

Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg

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The Coral Reef Crisis

Coral reefs are by far the most diverse and beautiful marine habitats in the world, with hundreds of thousands of species of fish, corals and other organisms. But they are under threat from overfishing, human disturbance, global warming, and, most recently, ocean acidification from carbon dioxide emissions. To understand the problem, you have to understand what conditions allow coral reefs to thrive, how they can be protected by local action, and how global change in environmental policy is required to bring coral reefs back from the brink of destruction by global warming and ocean acidification. In a special teleconferenced seminar, Jeffrey Levinton of Stony Brook University will interview Prof. Hoegh-Guldberg and we will then hear and watch him speak on threats to the Great Barrier Reef and coral reefs throughout the world.