

Glossary

ahermatypic – soft corals and a few hard corals that do not build reefs.

algae – simple, chiefly aquatic plants, such as seaweed and kelp.

anemone – a marine invertebrate related to corals and jellyfish.

anthropogenic – human-caused changes.

atoll – a ring-shaped series of small coral islands that enclose a central lagoon.

barrier reef – a long narrow ridge of coral parallel to the coastline but separated from it by a lagoon.

budding – a form of asexual reproduction where a new cell is formed from the parent cell.

calcium carbonate – a white chemical compound which occurs naturally as chalk and limestone. This is the material which forms coral skeletons.

camouflage – the act or means of disguising something to deceive a predator.

carnivore – an animal that eats other animals.

cnidarian – members of the phyla Cnidaria which are characterized by a body that only opens at one end, such as corals, jellyfish, and anemones.

colony – a connected, interrelated group of hard coral polyps.

conservation – preservation from loss.

coral – colonial marine animals characterized by limestone skeletons, often forming reefs or islands.

coralline algae – type of red seaweed that encrusts itself with lime which helps to cement the dead coral rock together.

coral bleaching – loss of color by corals which occurs when the corals are stressed and expel their endosymbionts.

coral reef – a stony marine structure formed from joined skeletons of corals cemented together by algae and other organisms.

crepuscular – term used to describe animals that become active at dawn and/or dusk.

crustacean – usually a marine animal that has a hard shell.

decomposition – the process of breaking down into smaller elements; decaying.

diurnal – term used to describe animals that become active during the day.

ecosystem – all of the plants and animals in a community along with the non-living environment.

ecology – the study of the interactions of plants and animals with their environment.

endangered species – a species in danger of extinction.

endosymbionts – refer to zooxanthellae.

environment – everything surrounding an organism.

equator – an imaginary line circumscribing the Earth's surface, dividing the Earth into Northern and Southern hemispheres.

extinct – no longer in existence.

fringing reef – a coral reef that forms adjacent to the shoreline that does not have a lagoon.

food chain – a linear pattern of nutrient and energy transfer among organisms in an ecosystem.

Great Barrier Reef – the largest living organism in the world, stretching over 1,240 miles off the eastern coast of Australia and visible from outer space.

hard corals – reef-building corals that secrete external limestone skeletons and typically have tentacles in multiples of six.

herbivore – an animal that eats plants.

hermaphroditic – containing both male and female sex cells.

hermatypic – hard corals that build reefs.

invertebrate – animal without a backbone.

lagoon – a body of shallow water separated from the open sea by a barrier, such as a reef.

mangroves – tropical trees that grow in the transitional zone between land and sea; some mangroves have roots that grow above the ground.

mariculture – the farming of marine plants and animals.

mesenterial filaments – long tubular structures which the coral polyp extends to defend itself from attack.

nematocyst – stinging organ found in corals, jelly-

fish, anemones, and other related organisms, which, when stimulated, ejects a harpoon-like structure that chemically paralyzes the victim.

nocturnal – term used to describe animals that become active during the night.

nudibranch – a marine organism also called a sea slug or marine snail.

octocorals – coral polyps that typically have eight tentacles and secrete flexible skeletons; also called soft corals.

omnivore – an animal that eats both plants and animals.

patch reef – an island of coral usually found growing on the floor of a lagoon.

photosynthesis – process by which the zooxanthellae use sunlight to convert the carbon dioxide and water in the polyp tissue into oxygen and carbohydrates.

phytoplankton – tiny floating or drifting aquatic plants.

plankton – tiny floating or drifting aquatic plants or animals.

planula – free-swimming coral larva.

pollution – that which makes something foul or unclean.

polyp – the tiny cylindrical body of a coral animal which has a mouth opening surrounded by tentacles.

population – all the members of a species that live in the same area and make up a breeding group.

predation – a relation between animals in which one captures and feeds on others.

primary consumer – organisms that get their nutrients from primary producers; typically herbivores that get their nutrients by eating plants.

