Mission STEMCAP: Biodiversity Loss Art and Science Workshop

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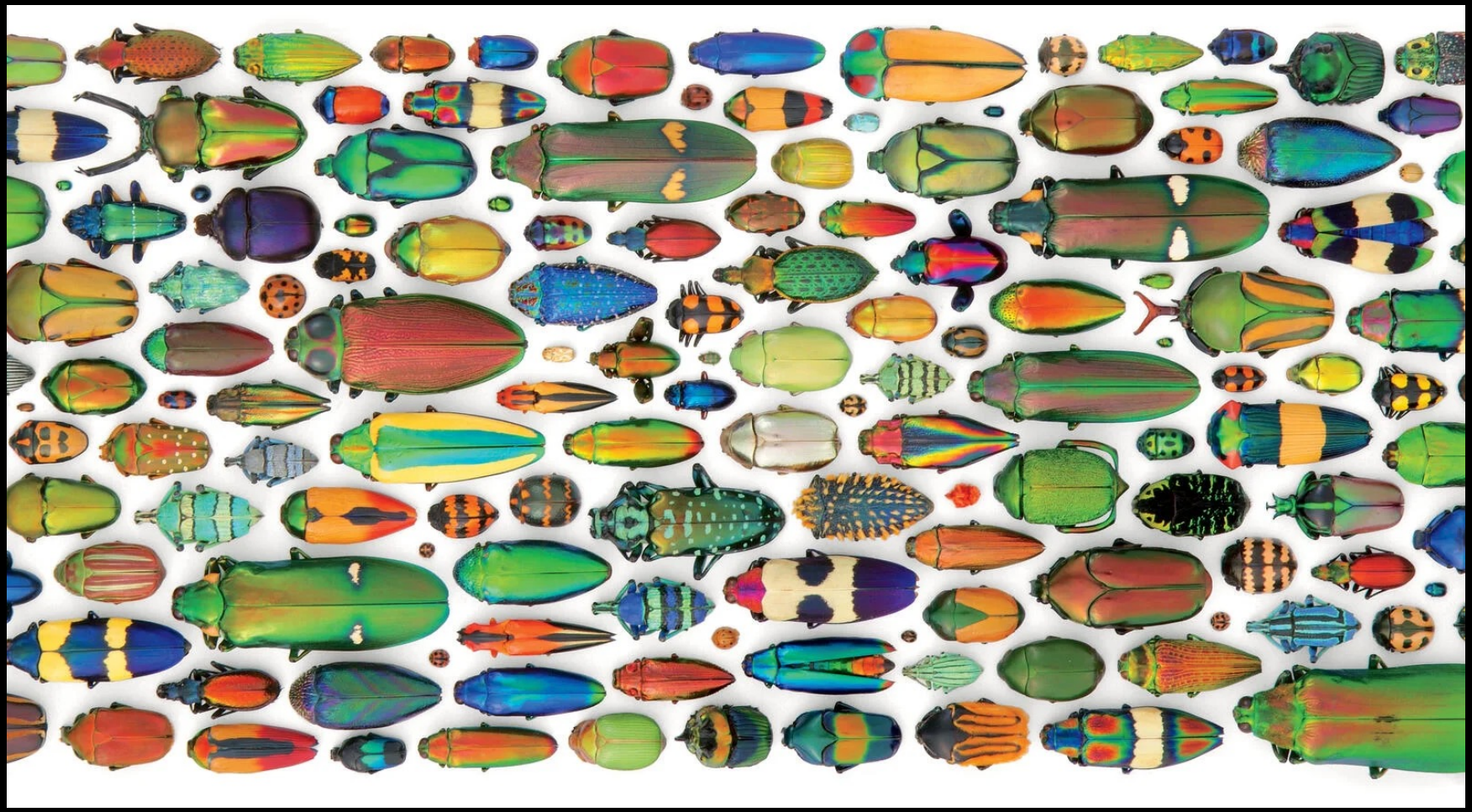

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A. Birds
B. Mammals
C. Fish
D. Reptiles
E. Amphibians

