

# Spawning Aggregations of Reef Fishes



## What are spawning aggregations?

- Spawning aggregations are brief reproductive events important for fishes and for fishermen
- They produce juveniles that replenish fish populations, sustain fisheries and provide food and livelihoods for coastal communities
- They are readily and rapidly depleted by overfishing, and need protective measures to persist

\* of 140 aggregations of known status

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