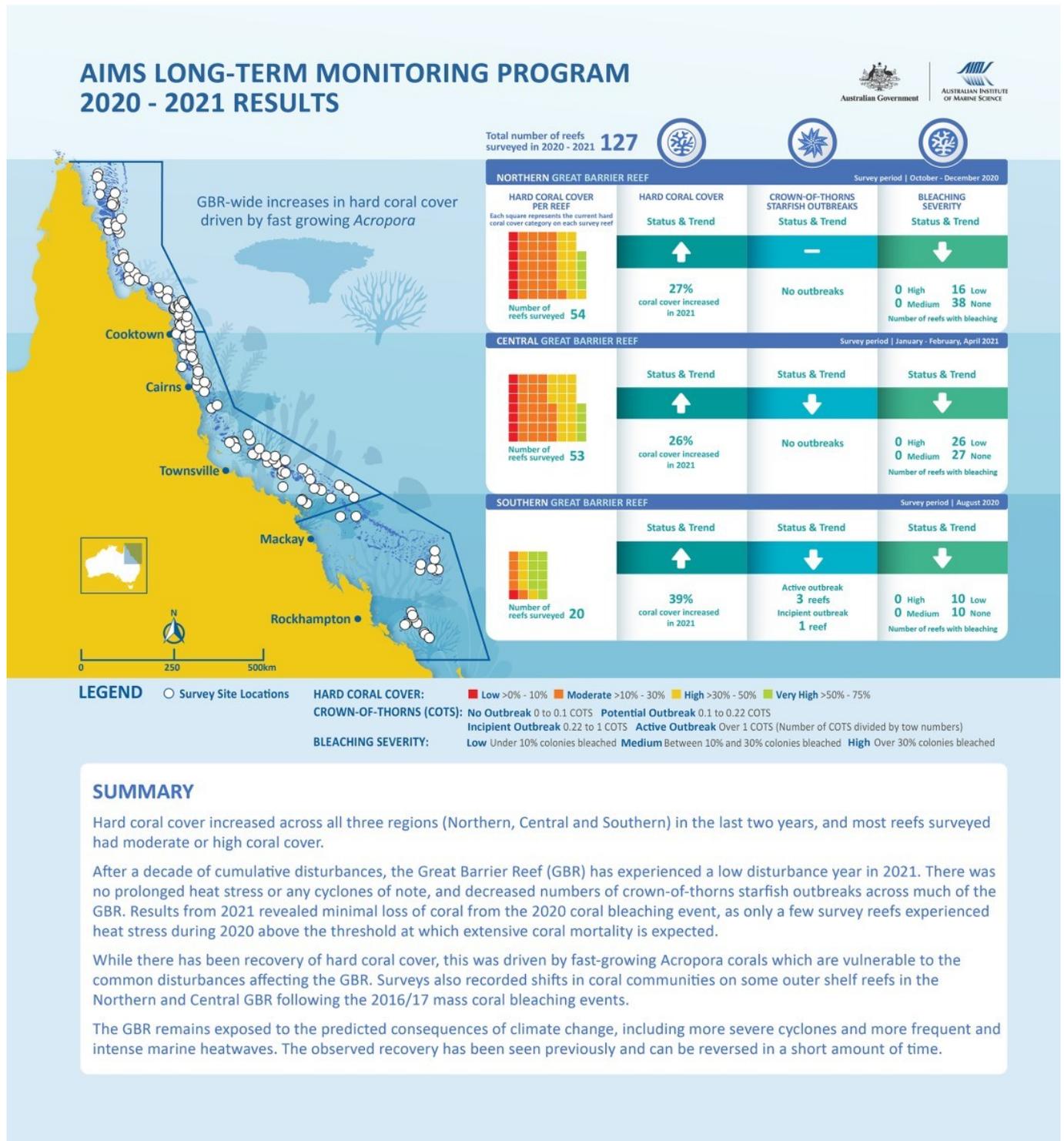


# AIMS Report Shows Great Barrier Reef is NOT Declining

The Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) has been conducting a long-term survey of the reef<sup>1</sup> and has reported on their 2020-2021 findings.<sup>2</sup> Here's a snippet from the summary they provided.<sup>3</sup>



The Key results were:<sup>4</sup>

- Over the 35 years of monitoring the GBR has shown to be able to recover from disturbances.

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2 – [www.aims.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-07/AIMS%20Long%20Term%20Monitoring%20Program%20Annual%20Summary%20Report%20on%20Coral%20Reef%20Condition%20%28GBR%29%202020-2021\\_July2021.pdf](http://www.aims.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-07/AIMS%20Long%20Term%20Monitoring%20Program%20Annual%20Summary%20Report%20on%20Coral%20Reef%20Condition%20%28GBR%29%202020-2021_July2021.pdf)

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- In periods free from acute disturbances, most coral reefs show resilience in their ability to begin recovery.
- Widespread recovery is under way, mainly because of fast growing Acropora corals.
- The reef suffered low levels of major stress activity over the 12-month period. There were no prolonged periods of high temperature and no major cyclones.
- Overall, 59/127 reefs had moderate hard coral cover (>10-30%) and 36 reefs had high hard coral cover (>30-50%).
- In 2020, most of the reef experienced heat stress that produced widespread coral bleaching. This was below that required for widespread mortality to occur.
- The 2021 survey showed low coral death from the 2020 bleaching event.