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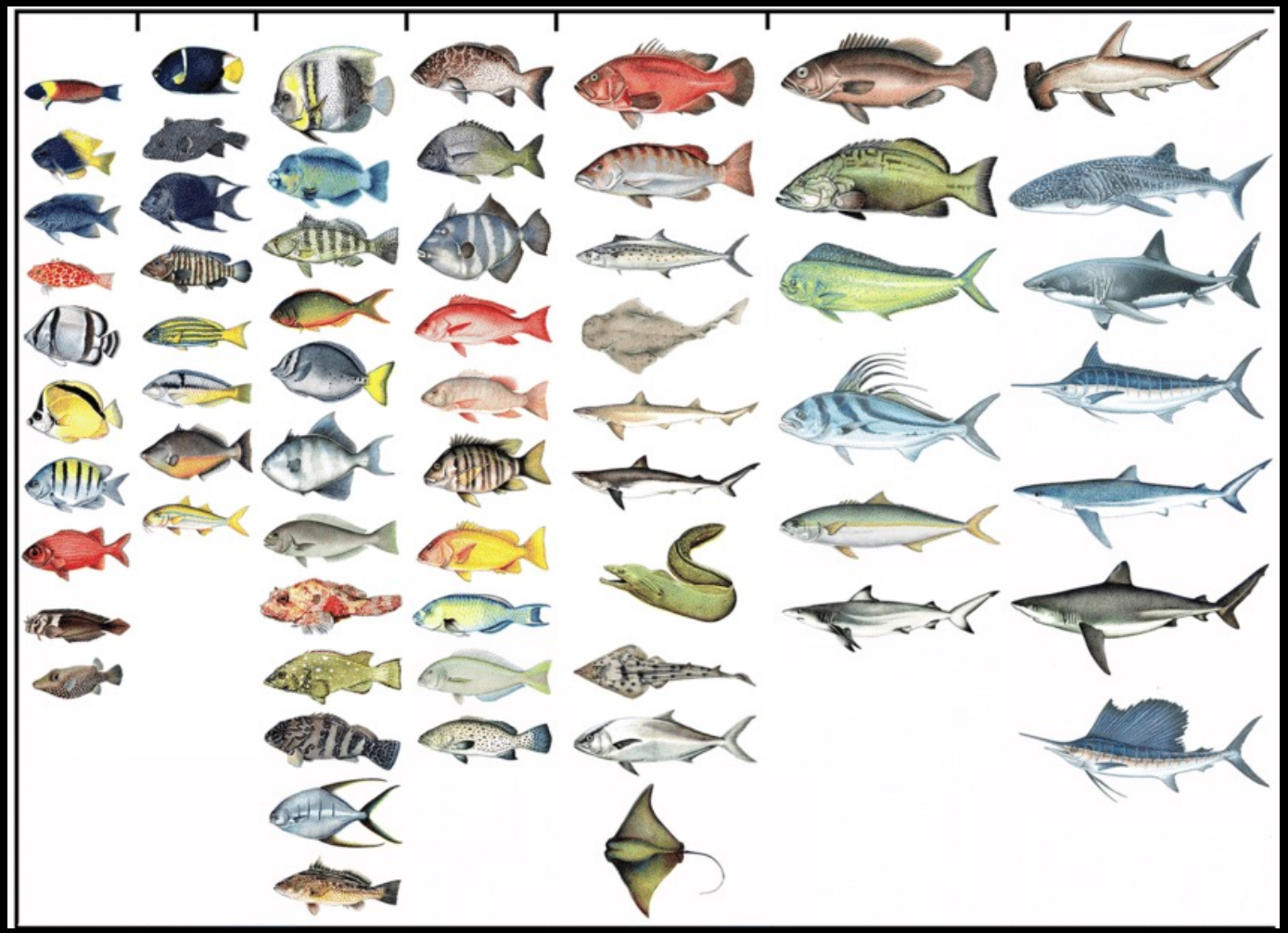

Which habitat is home to the most fish biodiversity?

A. Lakes
B. Rivers
C. Coral Reefs
D. The Deep Sea
E. Marshes

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Why do so many species live on coral reefs?

