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Coral Reef Conservation Program Update

Taking Action in 2011 and Beyond

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As everyone saw with the January 2010 cold water event in Florida, the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon event in the Gulf of Mexico, and the Fall 2010 warm water coral bleaching events in the Caribbean and the Pacific, threats to the health of coral reefs can come on unexpectedly and with potentially devastating, large-scale consequences. Southeast Florida contains one third of Florida's population within just four counties (Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade) and depends heavily on healthy coastal resources...

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Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative Update

Marine Regulation Awareness Program Development Gets Underway

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FDOU Combined Project 2, 5, 6, & 7 is developing a "Marine Regulation Awareness Program." Similar to driving school, individuals who have received marine regulation citations (for fishing, diving, or boating) may, at the discretion of the U.S., state, and/or local district attorney's office(s) and the ticketing law enforcement agent, take the course in exchange for having their fine reduced or waived. In addition to being offered as a mitigation option for individuals who have received fishing, diving, or boating citations, the course will also be offered to the general...

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Sixth Coral Reef Teacher Training a Success

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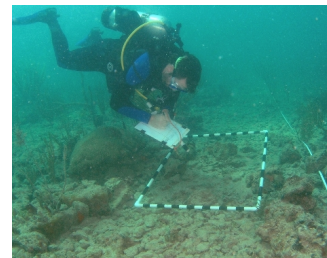
You can view all of the completed project reports and work products online.

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Reef Injury Prevention and Response Update

[Coral Surveys Completed at Grounding Site Next to Golden Beach](#)

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CORAL REEF PROTECTION ACT

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Other Programs

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On October 23, 2010, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Coral Reef Conservation Program (FDEP-CRCP) staff members facilitated the 6th Coral Reef Teacher Training with the assistance of Awareness and Appreciation Team Member and Biscayne Bay Aquatic Preserve Manager, Pamela Sweeney. The workshop was attended by 42 high school teachers from Martin, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade counties. Staff presented the following seminars; Coral Reefs 101, Coral Grief, Rivers to Reefs, and Lionfish Invasion. Following the presentations 6 teachers shared lesson plans with...

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Recommendations to Improve Permitting, Compliance and Enforcement for Coral Reefs

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Important ways of protecting our reef and hardbottom habitats include responsible construction techniques, permitting that addresses the needs of the ecosystem, and the ability to enforce those permit and construction conditions. The Maritime Industry and Coastal Construction Impact (MICCI) projects focus on all of these issues. This fall, the MICCI coordinators and teams have been quite active. The annual MICCI Focus Team meeting was held on November 9th. The purpose of the meeting was to update the MICCI Team on the status of all ongoing MICCI projects, as...

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New Fertilizer and Pesticide Brochure Available

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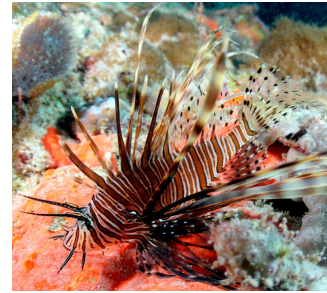


In Florida, everything that goes into the ground has the potential of finding its way into our waterways and aquifer as nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. NPS pollution, unlike pollution from readily identifiable point sources such as industrial and sewage treatment plants, comes from many diverse sources. Rainfall and excessive irrigation can carry potential pollutants from many sources into our waterways and aquifer. Nutrients from lawn fertilizers can become NPS pollution if they are not used and applied properly. Some of this will runoff through rainwater and end up in our...

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Inter-Agency Lionfish Workshop

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

You can view the schedule for meetings, workshops, meeting summaries and more for the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Coral Reef Conservation Program online.

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