



ALERTING ALL DIVERS!

An unprecedented disease is threatening corals in the Caribbean

It attacks stony corals and scientists are calling it **'Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease'**

The coral disease is water-borne and may spread through contact. The situation is urgent but corals are resilient if given the chance and the right conditions for their growth and survival –

let's help protect the ocean.



Healthy Stony Coral



Sick Stony Coral

Photo left: K. Marks, right: A. Bruckner

Help stop the spread



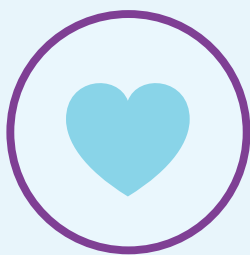
Never touch corals!

Have good buoyancy



Rent gear locally

so you don't spread the disease

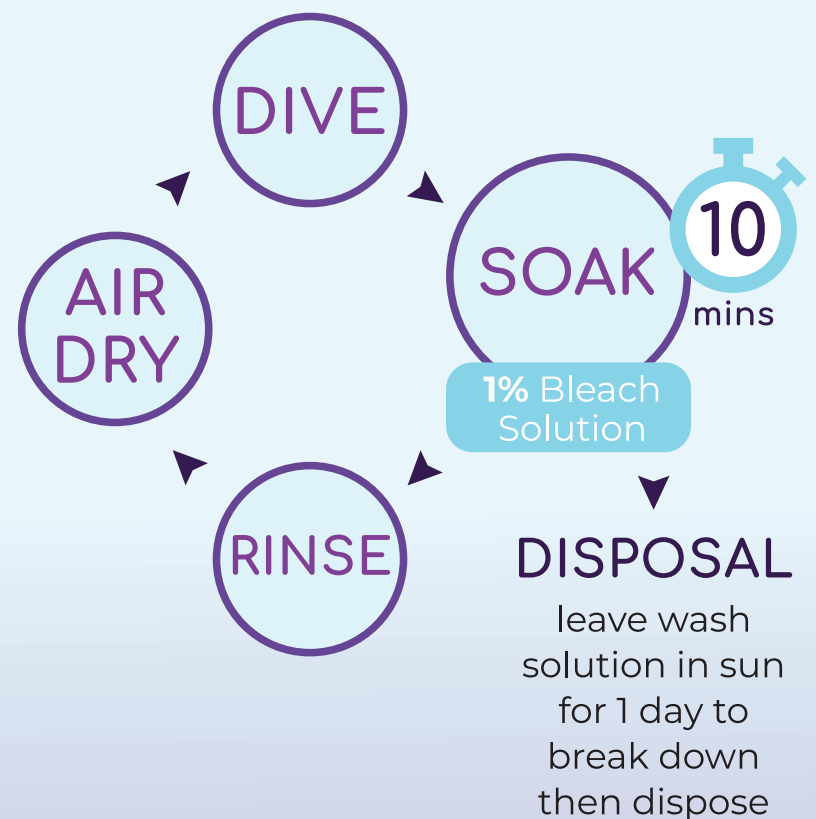


Dive on healthy reefs

before diving infected reefs

Pathogens can survive on dive and snorkel gear. Dive and snorkel gear can transfer disease among reefs and internationally.

Decontaminate your gear



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MORE INFORMATION

Scientists are working to identify causes and to develop treatments. Your local coral reef managers are in touch with these efforts and benefiting from the latest knowledge about the disease. For more information, see <http://www.agrra.org/>



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