

*Coral Reefs*  
are the "Rainforests"  
of the ocean.



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1. Where is the biggest coral reef? Test your knowledge about coral reefs by choosing True or False and find out.

- |   | True | False |
|---|------|-------|
| a) You can see coral reefs from space.                                      | A    | G     |
| b) You can put coral in food to make it taste salty.                        | R    | U     |
| c) One quarter of all the plants that live in the sea, grow in coral reefs. | S    | E     |
| d) It takes millions of tiny animals to make a coral reef.                  | T    | E     |
| e) Coral reefs need deep water.   | N    | R     |
| f) A coral reef doesn't protect the coast from damage by storms.            | L    | A     |
| g) Doctors can use medicine from coral to mend broken bones.                | L    | A     |
| h) Hurricanes damage coral reefs more than people.                          | I    | A     |
| i) If we damage the reefs, there won't be enough food for the fish.         | A    | D     |



A U S T R A L I A

2. Read the sentences below. What does Mrs. Kingsley say we must and mustn't do to protect the reefs? Tick (V) the sentences.



- a) We must keep the reefs clean. [  ]
- b) We must grow more plants on the coral reefs. [  ]
- c) We must stop putting rubbish in the sea. [  ]
- d) We mustn't visit coral reefs. [  ]
- e) We mustn't disturb the water around the reefs. [  ]
- f) We mustn't photograph the reefs. [  ]



**Kurumba Island, Maldives**



**Jamaican coral reef scene**

3. Look at the example from the listening. Use the verbs in the box to complete the other sentences.

**disappear    cut down    think    get    become    damage**

- a) Coral reefs .. *are disappearing* ... .
- b) Our cities ..... *are getting* ..... more polluted.
- c) People ..... *are cutting down* ..... forests.
- d) People ..... *are damaging* ..... the countryside.
- e) People ..... *are thinking* ..... more about the environment.
- f) Fuel ..... *is becoming* ..... more expensive.



**Linfen, China**  
**The most polluted city in the world**



**Rainforest view**

4. In groups, discuss the sentences in exercise 3. Which of these things are good? Which are bad? What do you think we should be doing?





5. Find **Jamaica**, the **Great Barrier Reef** and the **Maldives** (the Maldivian Islands) on the map.





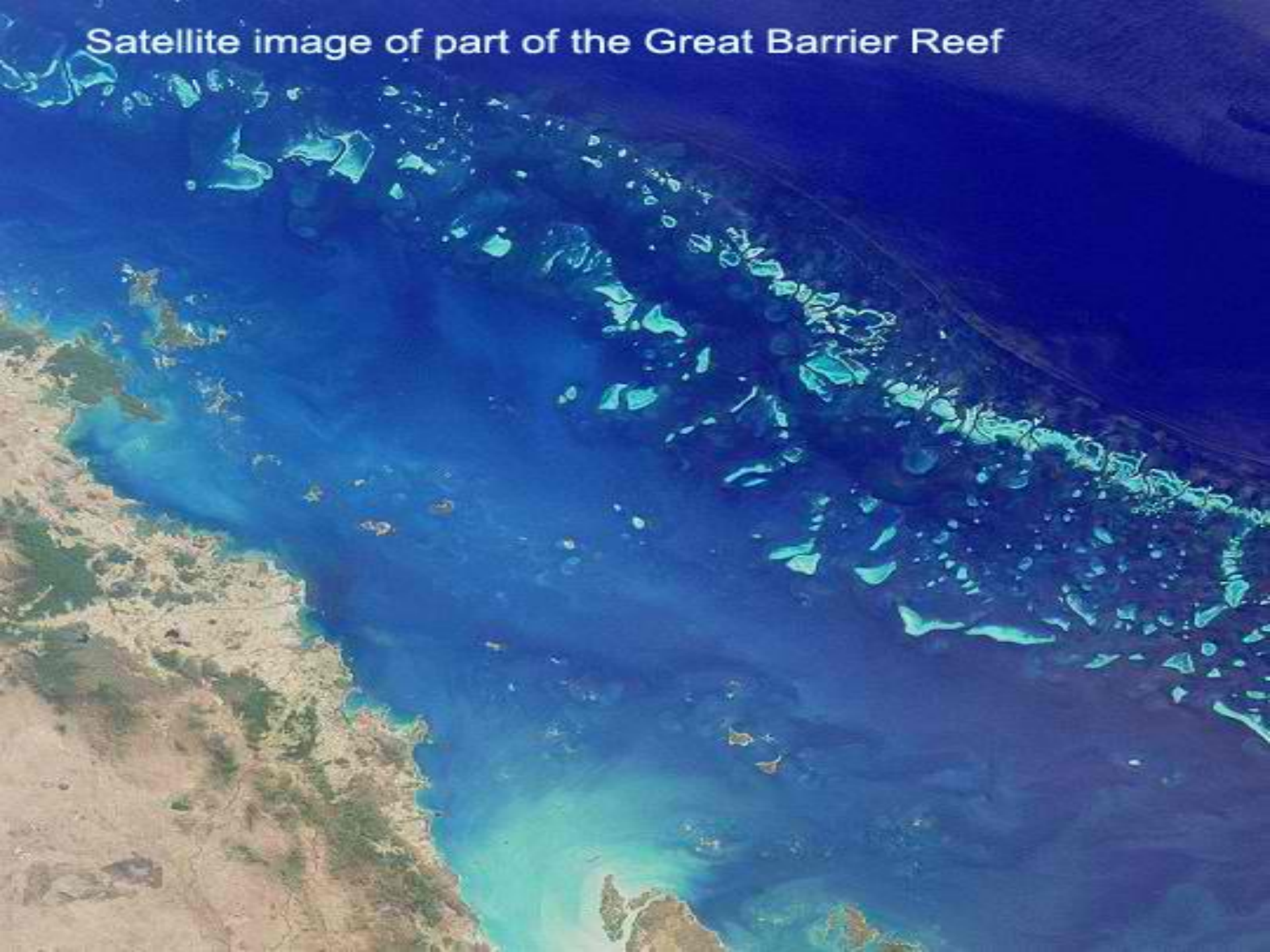








Satellite image of part of the Great Barrier Reef





Malé, the capital of the Maldives

Beautiful coral reefs of Jamaica



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