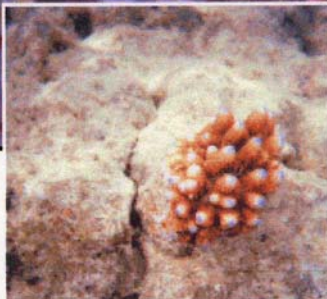
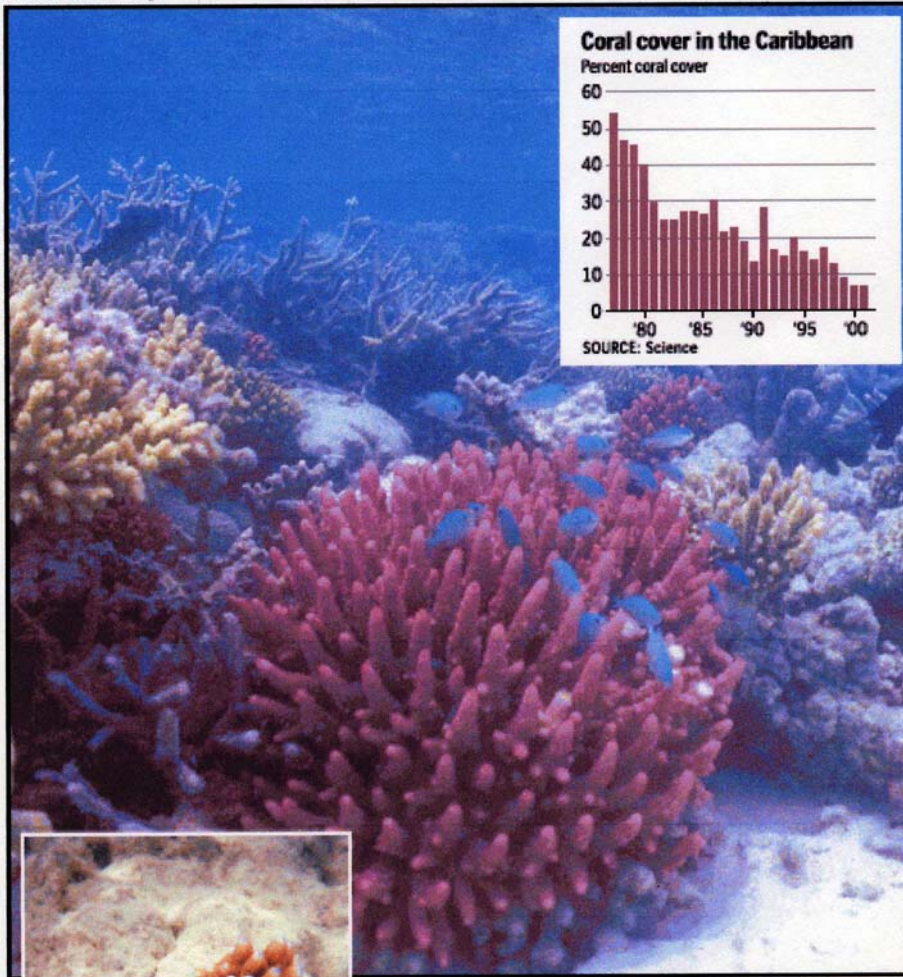


Reefs in Peril

Pollution, overfishing, disease and climate change threaten coral reefs worldwide.



SOURCE: Reefbase.org



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Corals are tiny marine animals that build diverse skeletal homes. Healthy reef systems, like the one shown above, are spectacularly rich marine environments. At left, a juvenile coral grows on the surface of a large dead coral three years after the larger coral died from a "bleaching" disease.