

A vibrant underwater scene featuring large yellow sponges, white coral, and orange crabs. The background is dark, making the colorful marine life stand out. The sponges are large and have a porous, lattice-like structure. The coral is delicate and branching, with some appearing white and others with a blueish tint. Several orange crabs are scattered throughout the scene, some resting on the coral and others swimming in the water.

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