

Shark Finning's Trickle-Down Effects



SHARKS: Declining shark populations can negatively impact the health of coral reefs, according to a study from the Australian Institute of Marine Science.



SNAPPERS: With fewer sharks around to eat them, mid-level predatory fish like snappers begin to flourish.



PARROT FISH: More and more mid-level predators then begin to take a bite out of herbivore populations, such as parrot fish.



CORAL REEF: With fewer herbivores around, algae can overgrow, robbing corals of oxygen and potentially introducing harmful bacteria and diseases.

