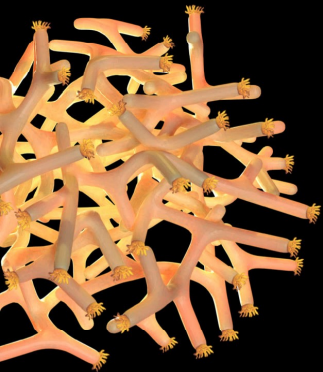


Is the area fragile or slow to recover?

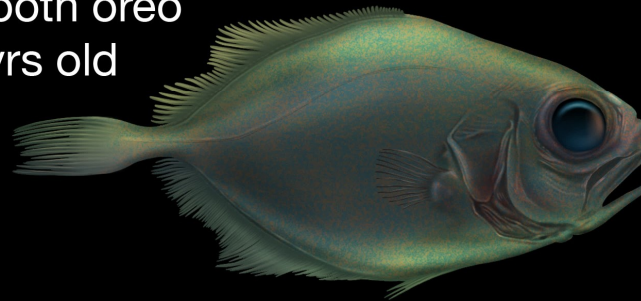
Some habitats and species are very sensitive to damage. They may be extremely slow-growing or require specific conditions to reproduce. Some species can live for hundreds or thousands of years if they aren't disturbed.

Reef forming coral
150-660 yrs old



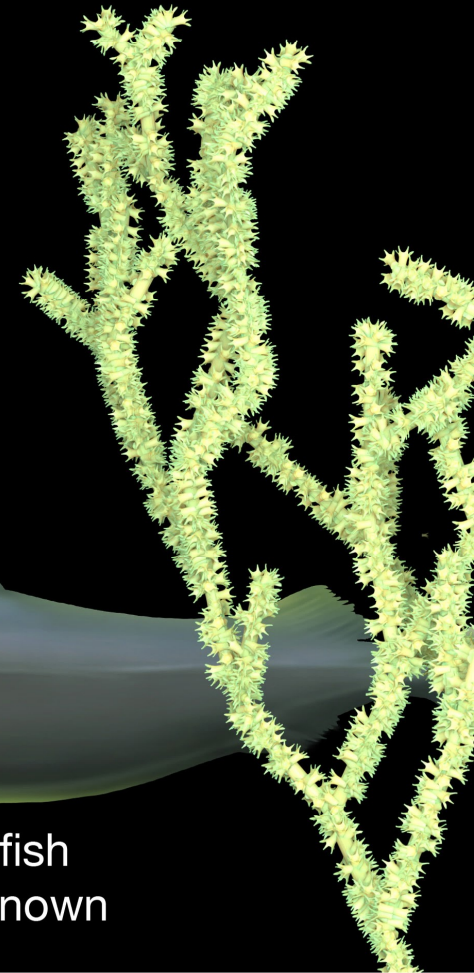
Orange roughy
230 yrs old

Smooth oreo
86 yrs old



Owston's dogfish
Longevity unknown

Bamboo coral
400 yrs old



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