

CONNECTIONS BETWEEN

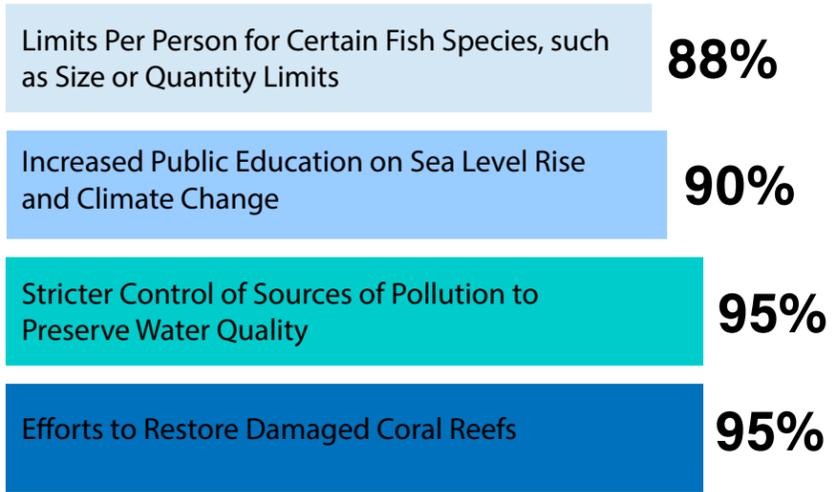
CORAL REEFS & COASTAL COMMUNITIES

NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program monitors the biological, socioeconomic, and climate conditions of US coral reefs and communities through the National Coral Reef Monitoring Program (NCRMP). The Socioeconomic Component of the NCRMP collects and monitors human use of coral reef resources, knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions of coral reefs and coral reef management, and demographics of the populations living in coral reef areas. The takeaways below are based on resident survey results from South Florida's second monitoring cycle.

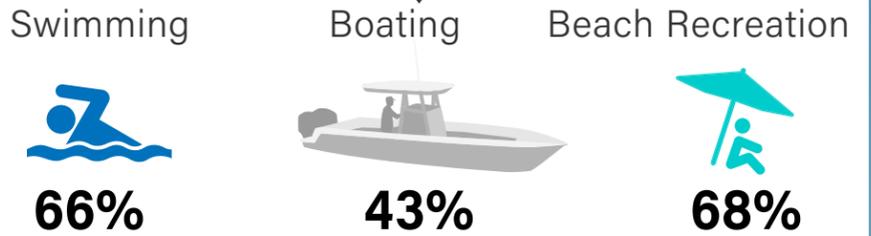


MANAGEMENT SUPPORT

Most residents support management strategies to protect coral reefs



ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION

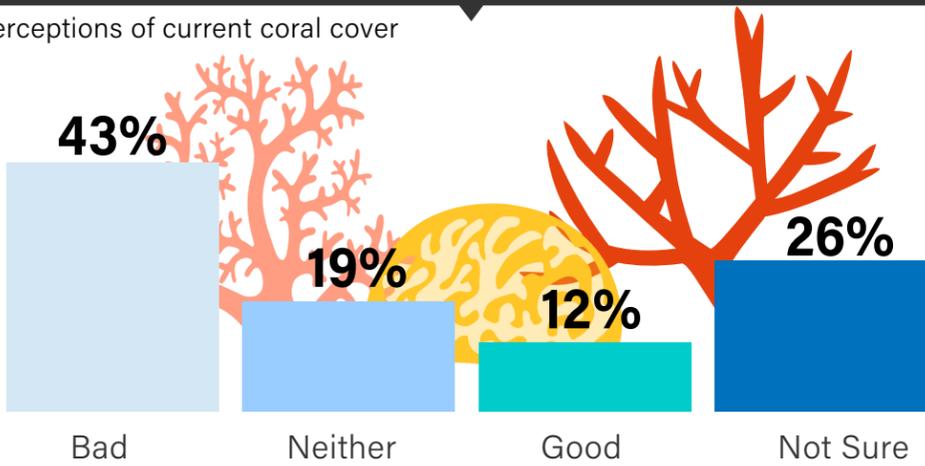


CORAL REEF VALUES

92% of residents agree that coral reefs are important to South Florida's culture, and 82% agree that coral reefs protect South Florida from erosion and natural disasters

