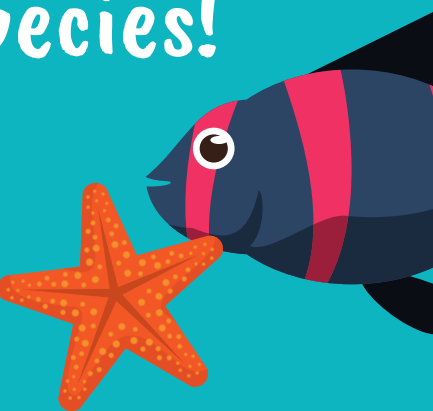
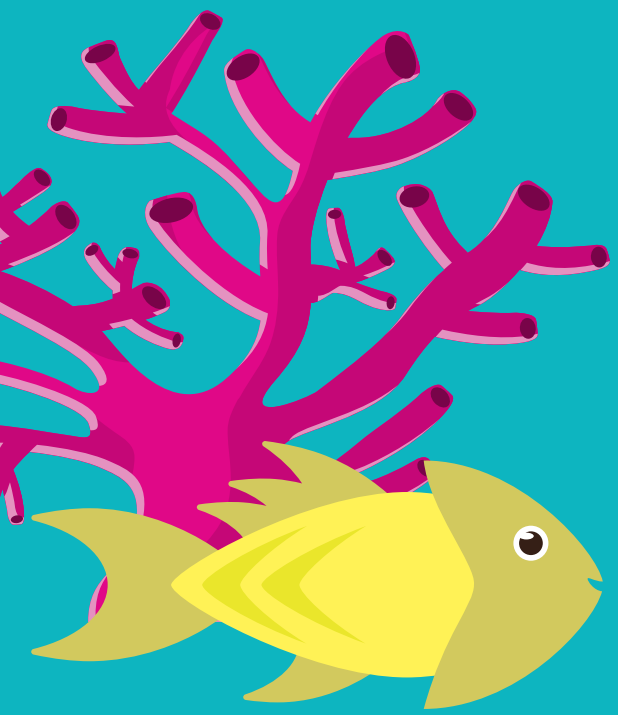


What's so cool about coral?

Coral reefs are some of the most special places under the sea. They are in grave danger, and it's up to us to save them.

A coral reef is a living community! Made of thousands of tiny animals called corals and the many animals that live in and around them, reefs are the homes of more than a million unique underwater species!



Why are reefs in danger?

There are many threats to coral reefs- one of them is sunscreen pollution. Some sunscreens contain chemicals that are damaging coral reefs. While we are swimming, these chemicals wash off our body, into the ocean, and onto the reef. This causes corals to expel the algae living within them (called zooxanthellae) and turn white. If surrounding conditions do not improve quickly, the coral dies! This phenomenon is called coral bleaching.



Is there anything I can do?

Yes, there is! Here are 2 ways YOU can help stop chemical sunscreen-related coral bleaching!



COVER UP

in the sun!

Just put on a shirt! Rashguards, board shorts, and a hat and sunglasses work wonders for sun protection: and unlike sunscreen, they won't wash off!

CHECK

the label!

These chemicals in sunscreen are coral reef killers! Avoid sunscreens containing the following:

-oxybenzone -octisalate
-avobenzene -homosalate
-octocrylene -octinoxate

When you do wear sunscreen, choose a zinc or titanium dioxide formula! They are all-natural and don't hurt reefs (and are better for your skin!)

25%
of your sunscreen
washes off every
20
minutes!

as many as
14,000
tons of sunscreen
end up on reefs
annually!

go for mineral
non-nano
sunscreen formulas- they're
much healthier for you and reefs!

