

NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program's National Coral Reef Monitoring Plan

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SEFSC and AOML are working together to implement the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program's new status and trends monitoring program, The National Coral Reef Monitoring Plan (NCRMP). This plan aims to monitor the Nation's coral reefs through consistent systematic monitoring surveys. NCRMP consists of four monitoring components: coral reef fish, benthic organisms, climate, and socioeconomics. AOML has a leadership role in implementing the climate monitoring, including monitoring of ocean temperature and ocean acidification on reefs. SEFSC has a leadership role in implementing the fish and benthic monitoring. Together, SEFSC and AOML hope to share resources and increase analysis capacity to monitor, and ultimately to conserve, our nation's coral reefs.

