

Iowa Field Office Technical Guide - Section II - Special Environmental Concerns

4. Coral Reefs

The term “coral reefs” is defined as the species, habitats, and other natural resources associated with coral reefs in all maritime areas and zones subject to the jurisdiction or control of the United States (e.g., federal, state, territorial, or commonwealth waters), including reef systems in the South Atlantic, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and Pacific Ocean. Coral reefs are also waters of the U.S. as defined in the Clean Water Act and are subject to Section 404 permit requirements.

There are no coral reefs in Iowa.

Additional information can be found on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website [Coral Reef Protection](#).