



Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Coastal Office – Southeast Region

The Ecological and Economic Values of Florida's Coral Reefs



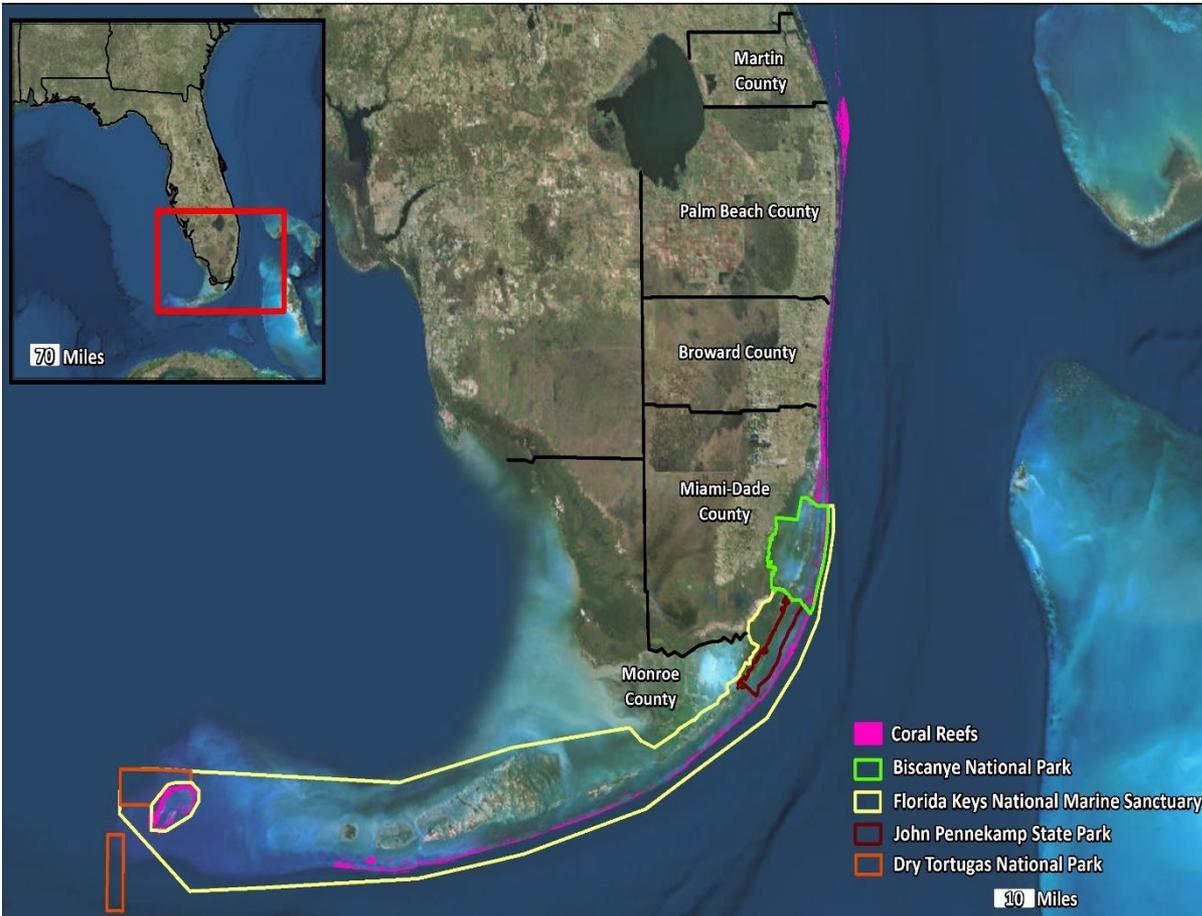
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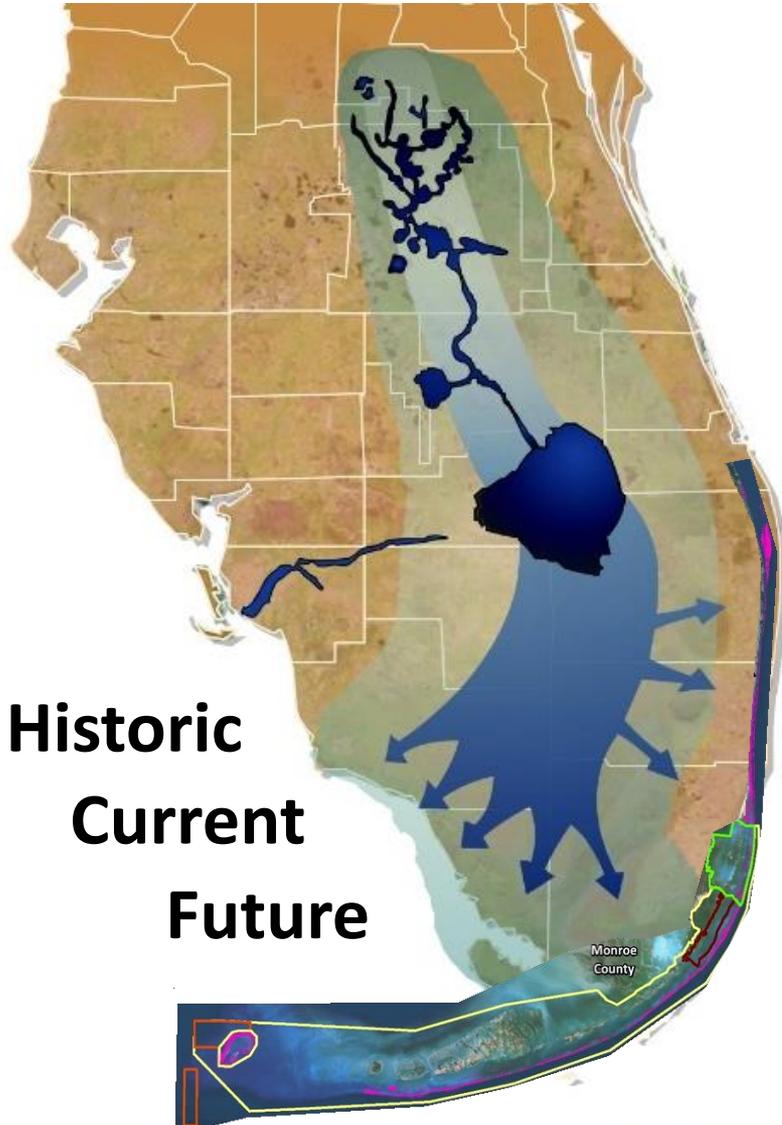
Florida's National Treasure

