

# Fisheries and Conservation in the Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area: A Stakeholder Process

## What is it about?

A stakeholder process to develop recommendations for potential fisheries and environmental management actions to enhance coral reef ecosystem conservation and fishing quality in the Kristin Jacobs Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area (Coral ECA).

## Why is it happening?

Coral reef ecosystems and fisheries in the Coral ECA have suffered long-term decline. Collaborative action and research have been ongoing in that region since the formation of the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative (SEFCRI) in 2003 and fishing stakeholders are working together towards enhancing conservation of these ecosystems and resources.

## How will recommendations be used?

The recommendations are being developed by the stakeholder committee and will be subject to feedback from a survey and public meetings. They will be incorporated into a broader set of management recommendations for the Coral ECA. The recommendations will be further considered by implementing agencies and subjected to the respective agencies' rule making processes.

## Learn more and make your voice heard!

Scan the QR Code to receive updates on the next public meeting, upcoming survey and the committee's progress.

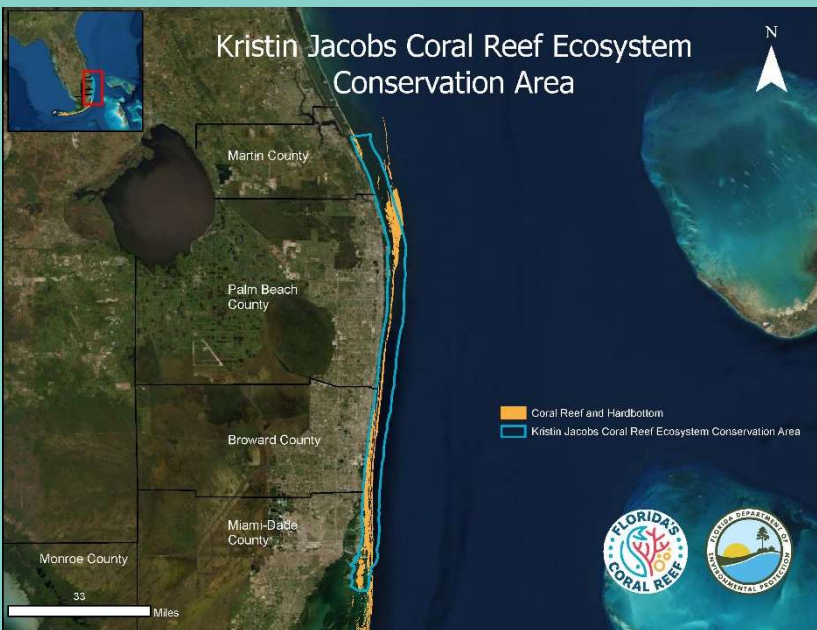


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## Who is involved?

The process engages diverse fisheries stakeholders from southeast Florida, including recreational anglers and spearfishers, headboat and charter operators, commercial fishers, marine life collectors, marine industry and their respective organizations.

The process is guided by a stakeholder committee and is facilitated by a team from the University of Florida. It is supported by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Coral Reef Conservation Program. Other partners include the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration Coral Reef Conservation Program (NOAA).



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