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Coral Reef
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Program

This spring and summer you may see a large white ship sailing around the islands. This ship will be launching small orange boats carrying teams of scientific divers who will be conducting underwater surveys close to shore.

Questions?

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NOAA Surveys Coral Reefs and Ocean Conditions Around the Mariana Islands

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What's Happening?

Scientists will measure and count reef fish, assess coral health, and collect ocean temperature and condition data. They will record fish and habitat data and collect images of the ocean floor.

These surveys take place every three years. **These surveys do not involve taking any marine life.**



Why?

This information helps evaluate potential changes in coral reef health and structure. It complements local agencies' monitoring efforts, and informs scientists, managers, and communities.

We can see how coral reefs have changed over time, which is an important part of managing and conserving reef-associated life.



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