primary producer -- organisms capable of producing their own food, typically through photosynthesis, using light as an energy source.

propagules – specialized seed pods that grow on the end of mangrove roots which drop down from the canopy of the tree.

protection – the act of defending or guarding from attack.

reef crest – the highest and shallowest part of the reef.

reef face – the seaward facing slope of the reef.

seagrass – simple aquatic plants that grow on the sandy floor of the lagoon.

secondary consumer – organisms that typically obtain their nutrients by eating primary consumers; typically carnivores that get their nutrients by eating herbivores.

sediment – fine particles of solid matter suspended in water or settling to the bottom of it.

soft coral – coral polyps that secrete flexible skeletons; also called octocorals.

spawning – a form of sexual reproduction where eggs and sperm are released, usually in water.

species – a group of organisms that look alike and are capable of producing fertile offspring.

sustainable – use that minimizes negative impacts on the ecosystem or environment while maintaining its contribution to society.

symbiotic – mutually beneficial relationship between two different species.

synergistic – working together.

tentacles – flexible, unsegmented feelers used for feeding, touching, and smelling.

tetraodontoxin – a powerful poison in some fish which can cause serious illness and even death if ingested.

tropics – region of the Earth's surface lying between the tropic of Cancer and the tropic of Capricorn (23 degrees, 27 minutes north and south of the equator).

vertebrate – an animal with a backbone.

zooxanthellae – one-celled algae that live inside the tissue of various animals, such as hard coral polyps, and produce photosynthetic products that the host can use.

zooplankton – tiny floating or drifting aquatic animals.

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Coral Sea Dreaming—An Evolving Balance on Australia's Great Barrier Reef. Nashville, Tennessee: Small World Music (800-757-2277), 1993. 55 mins. Excellent video footage of the Great Barrier Reef without narrative. Outstanding for bilingual/multilingual classrooms.

Cousteau's World: Cities Under the Sea, Coral Reefs. CD-ROM, Volume 1. Jean-Michel Cousteau. New York: Enteractive, Inc., 1995.

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Coral reefs were smothered by macro-algae and died, becoming rapidly transformed into weedy algal lawns, which resulted in beach erosion, and loss of habitat that added to fisheries collapse previously caused by over-fishing. Barbados was one of the first countries to recognize this problem and to begin implementation of effective solutions. Light enhanced calcification enables healthy corals to grow faster than they are eroded by wave action and organisms such as boring sponges [8]. This is why light and thus depth are limiting factors to tropical reef-building corals. Zooxanthellae provide oxygen and recycle phosphates and nitrates from the coral's waste products, enabling an entire ecosystem to develop in unproductive, nutrient poor water. The size of coral reef macroalgae ranges from a few millimetres to plants up to 3-4 m high (e.g. Sargassum, Fig. 1). With few exceptions, macroalgae (seaweeds) grow attached to hard surfaces, such as dead coral or rock; most species can not grow in mud and sand because, in contrast to seagrasses, they lack roots to anchor them to the sediment.

6. Blue-green algae, such as the tangles of thread-like filaments shown here, have been poorly studied on the Great Barrier Reef, but play a critical role in nitrogen fixation on the reef. July 2008. page 3 of 44.

Endolithic algae are algae that live within the skeletons of healthy and dead corals and in other calcareous substrates; these algae contribute to reef erosion and destruction. Algae (singular: alga) are plants or plantlike organisms that contain chlorophyll (pronounced KLOOR-uh-fill) and other pigments (coloring matter) that trap light from the Sun [1]. This light energy is then converted into food molecules in a process called photosynthesis.

Algae (singular: alga) are photosynthetic, eukaryotic organisms that do not develop multicellular sex organs. Algae can be unicellular, or they may be large, multicellular organisms. Virtually all species of algae are photosynthetic. They have a relatively simple anatomy, which can range in complexity from single-celled organisms to colonial filaments, plates, or spheres, to the large, multicellular structures of the brown algae, known as thalli.