Announcement

AS OF JUNE 17, SIGNIFICANT HEAT STRESS (ALERT LEVEL 1 AND ABOVE) IS NOT PREDICTED TO IMPACT THE MAJORITY OF THE CARIBBEAN REGION DURING JULY TO SEPTEMBER.



REPORT CORAL BLEACHING OBSERVATIONS



HEAT-TOLERANT ALGAL SYMBIONTS MAY PREVENT EXTIRPATION OF THE THREATENED ELKHORN CORAL, ACROPORA PALMATA IN FLORIDA...



REEF SITE AND HABITAT INFLUENCE EFFECTIVENESS OF ACROPORA PALMATA RESTORATION AND ITS MICROBIOME IN THE FLORIDA KEYS



CARIBBEAN CORAL REEF WATCH



Notable Observations (As of June 19)

- The waters in the western Caribbean experiencing Bleaching Watch level conditions. Additional, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, northern Bahamas, and small areas throughout the basin including the Leeward Antilles also experiencing patches of Watch Alert Level conditions.
- Notably, part of the southern Mesoamerican Reef along the coast of Honduras and Belize experiencing Bleaching Warning level and Alert Level 1 heat stress.
- Heat stress is notably less throughout the region at this point, compared to the same period of 2024.

Current Global Conditions (As of June 19)

The most extreme accumulated heat stress (Degree Heating Weeks [DHW] ≥16°C-weeks; Alert Level 4 or higher), is active at coral reef sites in the western and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean, and western Australia. Alert Levels 1-5 heat stress are present at the following NOAA CRW Regional Virtual Stations: ~ 28% of Eastern Pacific, ~25% of Melanesia Stations, West Kalimantan ~ 30% of the Coral Triangle, Houtman Abrolhos (Australia), ~ 10% of the Middle East, and ~ 20% of S. Asia.



CARIBBEAN CORAL REEF WATCH

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Click here to track current conditions

Alert Level Guide

Stress Level	Interpretation
No Stress	No Bleaching
Watch	
Warning	Risk of Possible
	Bleaching
Alert Level 1	Risk of Reef-
	Wide Bleaching
Alert Level 2	Risk of Reef-
	Wide Bleaching
	with Mortality of
	Heat-Sensitive
	Corals
Alert Level 3	Risk of Multi-
	Species
	Mortality
Alert Level 4	Risk of Severe,
	Multi-Species
	Mortality (> 50%
	of corals)
Alert Level 5	Risk of Near
	Complete
	Mortality (> 80%
	of corals)

Caribbean Outlook (June-September 2025)

The 4-Month Probabilistic Outlook of June 17 predicts that heat stress will not reach Alert Level 1 in most of the Caribbean basin. The regions predicted, with relatively high probabilities, to reach/exceed Alert Level 1 are in the northern Bahamas, Turks and Caicos, southern Cuba, and northern coast of Hispaniola.





Click here to track the 4-month probabilistic bleaching outlook

Bleaching Alert Area and Outlook

Caribbean Satellite Bleaching Alert Area and Outlook 2025-06-17



Caribbean Bleaching Outlook

As of 17 June, 2025, NOAA CRW's 4-Month Coral Bleaching Outlook (60% probability) indicates that Bleaching Alertlevel 1 conditions is forecasted to begin affecting the northern Bahamas in August, expanding to affect the Turks and Caicos in September, while spreading further south to Jamaica, the Cayman Islands, Hispaniola, and the Leeward and Windwards Islands.

View all 5-km NOAA CRW Regional Virtual Stations



4-month Coral Bleaching Outlook (60% probability)

4-month Coral Bleaching Outlook (90% probability)

Click here for more information about the NOAA Coral Reef Watch methodology

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