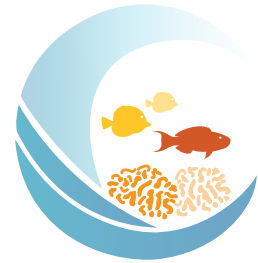


Maui's Reefs Today

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We share a deep and profound connection to the ocean. Maui's coral reefs and marine life provide food, jobs, cultural connection, and a way of life for locals. We share our catch with 'ohana, kūpuna, and neighbors, and pass down knowledge about local waters to our keiki.

Today, we see that the fish, coral, and other marine life are not as healthy and abundant as they once were. Our irreplaceable natural resources are increasingly threatened by pollution, climate change, poor land-use practices, and unsustainable harvesting.



*Our nearshore waters provide **7 million meals a year***

Maui residents say...

...the reef and fish are important to us.



93% of residents agree that coral reefs are important to Hawaiian culture

89% agree that coral reefs protect Hawai'i from erosion and natural disasters

...the reef and fish are struggling in some areas.



59% feel the condition of marine resources will get worse in the next 10 years

...the reef and fish can be helped with management.



75% feel that there should be more marine management areas in Hawai'i

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