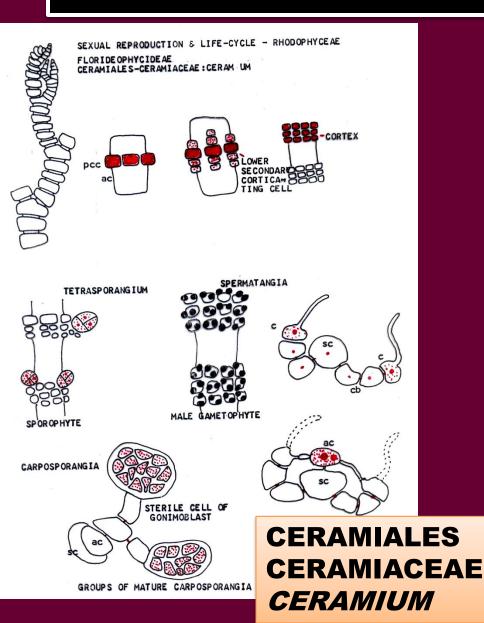


Here the carposporophyte is formed after the transfer of the zygote nucleus to an auxiliary cell, which may be produced singly or in pairs from the support cell of the carpogonial branch prior to fertilization



In these members tetrasporangial thalli arise directly on the female gametophyte.



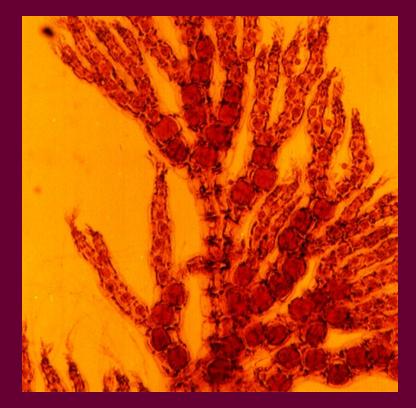


CERAMIALES CERAMIACEAE

Auxiliary cell is always formed after fertilization from the basal cell of the carpogonial branch. Sometimes the basal cell itself functions as an auxiliary cell.

CERAMIALES RHODOMELACEAE POLYSIPHONIA





TETRASPOROPHYTE WITH TETRASPORANIGIA

FEMALE GAMETOPHYTE WITH CYSTOCARPS

END OF REPRODUCTION AND LIFE CYCLE IN THE RHODOPHYCEAE