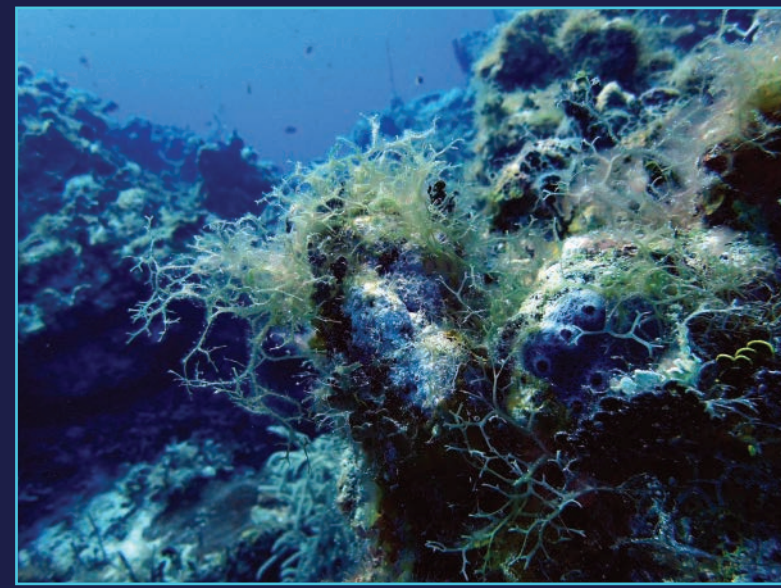


## MACROALGAE COVER

Algae competes with coral for space and unlike coral, thrives under changing ocean



Healthy



Unhealthy



## FISH BIODIVERSITY

Biodiversity increases coral reef resiliency and combats the impacts of climate change



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Unhealthy



## CORAL DISEASE

Changing ocean environments make coral more susceptible to disease, which can be spread naturally or by human contact



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Unhealthy



## REEF COMPLEXITY

Complex reefs provide homes for fish and protection against storms



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## BLEACHING

Bleaching is a sign of a coral reef in distress due to less than ideal conditions



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## FISH ABUNDANCE

Abundant fisheries are essential to global economy and food chains



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## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Minimize carbon footprint
- Clean dive/snorkel equipment properly
- Follow local fishing laws
- Support sustainable development
- Continue learning about coral reefs
- Spread the word
- Assist with restoration efforts
- Avoid touching the reef



\*Photo courtesy: Cayman Islands Department of Environment

# WE CAN SAVE CORAL REEFS, IF WE ACT NOW