

Florida (2020-2021) National Coral Reef Monitoring Program



NCRMP By The Numbers

Benthic Composition	Reef Fish
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Sites Sampled

239

822

Area Surveyed

7,200 m²

289,344 m²

Dives

531

1,644

Number Surveyed

4,579

365,259

Coral
Colonies

Fish
Recorded

NOAA's National Coral Reef Monitoring Program (NCRMP) conducts biological sampling for benthic communities (corals and algae) and fish populations in Florida every other year typically in even-numbered years. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, a protracted sampling occurred in both 2020 and 2021. Dive surveys occurred throughout summer and fall months in shallow-water (0–30 m) coral reef areas. Data are used to inform coral and fish population management strategies, document the occurrence of endangered species and coral disease, and assist with local monitoring efforts. Information about NCRMP's methods, data, and data projects are available on the projects' website: <https://www.coris.noaa.gov/monitoring/biological.html>.