# The Current Status of Coral Bleaching in the Brazil Region

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## Ocean and Coastal Management in Climate Change

Include the ocean and coastal zone in climate policy in an integral and permanent way. Governance of the coastal and marine zone strengthened and integrated to climate change agenda

Conservation of coastal and marine ecosystems vulnerable to climate change implemented

Mitigated vectors of marine and coastal zone degradation

Antarctica monitored and protected in terms of mitigating the impacts of the presence of BR

### GCRMN – Status of the Reefs Report (2020)







### 2024: the most severe event



Region I	Bleach (%)	Mortality	(%)
Noronha ★ 오 Rocas Atoll ★ 오	>90% 1-10%	<1% <1%	80°W
Pirangi Maracajaú	50-90% 50-90%	1-10% 1-10%	N*01 *0
Tamandaré ★ Maragogi ★ ✿	>90% >90%	10-50% 50-90%	20°S 10°S
Sergipe	50-90%	50-90%	40*5 30*5 30*5
Boipeba	10-50%	1-10%	No Ice
Corumbau Abrolhos 🔺 😋	1-10% 1-10%	<1% 0-50%	Re Fe
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Regional Virtual Station (NOAA)	DHW
Fernando de Noronha	18.5
Maracajau	22.1
Costa dos Corais	20.9
Todos os Santos	20.1
Abrolhos	14.6
Trindade and martim vaz	11.0

Coral Vivo Bleaching Monitoring network- 2021







Twenty three species of stony corals and five species of hydrocorals are registered along the Brazilian coast; six species are endemic; at least three red listed as under threath (IUCN)

### **Coral bleaching reaches new depths in the South Atlantic**



Underwater video mapping using the Sassanga towed video system 59,2 km of video transects on the mesophotic tops of 5 seamounts, over 200 hours of underwater video recordings 500 km of bathymetric survey on top and flanks of the seamounts







# Branqueamento de corais é registrado a 60 metros de profundidade

Fenômeno foi observado pela primeira vez no Atlântico Sul





https://www.bpbes.net.br/pro duto/diagnostico-brasileiromarinho-costeiro/





Coral reefs in Northeast Brazil prevent BRL 160 billion damage Irpreserved, they can guarantee BR. 7 billion for regional tourism

The Northeast Brazilian region has a population of 18 million people living on the coast corresponding to 47% of all coastal Brazil population

Coral reefs have enormous importance to coastal communities through coastal protection, food security, tourism, well being and culture.

The 2024 event was the most extreme to record, affecting severely all but the southernmost region (Abrolhos) that however was affected during previous events.

The western South Atlantic is not a climate refugia and Brazilian coral reefs are not tolerant to intense heat stress, being at severe risk in presente conditions and trends.

Reduction of carbon emissions through reduction of fossil fuel consumption and deforestation as well as increasing conservation and promoting restoration of local conditions is essential to prevent extreme losses.





- (i) Integrate the research of the Brazilian Research Network on Global Climate Change (Rede Clima) with other national and international networks;
- (ii) Provide support for strategies and initiatives of the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation related to the goals outlined in the SDGs;
- (iii) Identify opportunities for climate change adaptation actions, for the economic valorization of renewable energy potential and Brazilian biodiversity as a central element of the bioeconomy.

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