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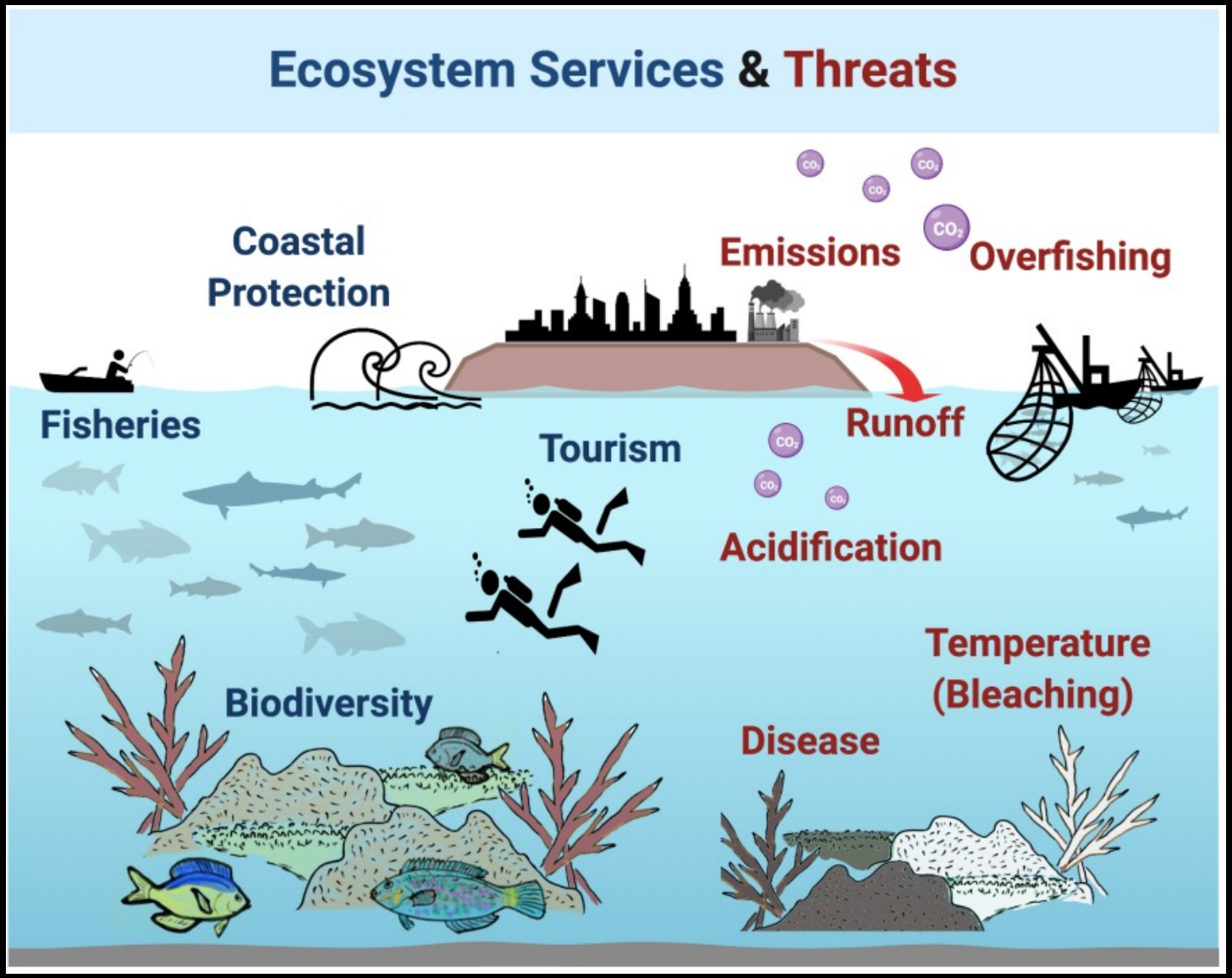

