



FIGURE 15.47. (A) Linear mudbanks of Florida Bay connecting tidal-flat islands. (B) An epoxy-resin-embedded core of coarse skeletal mudstone from the mudbank shown in (A). Dark tubes are mostly sea-grass roots. The coin (2 cm) gives the scale. (C) A tidal-flat island in Florida Bay, showing an open intertidal pond covered by cyanobacterial mats, with an adjacent mudbank at the arrow. (D) A tidal-flat island on the seaward side of Florida Keys (an elongated island can be seen in the middle distance). Circled numbers denote zones of red algae (1) and finger corals (2) rimming the mudbank. (E) A patch reef of dark domal corals surrounded by a light-colored halo of coarse sediment. Photographs (A) and (D) courtesy of Bob Ginsburg.