

DIVE IN FLORIDA'S FASCINATING REEFS

Whether you enjoy snorkeling in shallow waters or prefer to dive deep into a scuba adventure, Florida has miles of breathtaking reefs for you to explore.



5 species of sea turtles



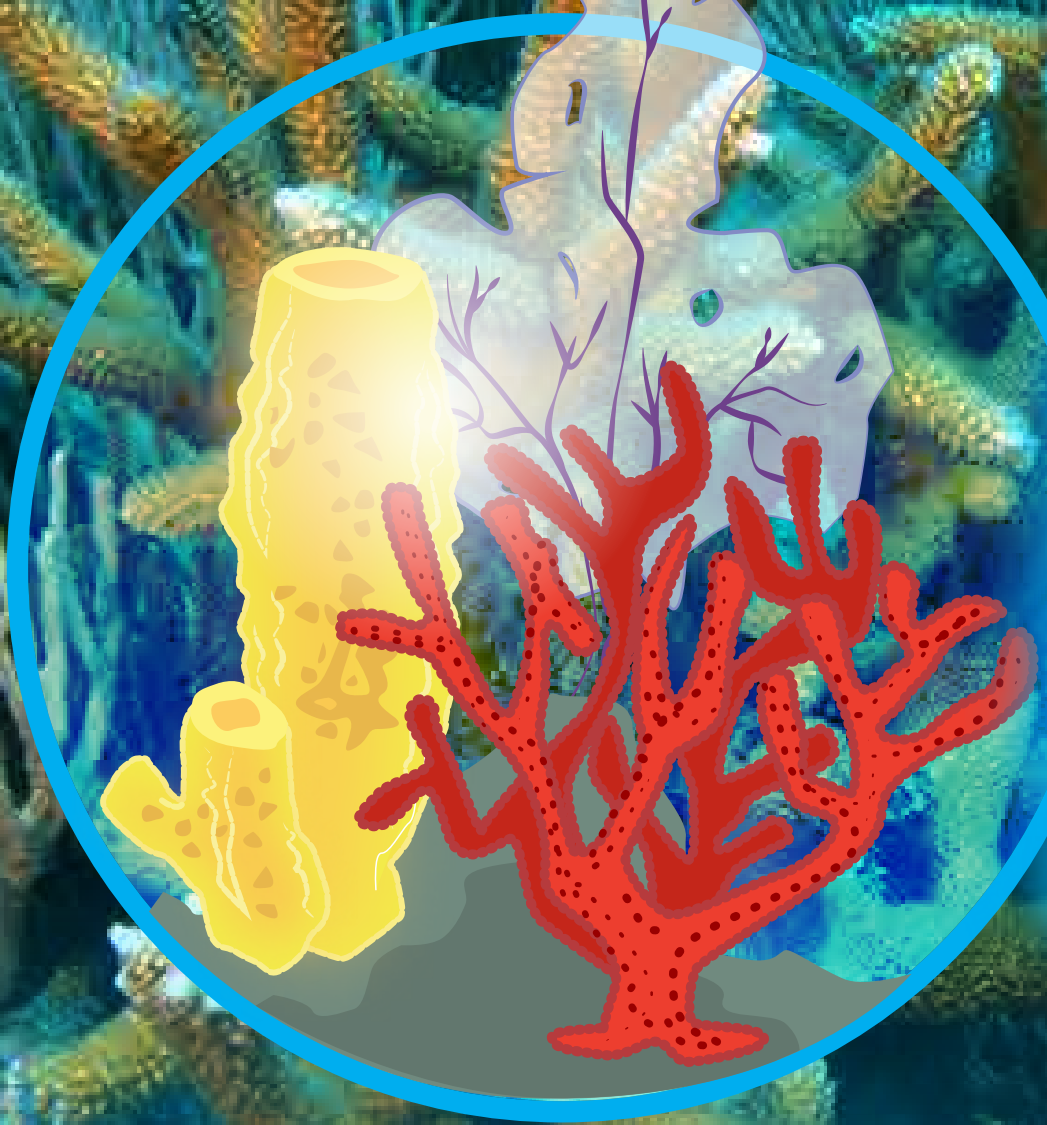
5 species of jellyfish



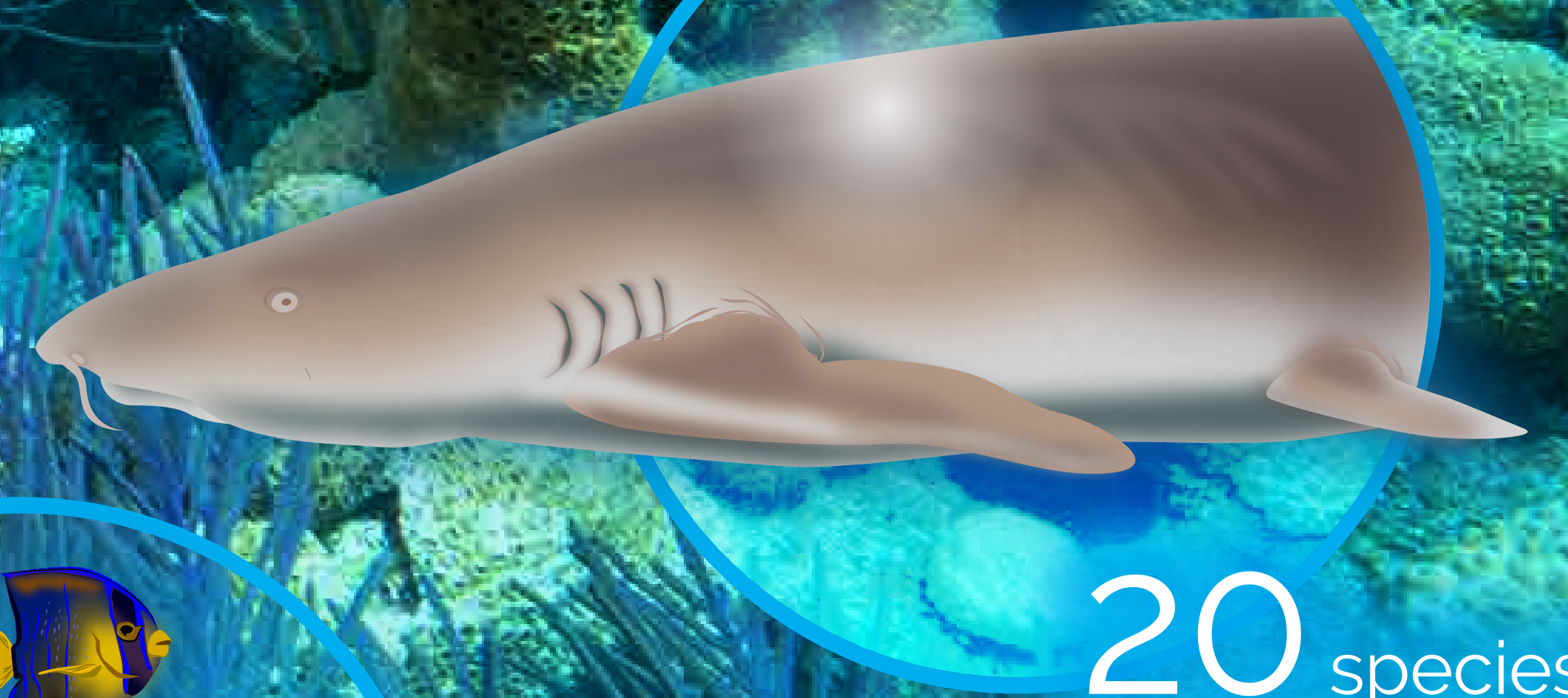
500+ species of mollusks and other invertebrates



55 species of crustaceans



100 species of corals and sponges



20 species of sharks



1,000+ species of fish

ARTIFICIAL REEFS PROGRAM



3,534

Artificial reefs in Florida

Estimated 500 shipwrecks off the Florida Keys



From 15 ft to over 130 ft diving depth ranges



SOME TOP REEF DESTINATIONS:

1. The Florida Reef Tract is the only extensive living coral reef in the United States and the third-largest barrier reef ecosystem in the world.
2. Pinellas #2 Reef, near the mouth of Tampa Bay, features multiple vessels, and a pile of culverts. It is considered one of the best West Central Florida wreck dive sites.
3. The USS Oriskany, a retired aircraft carrier, was intentionally sunk in 2006 just 22 miles south of Pensacola. It is the largest artificial reef in the world, with depths ranging from 80 to over 200 feet of water.
4. Jacksonville's reef system features vessels, planes and culverts placed along more than 40 miles of the continental shelf.
5. The southeast coast, from Miami to Jupiter, features dozens of artificial reef sites and historical shipwrecks.

Divers experience a close encounter with a goliath grouper near the Ana Cecilia artificial reef, a 170-foot cargo ship that was sunk 85 feet deep just one mile off West Palm Beach.

To learn more about Florida reefs and locations, visit MyFWC.com/ArtificialReefs.