



We need to conserve our reefs so people can enjoy these unique ecosystems for years to com

Many of us take our beautiful beaches, coral reefs, and the marine animals and plants that inhabit them for granted. Reefs across the world face serious threats, with many already destroyed beyond recovery.

The Hawaii Coral Reef Initiative Research Program (HCRI-RP) was established in 1998, with strong support of U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye. It sponsors research and monitoring activities that provide information to better manage Hawaii's extensive coral reef ecosystems. With this program, resource managers can use new tools and scientific information to conserve reef resources.



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Did you know...

Corals are living animals that eat, grow and reproduce.

Hawaii has 410,000 acres of coral reef.

Over 80% of all coral reefs under United States' jurisdiction are in the Hawaiian archipelago.

Over 5,000 known species of marine plants and animals live in Hawaii's reefs.

About 25% of Hawaii's reef fish and algae are endemic (only exist here) to the islands.

