

Protecting Coral Reefs

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what you can do to protect our reefs

With increasing news regarding the declining health of the world's coral reefs, many reef hobbyists have realized the need for an alternative to wild species. Concern for the welfare of our world's reefs is a natural extension of our passion for reefkeeping.

It may seem like a daunting task, but there are a few simple and crucial steps any hobbyist can take to help. Prior to each purchase, research the species' husbandry and care requirements, as well as where



Q What is a coral frag?

A Frag is an abbreviation of fragment and refers to a piece of coral that has broken off from the parent coral. Since each frag will develop into a full "new" coral, fragmentation is a popular method of hard coral propagation.



and how your aquatic life were collected. Whenever possible, consider aquacultured corals as an option. The extra effort is well-worth knowing you have made a sound choice. The thriving marine environment achieved in your home will serve as a model for others and a reminder of your efforts.



What Drs. Foster & Smith and LiveAquaria.com are Doing to Help

As a leader in the industry, conservation and responsible aquarium ownership is as important to us as it is to you. We offer hobbyists one of the largest selections of premium captive grown and aquacultured aquatic life as a viable alternative to wild harvested species. Our state-of-the-art Aquaculture Coral Facility offers smart choices to our customers and provides valuable research and information. Conscientious reef hobbyists are able to pursue their dream reef aquarium knowing they are also helping to preserve the world's fragile coral reefs.

Commitment to Education

What makes the Drs Foster & Smith Aquaculture Coral Facility exceptional is not only the scale and sophistication of the facility, but our commitment to education and the advancement of the hobby. As a veterinarian operated facility with a fully licensed pharmacy, we have unique insight and access to resources unavailable to most hobbyists and the commercial sector.

Our Aquaculture Coral Facility is a reflection of our dedication to preserve and pass down the legacy and

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beauty of the oceans and their inhabitants, which first attracted us to the hobby. No other aquaculture facility has invested as much to unite and develop a greater sense of

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Organizations such as MAC (Marine Aquarium Council), Reef Check, IMA (International Marinelife Alliance), USCRTF (U.S. Coral Reef Taskforce), MASNA (Marine Aquarium Societies of North America), and CORAL (Coral Reef Alliance) are just a few key groups that are providing resources and plans of action to promote change. Spend some time looking into these organizations and contact them for more information regarding how you can contribute. All of us that care about our coral reefs and enjoy this rewarding hobby must work together to help initiate and promote change.

community for the common goal of protecting our natural reefs, while educating and offering hobbyists a sensible alternative.

Our challenge is to encourage all aquarists to support the best collection, handling, and management of all species through their own purchasing choices and affiliations.

Aquarium owners are the greatest allies to all aquatic species and aquatic environments worldwide.