Florida Reef Tract

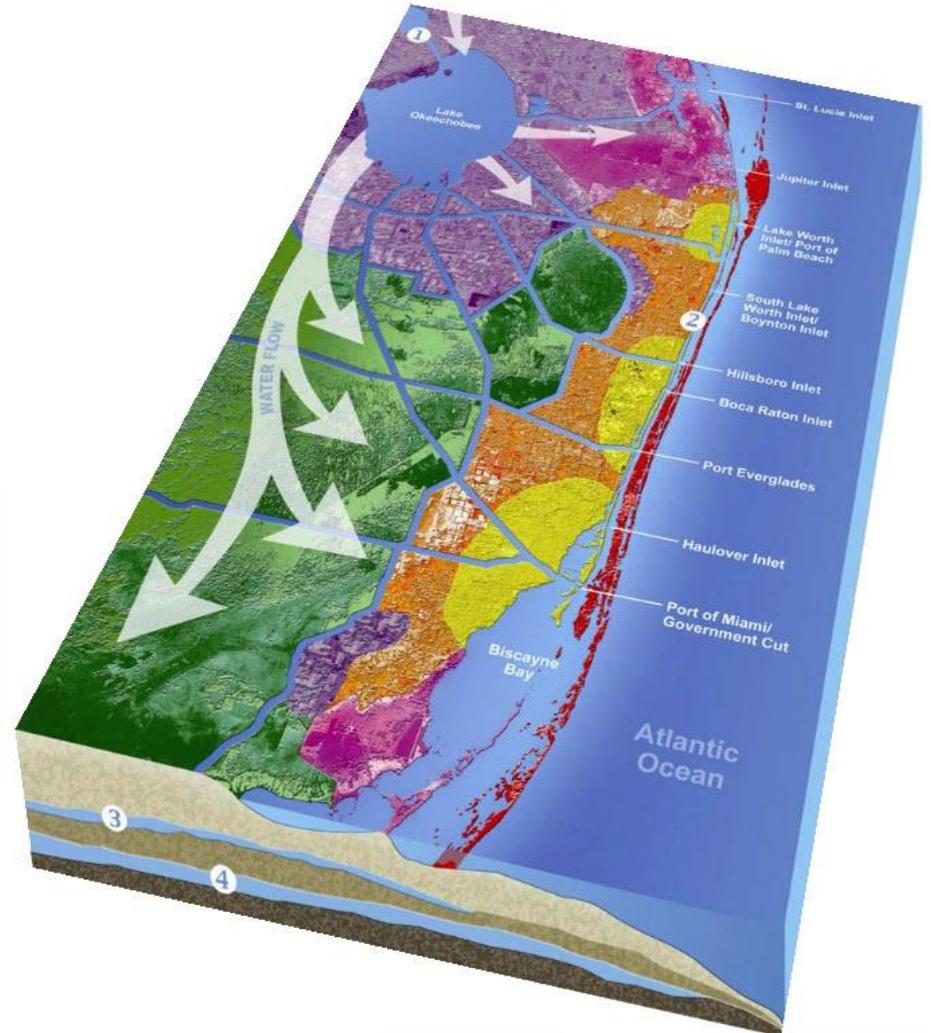




Florida's National Treasure



Historic
Current
Future





Economically Essential

Estimated to
annually support
71,000 jobs and
generate **\$6.3 billion**
in sales and income

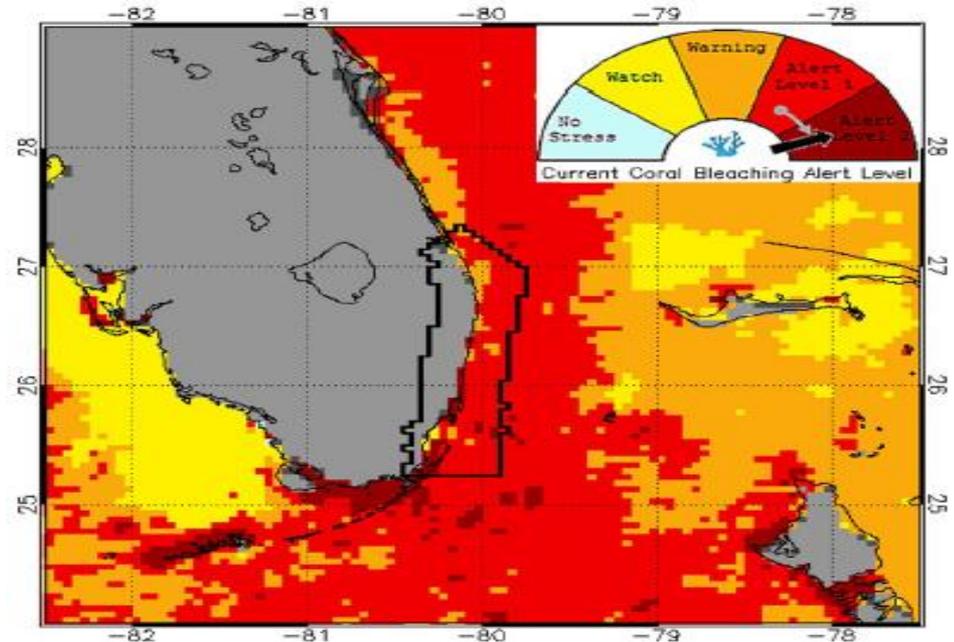
(Johns et al, 2001 & 2004)





