

CORAL ZONATION OF AN OXFORDIAN REEF TRACT IN THE NORTHERN FRENCH JURA

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A well exposed section in the Middle Oxfordian reef complex of the Northern French Jura was studied at Bonnevaux le Prieuré. Corals were extensively sampled, (at least 30 samples per facies unit when possible). Oriented sections were determined at the generic level. A general shallowing upward trend can be deduced from many sedimentological and paleoecological criteria. The section begins with open sea ammonitic marls and ends with lagoonal facies. It is an opportunity to understand how an oxfordian coral reef tract could be zoned during oxfordian times.

