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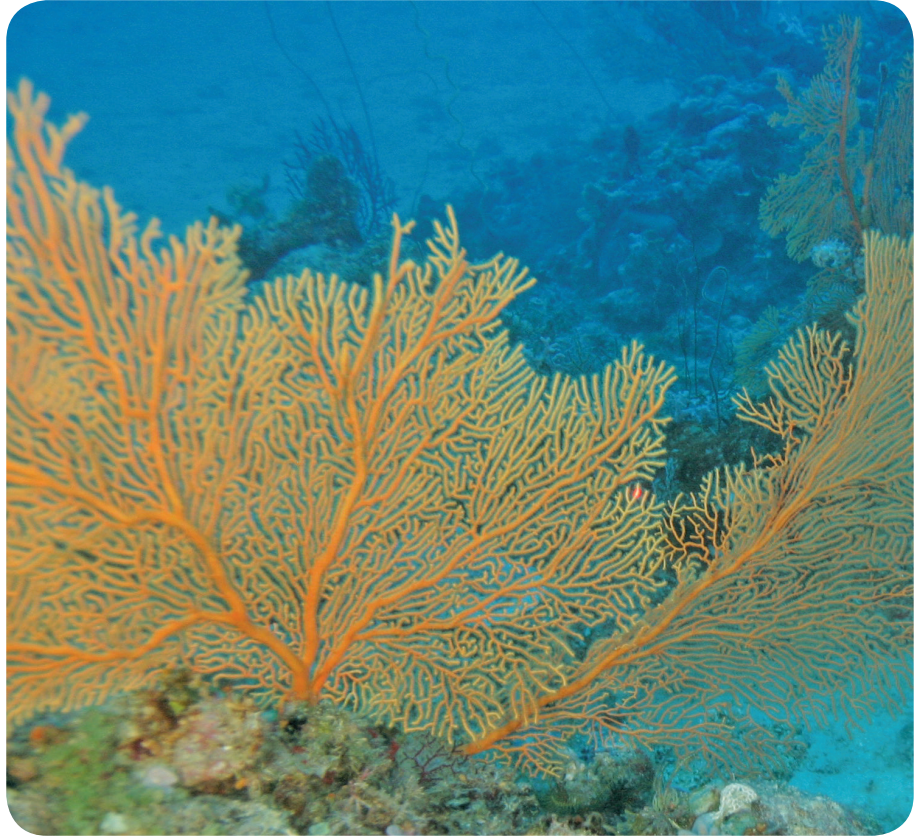
MARINE BIODIVERSITY *hub*

## Linking Great Barrier Reef monitoring to management needs

A monitoring framework is being developed to assist the Australian Government in its commitment to adapt and improve management of the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area (GBRWHA) to meet future challenges. The framework will standardise and integrate the collection of priority ecological, social and economic information, building on existing work relating to marine and coastal monitoring.

The project involves the NERP Marine Biodiversity Hub, Tropical Ecosystems Hub and Environmental Decisions Hub, the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA), the Australian Institute of Marine Science and other stakeholders. The team is working with the GBRMPA's Strategic Assessment Team to ensure the research supports the strategic assessment of the GBRWHA. A draft project report will be provided to SEWPaC in April 2013, with a final report due in June 2013.

The Marine Biodiversity Hub is working with SEWPaC to develop a blueprint for national-scale monitoring that will support marine bioregional plans and Commonwealth Marine Reserve networks.



The new monitoring framework for the Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area will build on existing work relating to marine and coastal monitoring.



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The NERP Marine Biodiversity Hub is supported through funding from the Australian Government's National Environmental Research Program, administered by the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (DSEWPaC). Our goal is to support marine stakeholders in evidence-based decision making for marine biodiversity management. Stakeholders include DSEWPaC, the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA), the Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association (APPEA) and the Integrated Marine Observing System (IMOS). (February 2013)