Measuring coral health using the virtual reef poster

Moreton Bay Virtual Reef

This virtual reef shows you different coral types and the difference between bleached and healthy corals. You can use the Coral Health Chart to measure the health of these corals.

Instructions
1. Following the instructions on the back of the Coral Health Chart, match the coral colours on the virtual reef poster with the colour scores on the chart.
2. Record your colour scores and coral types on a data sheet that you can download from www.coralwatch.org.

You can also download the CoralWatch ‘data entry’ mobile phone app and enter your data in demo mode.

DATA SHEET

Group name: ___________________________ Your name: ___________________________
Email address: ___________________________
Participation field: dive centre / scientific / environmental / school or university / tourist
Country of reef: ___________________________ Reef name: ___________________________
GPS if possible: ___________________________ Depth _______ m / feet Sea temp: _______ °C
Date of survey: _______/________/___________ Time collected (ie. 14:00 or 2pm) ________________
Weather: sunny / cloudy / raining Your activity: reef walking / snorkelling / diving

*Please note: data will not be accepted on the website if any of these fields are left blank

Coral Number Colour Code Coral Type
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2 L: D; D; D; D; D Br Bo Pi So
3 L: D; D; D; D; D Bo Bo Pi So
4 L: D; D; D; D; D Br Bo Pi So
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Any other relevant information, e.g. average diving depth, species of coral, pollution, long term weather such as drought, flood, heat-wave.