Global Stressors

Increased frequency & severity of extreme thermal events
(hot & cold)



Ocean (& coastal)
acidification



Local Stressors



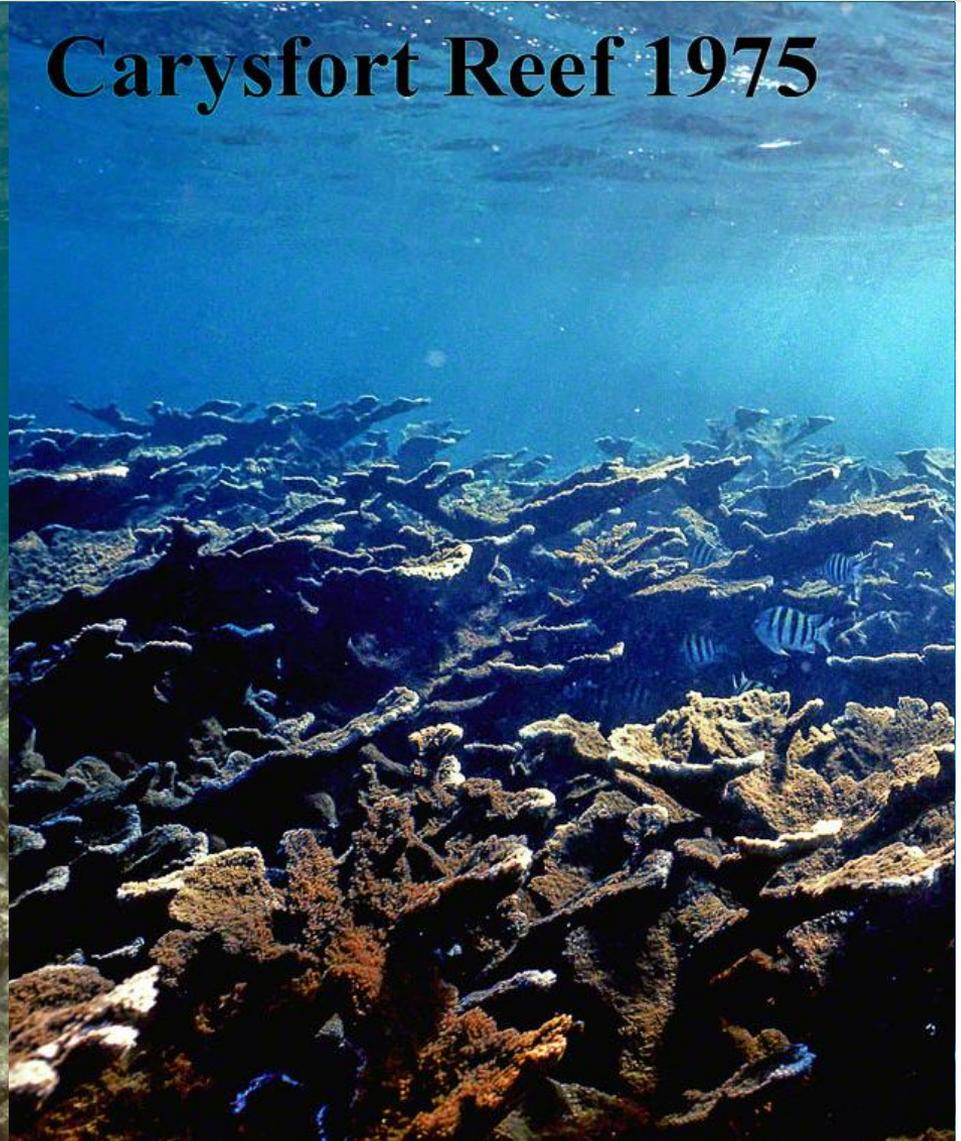


Global & Local Decline

Carysfort Reef 2014



Carysfort Reef 1975





Worth Protecting

