

TABLES

Table 1. Ranking of Major Threats to Coral Reef Ecosystems By Region.

This table is a general summary of the relative impact (H = high, M = medium, L = low) of natural and human-related threats to United States and international coral reefs by region. Rankings were provided by scientists, managers, and representatives of the United States Coral Reef Task Force for use in this document. The actual impacts of each threat will vary within and between regions depending on conditions, location, and other factors.

| THREATS | REGIONS | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | Atlantic/Caribbean | | | | Polynesia | | | | Micronesia | | | | U.S. Remote Insular Reefs | International Coral Reefs |
| | Florida | Puerto Rico | U.S. Virgin Islands | Flower Gardens | Main Hawaiian Islands | Northwestern Hawaiian Islands | American Samoa | Guam | Northern Mariana Islands | Federated States of Micronesia | Marshall Islands | Palau | | |
| Global warming and bleaching | H | M | M | L | L | L | M | L | M | M | H | H | M | H |
| Diseases | H | H | H | L | L | L | L | L | L | L | L | L | L | M |
| Tropical storms | M | L | H | L | L | L | M | M | M | L | M | L | L | L |
| Coastal development and runoff | H | H | H | L | H | L | H | H | H | H | M | H | L | H |
| Coastal pollution | H | H | H | L | H | L | H | H | H | M | L | H | L | H |
| Tourism and recreation | M | M | M | L | H | M | L | M | M | L | L | M | L | M |
| Fishing | H | H | H | L | H | M | H | M | M | H | M | M | M | H |
| Trade in coral and live reef species | M | H | L | L | H | M | M | L | L | L | H | L | L | H |
| Ships, boats, and groundings | H | M | H | M | H | H | M | M | M | H | L | M | M | M |
| Marine debris | M | M | L | L | M | H | L | L | M | H | L | M | M | M |
| Alien species | M | L | L | M | H | H | M | L | L | L | H | M | M | M |
| Security training activities | L | H | L | L | M | L | L | L | H | L | L | L | L | L |
| Offshore oil and gas exploration | L | L | L | M | L | L | L | L | L | L | L | L | L | M |

H = High priority threat
M = Medium priority threat
L = Low priority threat