

Australian Clownfish

Coral bleaching is harming the Australian clownfish's habitat.

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Clownfish and anemones will no longer be allowed to be caught at reefs off Keppel Island, near Rockhampton, Australia. A voluntary agreement between commercial operators and the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority, was reached after several outbreaks of coral bleaching on reefs near Keppel Island reduced the numbers of sea anemones in which the clownfish lived.

The moratorium was a precautionary measure to allow habitats, affected by coral bleaching, the best chance to recover.

Under the agreement, commercial aquarium fishers will collect data about fish populations and provide the information to state authorities.

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