

Aquatic Biome Project

Coral Reef

[ReefBase: A Global Information System on Coral Reefs](http://www.reefbase.org/) This site's objective is to "facilitate better understanding of the inter-dependencies between humans and **coral reefs**, in order to benefit management and conservation efforts." Includes descriptions of **coral** reef areas throughout the world

<http://www.reefbase.org/>

[NOAA's Coral Reef Information System \(CoRIS\)](http://www.coris.noaa.gov/) Created to provide public "access to NOAA **coral** reef information and data products, especially those derived from NOAA's **Coral Reef Initiative Program**." Site includes information about **coral** biology and reef ecology, threats to **coral reefs**, a glossar

<http://www.coris.noaa.gov/>

[Reef Check](http://www.reefcheck.org/) This international organization runs an extensive **coral** reef monitoring program and "works with communities, governments and businesses to scientifically monitor, restore and maintain **coral** reef health." The organization's Web site provides

http://www.reefcheck.org

[Reef Education Network](http://www.reef.edu.au/) Excellent site for identifying and classifying reef creatures. Habitats, body structures, characteristics and more are explained. Enhanced with photos, a glossary, a searchable index and a create a notebook feature.

<http://www.reef.edu.au>

LAKES

[Living Lakes: The International Network](#) "The main purpose of this international initiative is the conservation and protection of ... the drinking water reservoirs of the earth." Site includes information about projects currently under way, activities and campaigns

[The Great Lakes: An Environmental Atlas and Resource Book](http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/atlas/) This online edition of a print atlas published in 1995 explores the history, geology, climate, and exploitation of the Great **Lakes**, with an emphasis on environmental concerns. Features a glossary, factsheets, maps, images, and diagrams.

<http://www.epa.gov/glnpo/atlas/>

OPEN OCEAN

[Ocean Planet](http://seawifs.gsfc.nasa.gov/ocean_planet.html) This site celebrates the spectacular diversity of the **oceans** while examining the environmental issues they now face. From the Smithsonian Institution.

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[International Year of the Ocean](http://www.yoto98.noaa.gov/) Variety of **ocean**-related fact sheets and news articles; state-by-state links to weather, buoy data, satellite pictures, and local **ocean**-related links; resources and links for teachers and children; links to other **ocean**/coastal resources-related sites
<http://www.yoto98.noaa.gov/>

[Ocean Research Institute](http://www.ori.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index_e.html) Information about **ocean**ographic research, including data about **ocean** floor tectonics and research projects, and a database of references to literature on this subject. Also provides links to information about earthquakes
http://www.ori.u-tokyo.ac.jp/index_e.html

[Ocean Explorer](http://oceanexplorer.noaa.gov/) This searchable site from the National **Oceanic** and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) "is an educational Internet offering for all who wish to learn about, discover, and virtually explore the **ocean** realm."
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US Estuaries

[National Estuary Program: Bringing Our Estuaries New Life](http://www.epa.gov/nep/) This site provides information about **estuaries** and the Environmental Protection Agency's National Estuary Program to protect the coastal waters of the United States. It details the environmental problems and challenges faced by the **estuaries**.
<http://www.epa.gov/nep/>

[National Estuarine Research Reserve System](http://neris.noaa.gov) Details about "a network of protected areas established for long-term research, education and stewardship." Find profiles of the 26 reserves (with site descriptions, maps, cultural history, and more), details about the designation process
<http://neris.noaa.gov>

[Chesapeake Bay](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/) "The Chesapeake Bay is the largest and most productive estuary in the United States." This site from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources provides information about Chesapeake Bay monitoring, restoration, and protection, and a guide
<http://www.dnr.state.md.us/bay/>

[Access USGS - San Francisco Bay and Delta](http://sfbay.wr.usgs.gov) United State Geological Survey reports, current studies, data, digital maps, and interpretations of the San Francisco Bay estuary and its watershed. Water quality, climate, bathymetry, biology, earthquake and other hazard information, wetlands,
[http://sfbay.wr.usgs.gov/](http://sfbay.wr.usgs.gov)