SOUTH WEST CAY FISH SANCTUARY
IMPROVING CORAL ECOSYSTEMS

Q&A

For reefs around the South West Cay Special Fishery Conservation Area, the grade for live coral, and other organisms that facilitate reef growth and allow coral larvae to settle, is impaired. The reef structure or the amount of reef habitat space available for organisms is low. Key herbivores (i.e. parrotfish, surgeonfish) are impaired and key carnivores (i.e. snappers) fare worse with a grade of poor.

What is the status/condition of reefs around the South West Cay Special Fishery Conservation Area?

NEXT STEPS

> Semi annual marine monitoring of the sanctuary.
> Advocate for protection of herbivores, protect and sustain our juvenile fish and coral reefs.
> Promote benefits of the sanctuary and sustainable fisheries.
> Continue beach clean ups of the Cay.
> Maintain a healthy environment and reduce plastic pollution – a cleaner land and sea can help to yield more fish to eat.