



**The Unknown Colombo!**

The Gorgonian Sea Fan, a soft coral formation, thrives in the Serendib Reef or the 3rd reef situated approximately 10 km out at sea perpendicular to Bambalapitiya. Coral reefs are known to be some of the world's biologically richest ecosystems, rivalling the tropical rain forests for their richness in species and are a source of high income generation for the country through underwater tourism. The waters off Sri Lanka is home to several coral reefs, some legally protected as the Hikkaduwa National Park, Bar Reef Sanctuary and the Pigeon Island National Park – all known to be either heavily or partially degraded. Threats to coral reefs are numerous; the worst being destructive fishing practices, sea coral mining and pollution, both sea- and land-based.



Photograph:  
Serendib Reef/ 3rd Reef,  
Sea off Colombo  
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# August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 <sup>•</sup> <small>Nidhi Full Moon Poya Day</small>	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <sup>■</sup> <small>Idul Fitri (Ramadan Festival Day)</small>				

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