

OUR CORAL REEFS ARE DYING AND WHO CARES?

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Coral reefs deliver ecosystem to tourism, fisheries and coastline protection. Coral reefs are important for many reasons. They provide protection and shelter for many different species of fish. Without coral reefs, these fish are left homeless with nowhere to live.

In addition, coral reefs are very important because they protect coasts from strong currents and waves by slowing down the water before it gets to shore.

We all are aware that coral reefs can only live in very clear water if not, it will not survive and in the end we will lose all the benefits we get from the reef. There are natural destructions like cyclones and hurricanes which is not very frequent and can be recovered. However, human activities create long term disturbances which cannot be recovered. There are two different ways in which humans have contributed to the degradations of coral reefs, indirectly and directly. Indirectly, we have destroyed their environments dumping garbage to the reef, dredging and mining. In addition to this, careless boating, diving, fishing and other recreational uses of coral reef areas causes damage to coral reef.

We all know that the coral reefs are in danger but have we taken action? We need to be more responsible and accountable to our greedy actions. We need to follow the regulations and respect the nature and let them serve us.

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