AMERICA'S ONLY CONTINENTAL CORAL BARRIER REEF

The highly diverse and sensitive ecosystem of the Florida Keys drives the economy and local way of life.

The sanctuary protects this ecosystem for future generations, balancing ecological health and economic benefits.

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary was designated in 1990 and is jointly managed with the state of Florida.

PROTECTS **3,800** square MILES

1.4 MILLION acres of SEAGRASS BEDS

800 estimated underwater HISTORICAL SITES 14 of which are listed in the National Register of Historic Places

1,800 miles of MANGROVE SHORELINE

MORE THAN **6,000** marine species

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RESTORING FOR THE FUTURE:
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A HEALTHY FLORIDA KEYS IS THE FOUNDATION FOR A STRONG ECONOMY.

Successful management of Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary relies on our valued partnerships.

We are all part of the solution.

In response to public concerns about threats facing the Florida Keys, NOAA is conducting the first comprehensive review since 1997 of the management plan, zoning plan, and regulations for Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

The Sanctuary Advisory Council, representing the community, industries, and governments, leads the public review process.

TO DATE:

- Community input provided at more than 70 meetings.
- More than 200 recommendations made by the Sanctuary Advisory Council, based on state of the art scientific data, socioeconomic factors, and environmental impacts.
- NOAA is analyzing recommendations and preparing a Restoration Blueprint.

COMMENTS WELCOME! Public comment period will open later this year.

floridakeys.noaa.gov/restoration

ECONOMICS & EMPLOYMENT

APPROXIMATELY

60%

OF JOBS

in the Florida Keys are connected to the marine ecosystem.

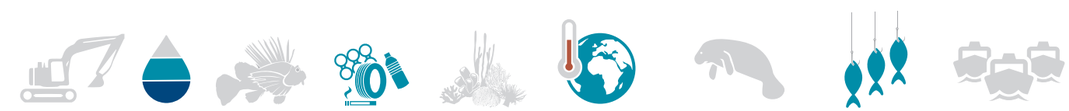
The coral reef ecosystem supports

$ 3,380,000,000

IN SALES AND INCOME, AS WELL AS $2.1 BILLION IN SPENDING

PRESSURES ON THE ECOSYSTEM

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary responds to multiple ecological threats:



coastal development | water quality | invasive species | marine debris | coral bleaching & disease | climate change & ocean acidification | disturbances to wildlife | overfishing | vessel traffic & groundings

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Sanctuary management prevents habitat injury, protects wildlife, improves water quality, and supports the local economy. So far, your sanctuary has:

- Established a network of marine zones with varying levels of habitat protection.
- Reduced large ship groundings in sensitive areas.
- Achieved significant decrease in localized water pollution.
- Increased navigation, habitat protection, and public use with more than 800 marker and mooring buoys.
- Partnered with public and private businesses to promote sustainable recreation.
- Engaged more than 600,000 visitors at the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center.

* Data from 2007-2008. Sources: NOAA and Monroe County Tourist Development Council