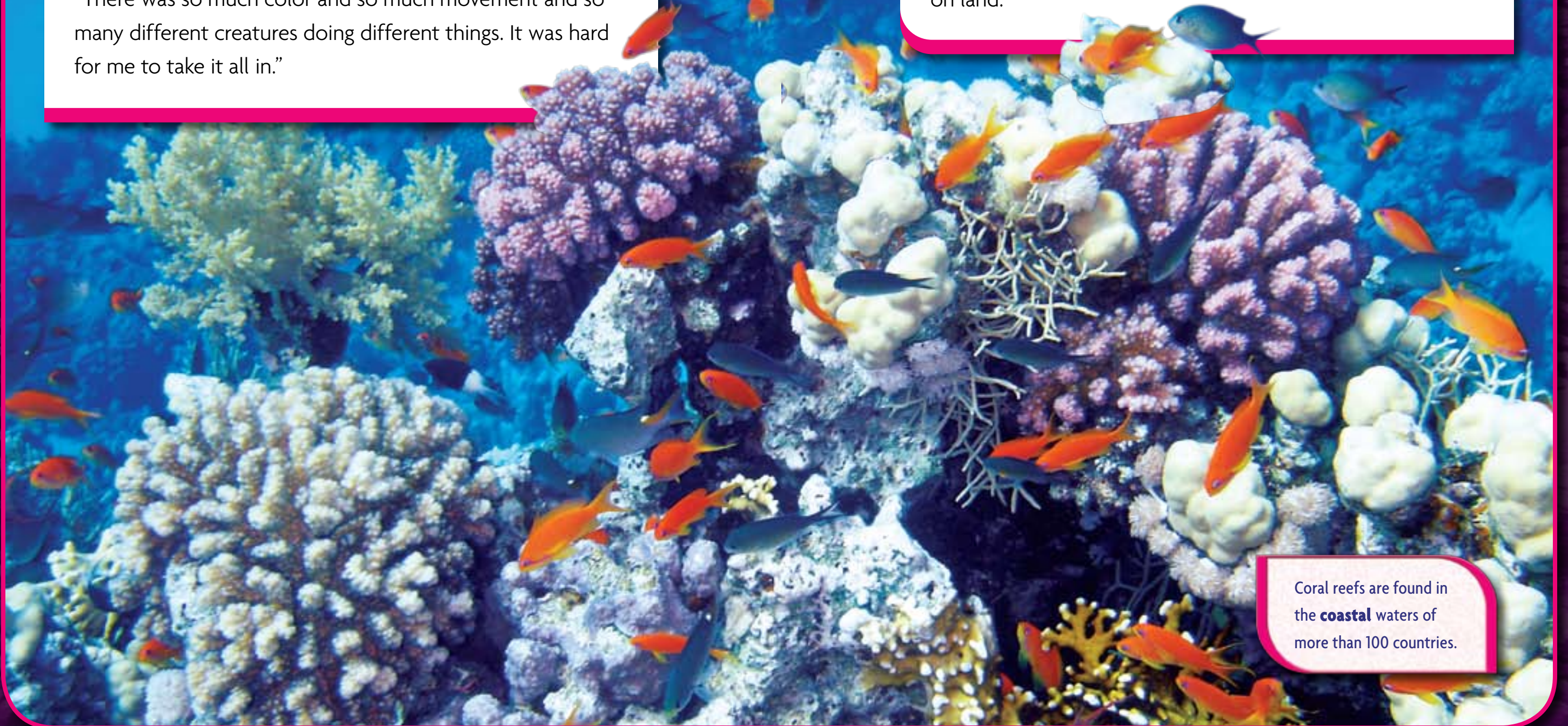


Color and Action

As a young boy, Rod Salm first saw a **coral reef** while swimming in the ocean near his home in Mozambique (*moh-zuhm-BEEK*), Africa. “It was confusing,” he remembers. “There was so much color and so much movement and so many different creatures doing different things. It was hard for me to take it all in.”

Today, Rod is a coral reef scientist. He studies reefs all over the world, from Hawaii to the huge Great Barrier Reef of Australia. He is still amazed by the color and action he sees. “Schools of jewel-colored fish dart quickly in and out of cracks in the reef,” he says. “It’s like nothing at all found on land.”



Coral reefs are found in the **coastal** waters of more than 100 countries.