



ALERTING ALL DIVERS!

An unprecedented disease is threatening corals in the Caribbean

It attacks stony corals and scientists are calling it 'Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease'

The coral disease is water-borne and may spread through contact. The situation is urgent but corals are resilient if given the chance and the right conditions for their growth and survival – let's help protect the ocean.

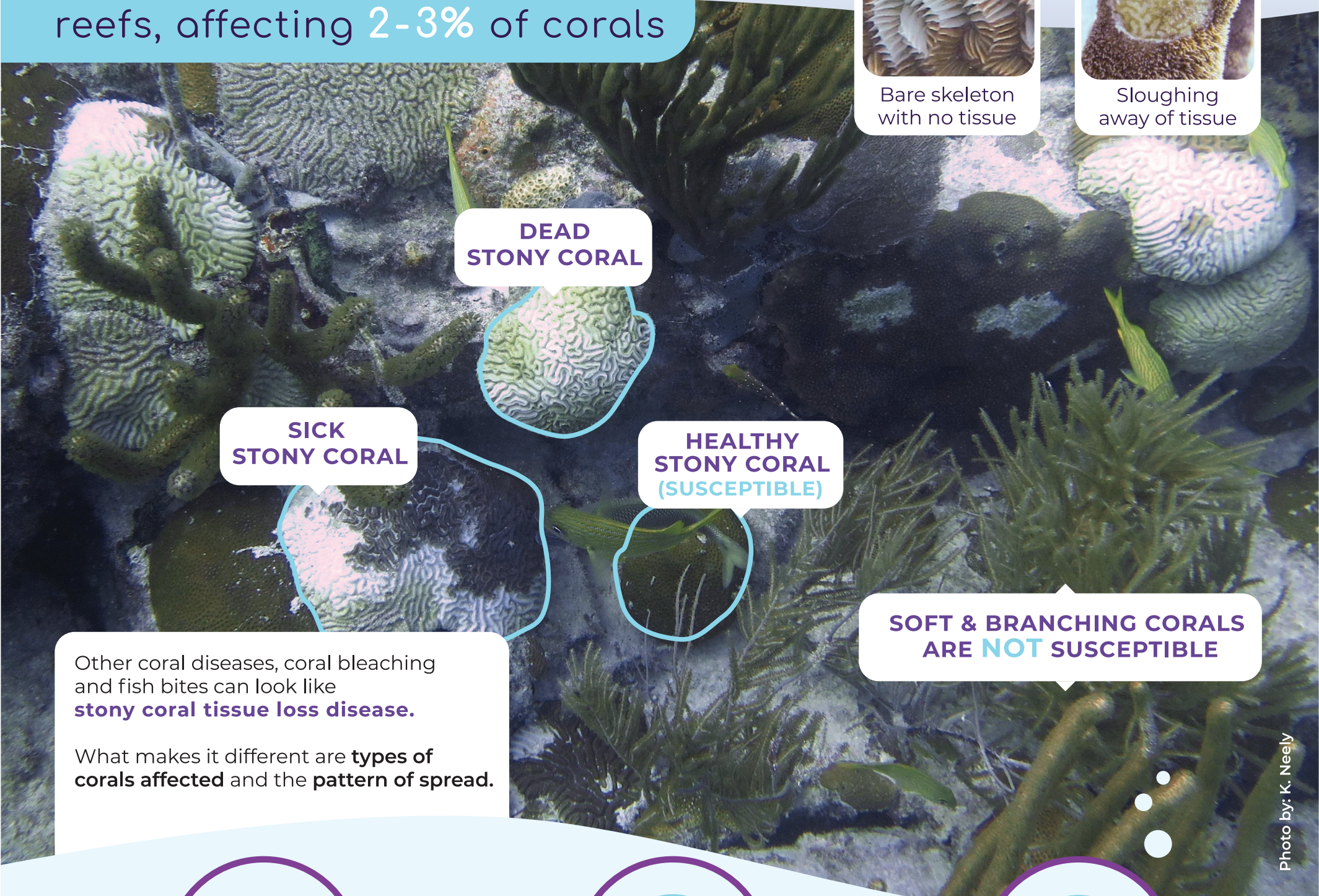
Some disease is normal on reefs, affecting 2-3% of corals



Bare skeleton with no tissue



Sloughing away of tissue



DEAD STONY CORAL

SICK STONY CORAL

HEALTHY STONY CORAL (SUSCEPTIBLE)

SOFT & BRANCHING CORALS ARE NOT SUSCEPTIBLE

Other coral diseases, coral bleaching and fish bites can look like **stony coral tissue loss disease**.

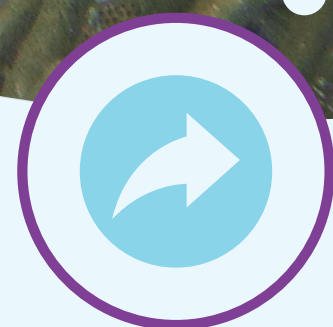
What makes it different are **types of corals affected** and the **pattern of spread**.



Take photos



Note the dive site, coral location and date



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Scientists are working to identify causes and to develop treatments. Your local coral reef managers are in touch with these efforts and benefiting from the latest knowledge about the disease. For more information, see <http://www.agrra.org/>



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