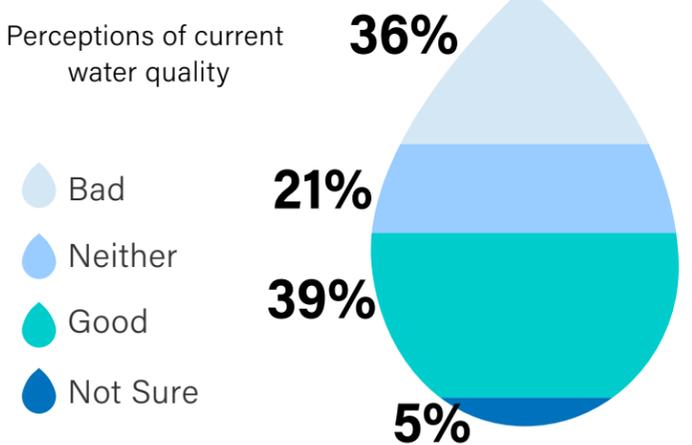
CORAL COVER

Perceptions of current coral cover



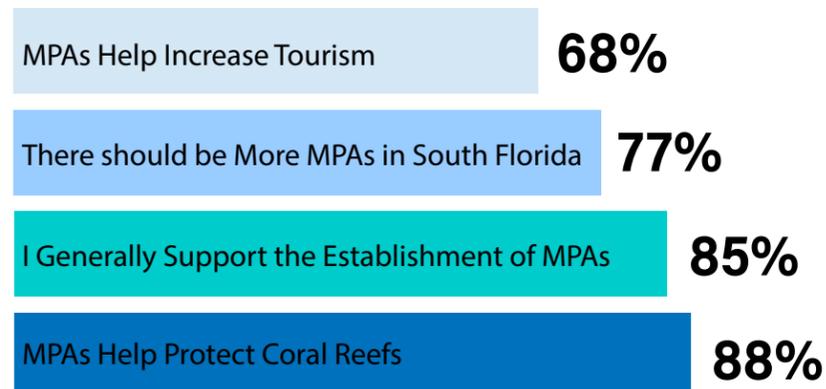
WATER QUALITY

Perceptions of current water quality



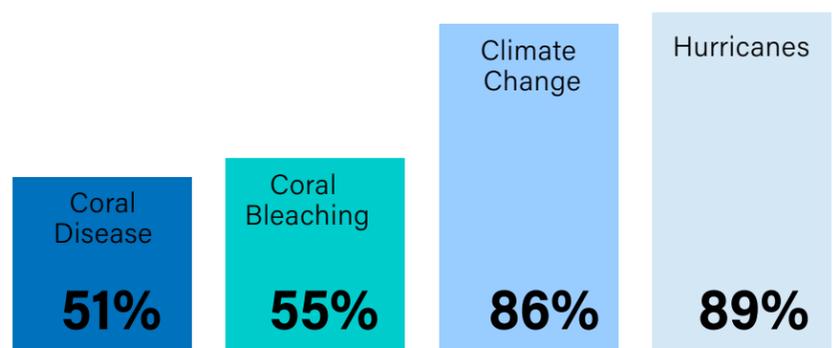
SUPPORT FOR MPAS

Support for marine protected areas is relatively high



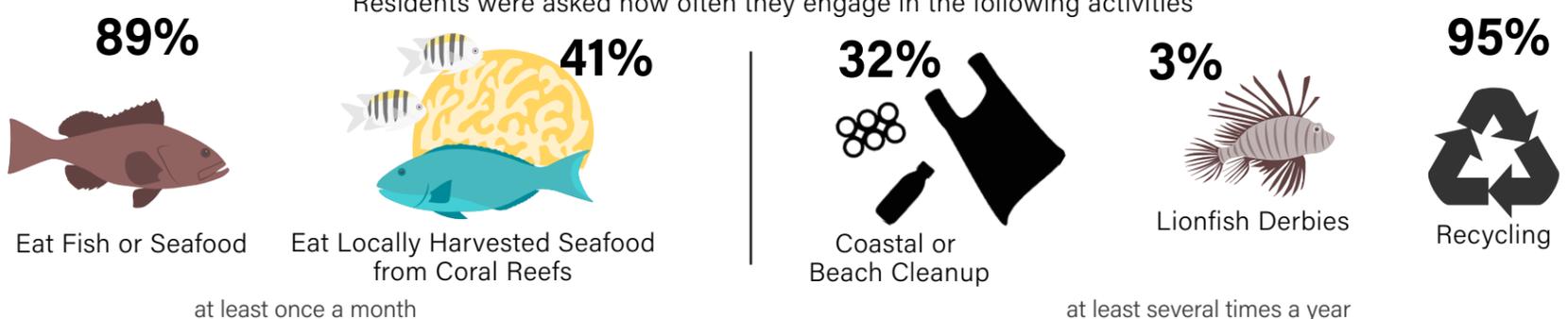
THREAT FAMILIARITY

There are varying degrees of familiarity with potential threats to coral reefs



SEAFOOD CONSUMPTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL BEHAVIORS

Residents were asked how often they engage in the following activities



All numbers have been rounded to the nearest full number. A telephone survey of residents aged eighteen and older within Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, and Monroe Counties was conducted from April to August, 2019 (offered in English and Spanish). A total of 2,201 surveys were completed with a response rate of 13.5%. This survey was conducted for South Florida's second socioeconomic NCRMP monitoring cycle, and is used in conjunction with the collection of existing secondary data to monitor the socioeconomic conditions of U.S. coral jurisdictions over time.

For more information, please see the NCRMP Socioeconomic Component project page at <http://www.coris.noaa.gov/monitoring/socioeconomic.html>.

