



## Global warming

High water temperatures cause coral "bleaching".

# Dangers that threaten coral reefs



## Ocean acidification

Ocean acidification eats away minerals corals need for their skeleton.



## Overfishing

The lack of fish causes algae to overgrow and prevent corals from performing photosynthesis.



## Pollution

Pollution can block sunlight, making it hard for corals perform photosynthesis. It also carries diseases that can kill corals.



## Tourism

Tourists don't maintain a respectful distance from the corals and damage them by touching or stepping on them.

# WHY ARE CORAL REEFS SO IMPORTANT?



**01.** Home to countless marine lives



**02.** Food source for humans



**03.** Natural coast Defense



Medication

**04.** Help create new drugs



**05.** Essential to tourism/economy

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