

# Coral: The Gemstone That Makes You Brave

**Coral**, also referred to as Moonga, is a valuable gemstone that represents the planet, Mars. This gorgeous red gemstone bestows energy, vitality and ambition. Revered across all generations and continents, Coral helps overcome fear and nervousness. Found in hues of pink, red and dark red, Moonga enhances the positive effects of the planet Mars.

The origin of Coral is rooted in the depths of the sea, where a living organism which goes by the same name breaks down the available calcium carbonate. These organisms, also known as Coral polyps, create a skeleton-like structure of Calcium Carbonate. Upon their death, these skeletons can be retrieved and designed into Triangular, Round Cut, Oval, Square Cut, Rectangular Cut, Pear, and Cushion Shapes.



## The Origin of Coral

The appearance of Moonga resembles that of a colorful underwater plant, however, in actuality; it is a priceless gift from the sea to us. The red branches of coral are naturally matte but are usually polished to bring out a glassy shine. It showcases a range of warm reddish pink colors to pale pink to deep red and has been harvested since antiquity for decorative purposes. Moonga uplifts the aesthetic appeal of any dress, ornament or living spaces. The chemical composition of this beneficial gemstone is Calcium Carbonate ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ).

## The Habitat of Coral

Habitually, Corals are found in water levels ranging between 15 and 160 feet. The color of this gemstone varies with the depth of the sea. The greater the depth, the lighter the colour. Moonga is sourced from Coral reefs, which are found in almost all of the world's oceans. The biggest such reef is the Great Barrier Reef, located off the coast of Queensland, Australia. Italian Red Coral is the most in-demand across the jewelry industry and is considered to be of the finest quality. Across Italy, the finest specimens can be found in Sardinia (Italy) and Tunisia. Corals hailing from Japan and China are more expensive because of their rarity. However, in terms of quality, they fail to match the Italian Red Corals. Corals are also found off the coast of Washington State (U.S.A) and the Aleutian Islands off of Alaska.

## The Virtues of Coral

The [Coral gemstone](#) is considered to be the birthstone for all those who are born on the 9th, 18th, and 27th of any month. This gemstone is beneficial for wearers who have a weak Mars in their horoscopes. Not only that, but the Moonga stone is also instrumental in increasing energy and self-confidence. Its inherent positivity eradicates nervousness and fear, to bring good fortune and wealth in the wearer's life. The miraculous gem restores happiness and peace, whilst also being beneficial for the growth of Businesses, jobs, social status and authority. For those struggling with anger management, Coral is the right choice as it's peaceful properties help one overcome anger.



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Medical astrology recommends Coral for restoring vitality and helping in issues related to various diseases. Experts suggest this stone for practitioners of medicine, agriculturists, politicians and government personnel.

### **The Ritual to Wear Corals**

The coral has several benefits. One should not wear it after [consulting an astrologer](#). It is recommended to be worn with gold or a copper ring. One should follow a ritual to wear this ring. Firstly, it should be marinated in a bowl with 1 spoon of curd, honey, gangajal, tulsi leaves and ghee for 10 minutes. This will activate and cleanse the gemstone and remove all its negativity. Thereafter, one needs to pray to god and take the ring out of the mixture, and rinse it with pure gangajal. Finally, the wearer has to wear it on the ring finger of their working hand during shukla paksha on a Tuesday after sunshine while reciting the mantra 'Om Mangalaya Namah' 108 times.

### **Read This before Buying a Coral Gemstone**

Moonga weighs 6 carats ideally. The cost of natural Corals varies depending on their colour, clarity, size, and overall quality. The average price of a 5-carat Moonga stone ranges between Rs. 3,000-8,000. Certified Coral starts from ₹500 per carat and medium-range starts from ₹2000.

Inexpensive substitutes of Coral are Carnelian and Ivory. However, its effectiveness is not guaranteed. We advise you to buy a gemstone only after checking proper certifications. Make sure that you have all the information related to gems during the purchase.

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