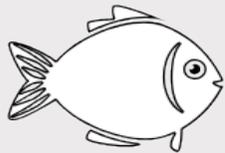


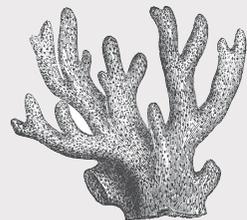
# SAVING CORAL

## *e ho'omau i ke ko'a*



### 1 LET FISH PROTECT REEFS

Fish eat the algae that can cover and kill corals. Avoid fishing for parrotfish, surgeonfish, and other herbivores.



### 2 CORALS LIKE THEIR SPACE

Corals can break easily. Next time you're on a reef, give both fish and corals some more room.



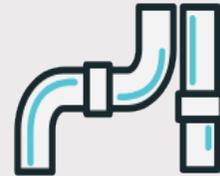
### 3 STAND ON THE SAND

Make sure you touch down on sand and not on the reef. It's safer for your feet and keeps the reef intact.



### 4 USE REEF-SAFE SUNSCREEN

Look for sunscreens that don't contain oxybenzone or octinoxate, which can harm corals.



### 5 CONTAIN ANY CHEMICALS

Take extra measures to catch chemicals like fertilizers, oil, and detergents and dispose of them properly.



### 6 ANCHOR AWAY FROM REEFS

Drop your anchor in sandy patches. Even better, tie onto diving moorings. Keep anchor chains off the reef.

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# The Coral Pledge

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Corals are an essential part of life in Hawai'i. They support an abundance of life on the reef, protect our homes and businesses from storm events, and provide amazing beauty for people to enjoy snorkeling and diving. Corals are currently under major threat due to rising ocean temperatures, sea level rise, pollution, and unsustainable fishing practices. Coral bleaching used to be a rare occurrence in Hawai'i, but we have now experienced three major coral bleaching events in the past few years, resulting in major die-offs of corals throughout the state. While warm ocean temperatures are the direct cause of bleaching, we can all take steps to minimize human impacts and help save our reefs.

In our global state of climate change, to interact with our natural resources responsibly is to minimize our impact on our natural environment. By following and promoting the acts outlined on the other side of this card, you are committing to practices that help to conserve our coral reefs.

Thank you for joining the DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources in the stewardship of our treasured coral reefs. Your commitment to conservation of our marine environments will set a standard for all marine resource users. We are looking forward to expanding this community of environmental leaders to work together to protect the very environments that sustain our lives and livelihoods in Hawaii.

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