

Guam Coral Reefs



According to the 2008 State of the Coral Reef Ecosystems of Guam report, “Guam’s coral reef resources are both economically and culturally important, providing numerous goods and services for the residents of Guam, including cultural/traditional use, tourism, recreation, fisheries, and shoreline/infrastructure protection.”

A recent study conducted by a team of renowned researchers estimated that Guam’s reefs contribute approximately \$127 million to the local economy each year. Guam’s reefs are also special in that they host an incredible variety of marine organisms. Despite the relatively small size of the island, a diversity of coastal habitats occurs around the island, providing refuge for an amazing array of marine species.

There is no sand on the island of Guam. The beaches are covered in coral instead of sand, and paved roads in Guam are made by mixing coral and cement.

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