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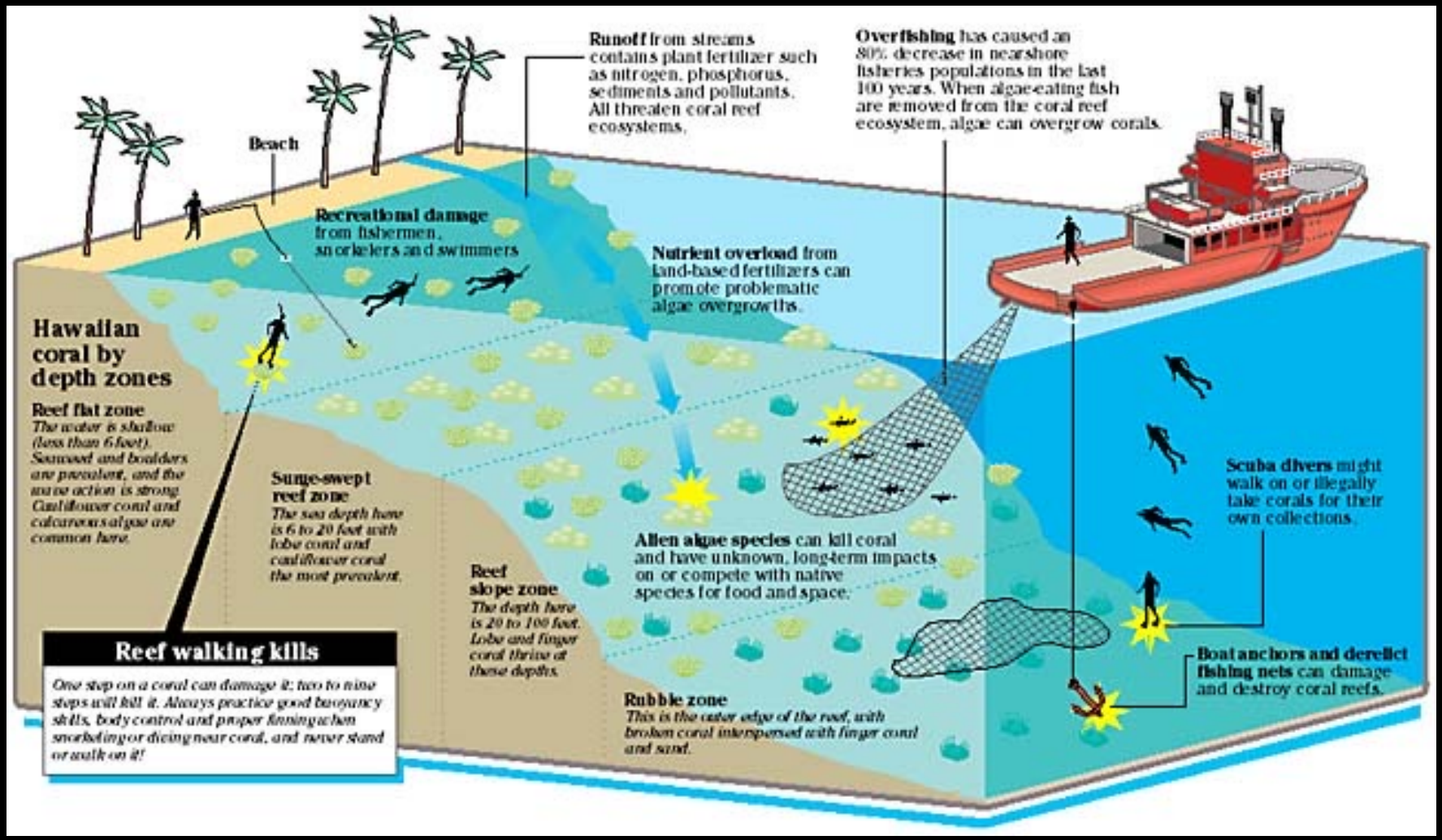

Climate Change

Why functional groups?

Resilience!

Create Your Own Fish For a Resilient Reef!

Questions to Consider

- Where does it live?
  - Microhabitat
- How does your species move?
- What does it eat?
- How big is your species?
- How is it unique?

