Citizens Campaign for the Environment Letter – MAFMC Deep Sea Corals Amendment

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PS. I had the pleasure of snorkeling in Seychelles in May 2014 but noticed a large fraction of the coral dead and without fish. A specialist told our group about conservation efforts there and efforts to replant coral. Everyone must do all that is possible to prevent this tragic loss of ecosystem.

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DO IT!!!

Please respond with your position on this issue.

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This is my second e-mail just for additional comment. YOU HAVE TO BE KIDDING. Just check out Australia and see what happens when coral is destroyed. You are not alone in screwing up the environment, but it has to stop or who knows what. We are a society of well, let the next generation worry about it.

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Thank you for your kind consideration of this MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE.

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