

International Declaration of Reef Rights

All coral reefs have the right to be free from:

- Over-fishing and destructive fishing
- Pollution
- Human caused coral bleaching and ocean acidification
- Direct damage from divers, snorkelers and boaters
- Damage due to poorly planned coastal development
- Coral diseases



In recognition of these rights, I pledge to:

- Ask if my seafood is sustainably caught and to only eat fish and shellfish that are from well-managed stocks and caught in a sustainable manner
- Use products that will not pollute the sea and dispose of all wastes properly
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support efforts to reduce global climate change
- Not disturb, damage or collect corals and other reef organisms
- Ask tour operators, cruise lines, hotels and restaurants in coral reef areas what their policy is towards coral reef protection and to support reef-friendly businesses and best practices
- Patronize tour operators that use mooring buoys or anchor away from living corals
- Support environmentally friendly development that does not damage coral reefs.
- Support government efforts to improve sewage treatment, promote sustainable land use practices and to protect and restore coastal open space and coral reefs.
- Encourage my friends and family to sign this INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF REEF RIGHTS

As a citizen of planet earth, I pledge to abide by the principles of this INTERNATIONAL DECLARATION OF REEF RIGHTS