



Detailed maps

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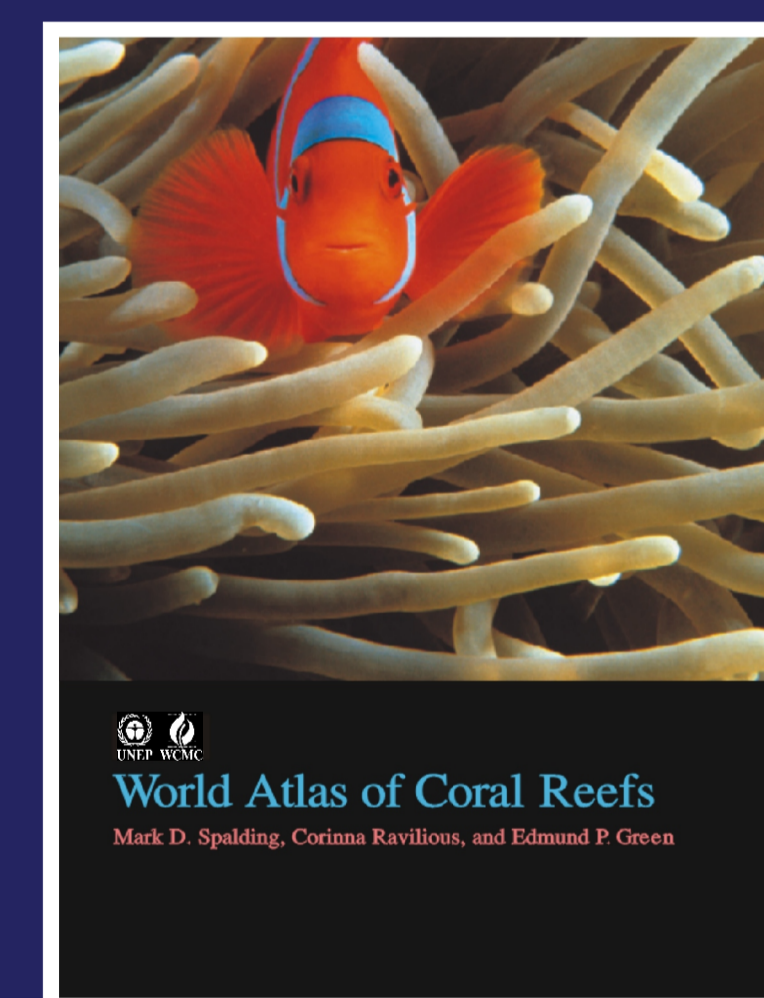
WORLD ATLAS OF CORAL REEFS

Coral reefs are one of the most diverse habitats on the planet. Although they occupy less than 0.1% of the world's oceans, they harbour between one and three million different species.

Distributed in a broad swathe around the tropics, reefs are highly important as sources of food for millions of coastal peoples. More recently their exceptional beauty has led to burgeoning tourism in many coastal areas.

Coral reefs are under pressure from overuse, marine pollution and climate change. Good information is fundamental to the careful management that will be required to preserve them for future generations.

In 2001, UNEP-WCMC published the World Atlas of Coral Reefs, the definitive guide to the coral reefs of the world. The volume is a 400-page synthesis of over ten years work on coral reefs at the Centre that provides information on location, biodiversity, human pressures and management.



A critical resource

The World Atlas of Coral Reefs can be ordered from the UNEP bookshop at: <http://www.earthprint.com>

