

Coral Conservation: What You Can Do

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SIMPLE WAYS to help PROTECT the EARTH

Every home reef aquarium hides a secret. It is magnified by the crystal clear water, seen in the pumping polyps of *Xenia*, and measured in the branch growth of *Acropora*. The casual observer often mistakes it for simple beauty. But seasoned aquarists recognize that hidden within every successful home aquarium is unparalleled dedication and responsibility.



It is no secret, however, that this same dedication and responsibility can help protect the world's natural reefs and oceans. True, daily news stories and scientific research concerning the decline of natural reefs stem from locations so far removed from our own that doing anything seems futile. But there are simple ways to help protect these precious marine environments while also creating a beautiful reef aquarium in your own home.

THE AQUACULTURED ADVANTAGE

The future of the aquarium hobby depends on responsible management of our marine resources. Similar to the past successes of captive bred fish in the freshwater hobby, coral enthusiasts have a unique opportunity to relieve pressure on natural reefs with [aquacultured corals](#). Aquacultured corals are not only better for our environment, they are also better for your aquarium. In fact, when compared to their wild counterparts, aquacultured corals are often:

Hardier and more colorful

Free from parasites and disease

More adaptive to captive conditions

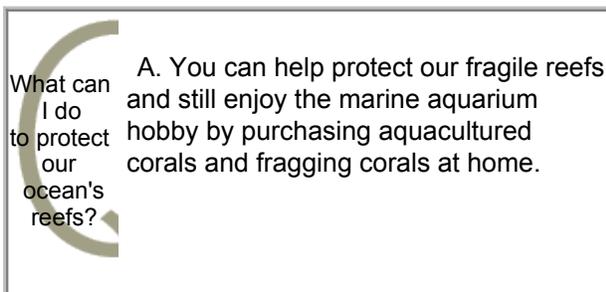
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[The Drs. Foster and Smith Aquaculture Coral & Marine Life Facility](#) offers concerned reef enthusiasts a reliable source of quality aquacultured corals. Our aquacultured corals are carefully propagated in our state-of-the-art facility to ensure generations of healthy corals without compromising the health of our fragile reefs.

BECOME A FRAG FANATIC

Another easy way home reef hobbyists can help protect natural reefs is by propagating their own corals. Corals naturally reproduce both sexually and asexually. While sexual reproduction in captivity is still elusive, asexual reproduction is extremely common in the well-maintained reef aquarium. In fact, patient but dedicated reef hobbyists can essentially fill an aquarium with just a few parent corals, saving both money and natural reefs in the process.

In the spirit of empowering the home reef enthusiasts, we offer a selection of [bone cutters](#), coral propagation plugs, and [aquarium adhesive](#). But to save even more money and time, the [DR Instruments Deluxe Fragging Kit](#) includes all the essentials you'll need to start fragmenting your own coral with ease.



What can I do to protect our ocean's reefs?

A. You can help protect our fragile reefs and still enjoy the marine aquarium hobby by purchasing aquacultured corals and fragging corals at home.