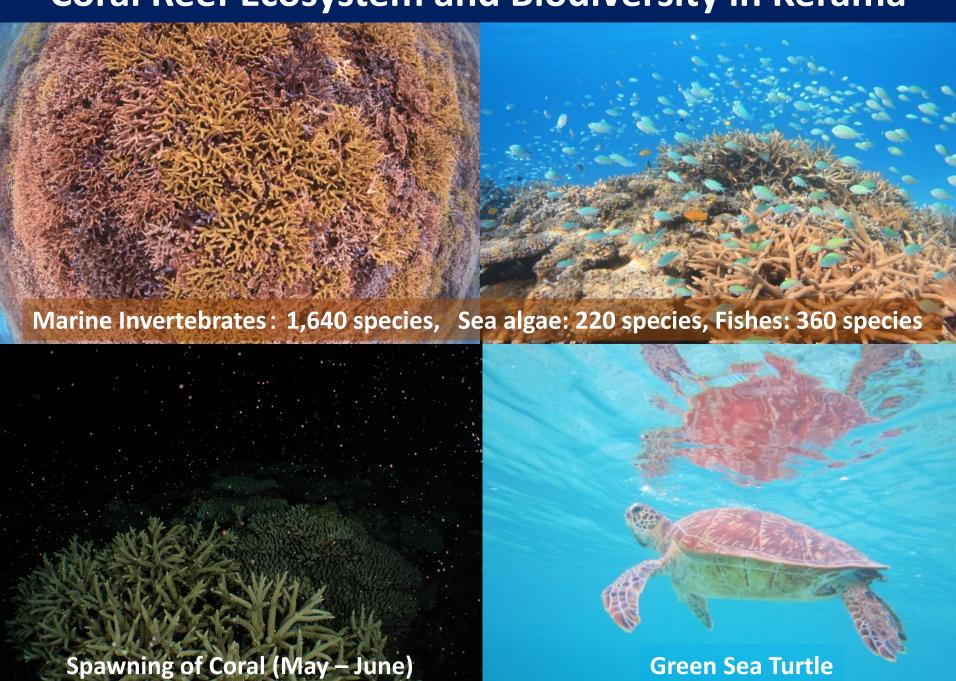


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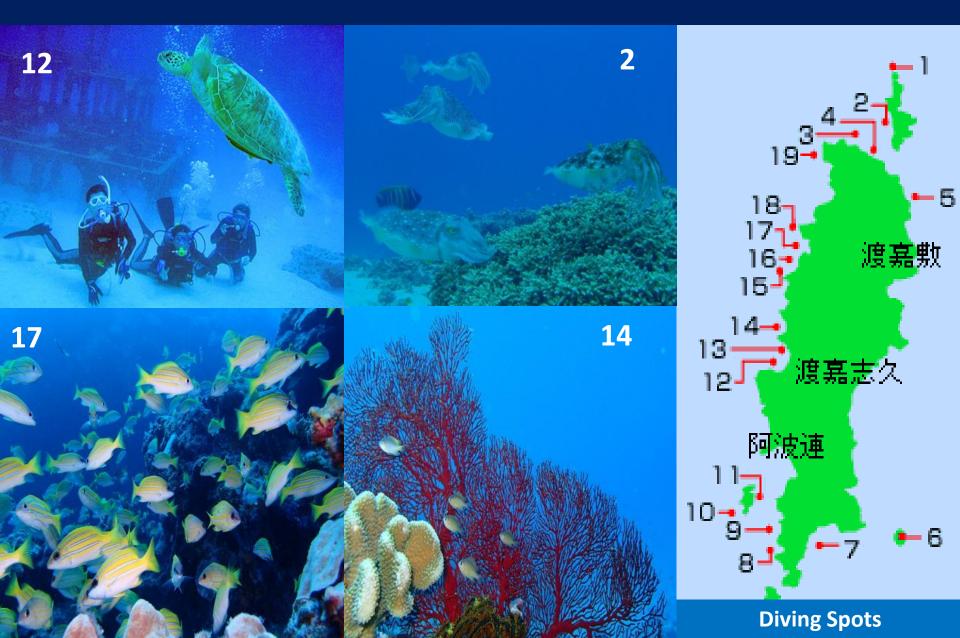
Coral Reef Ecosystem and Biodiversity in Kerama



Whale Watching January - April



Diving



Bonito Industry in Kerama Islands



Bonito Fishery

Introduced in 1900s Went to Southeast Asian sea in 1930s



Produced dried bonitoes

Development of the bonito industry owed to rich coral reef







Capturing of the crown-of-thorns starfish

Explosive increase of the starfish in 2001 caused enormous damages to coral in Kerama.



Council for Control of the Starfish established in 2002.

→ Developed research on the starfish distribution, identification of the most important marine areas for coral protection and a framework for the control.

Cooperative Coral Conservation Activities by Tokashiki Village, Tokashiki Diving Association and National Okinawa Youth Friendship Center



School excursion students and other visitors at NOYFC



Coral Transplanting Environment Education



Conservation of Coral Reef Ecosystem and Local Development

