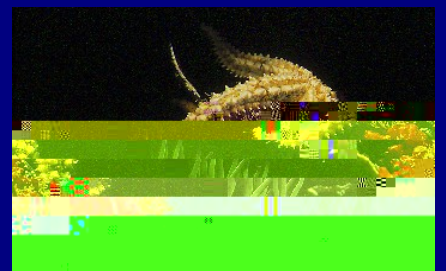


"It is important that the protection of marine life and the oceans should not be a case of 'out of sight, out of mi



Globally, coral reef habitats and associated species are facing mounting threats. At the same time, local, regional and international coral reef conservation organisations are scaling up their efforts with new innovative initiatives designed to address these issues.

The escalating impact of climate change on coral reefs was one of the key issues addressed at the Congress, and a panel of experts noted that continuing global climate change will alter biodiversity with an elevated risk of extinction of some vulnerable species.

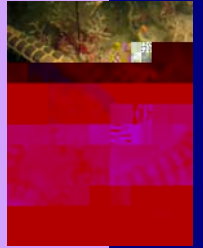
Coral bleaching events, the invasion of non native species, and storms are linked to climate change, and will increasingly threaten the richness and pr



“Climate change started affecting coral reefs in the 1980s; this is not a case of waiting for impacts in the future”

- David Obura, Coordinator, Coral Reef Degradation in the Indian Ocean (CORDIO) programme in East Africa

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