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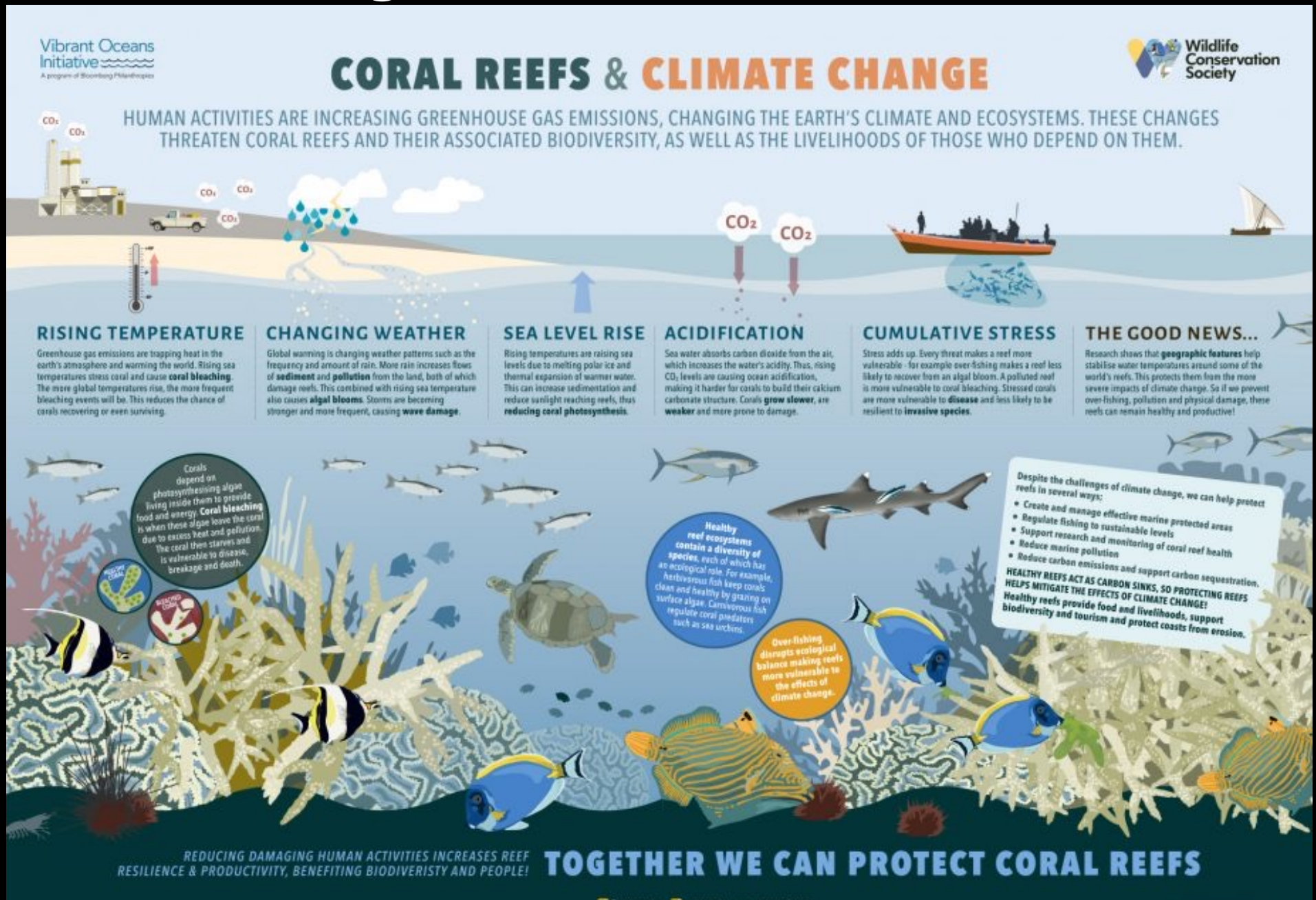

Using Art to Inform Action!

Local artist Chris Peterson aims to educate the public about Utah's native wildlife species and conservation efforts by creating a prominent wildlife mural in each county of Utah. Pictured above is a 120-foot mural of a Bonneville cutthroat trout in Sugar House. Photo: Utah DWR.

Example Field Guide

Orange-Lined Triggerfish

Scientific Name: *Balistapus undulatus*

General Description: Laterally compressed green fish with many orange lines running along the whole body. Orange fins.

Unique Features:

- Spine on the dorsal fin (arrow)
- Elongate dorsal and anal fins
- Rounded tail fin
- Small hooks on the caudal peduncle

Habitat: Salt water, shallow coral reefs.

Diet: Uses its strong jaw and large teeth to eat hard-shelled animals including clams, sea urchins and crabs.

Behavior: Grazes slowly along the bottom while feeding, but capable of fast bursts of speed. Aggressive and territorial around food sources. Sleeps in the reef at night. Lives in groups.

Locomotion: Swims with its long dorsal and anal fins.

Fish Fin Terms