Marine Physicist, Dr. Peter Ridd,<sup>5</sup> says the Great Barrier Reef’s coral cover is actually at a record high.

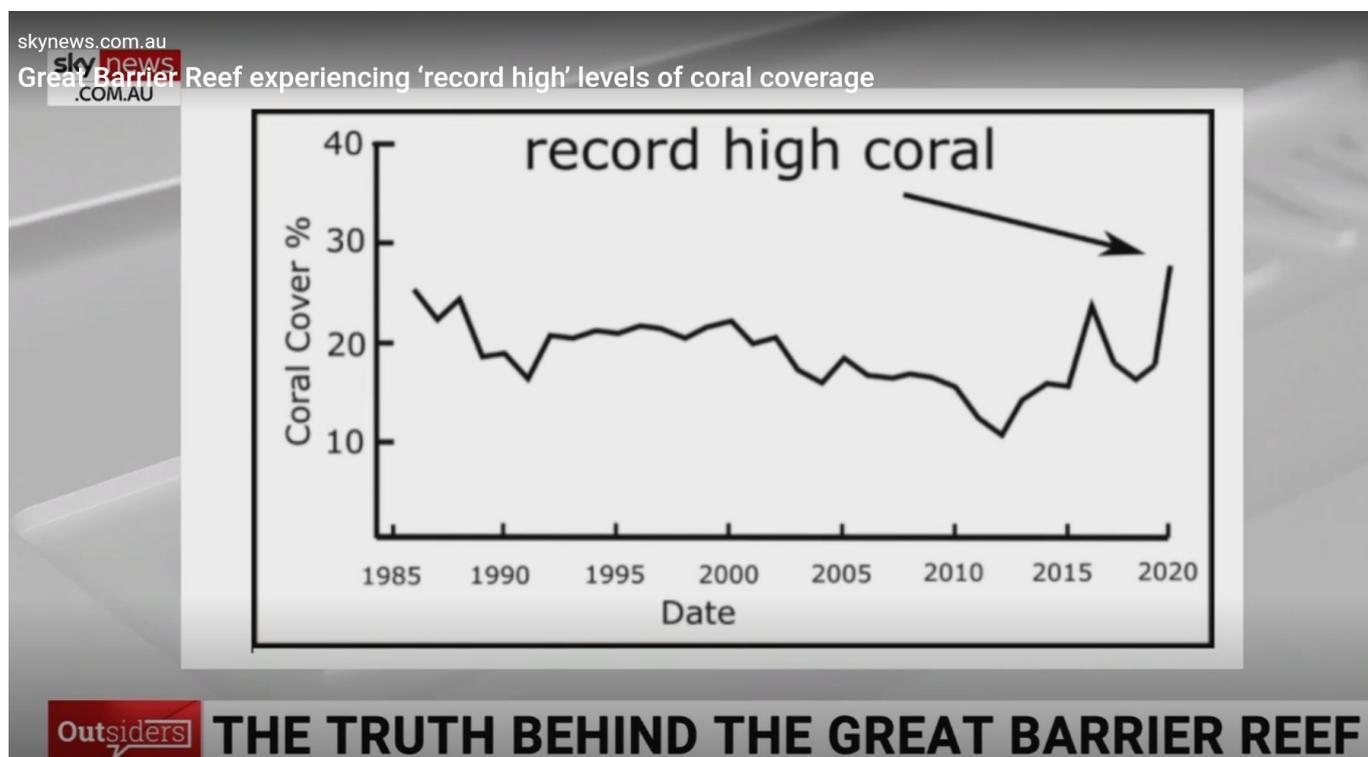
*“This is data that’s been accumulated over a little while now and it shows ... it’s actually at record high coral cover,” he told Sky News Australia.*

*“We’ve got more coral on the Great Barrier Reef now than we did when records began in 1985.*

*“We’ve got twice as much coral as we had after huge cyclones went through the reef in about 2011 and 2012, and this record-high coral cover is despite supposedly having three catastrophic unprecedented bleaching events in just the last five years.*

*“So you’ve just got to wonder were those bleaching events maybe as catastrophic as these experts supposedly claimed.”<sup>6</sup>*

His research of the reef since 1984 gives him the data to produce this graph:<sup>7</sup>



5 – [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter\\_Ridd](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_Ridd)

6 – SkyNews (26-9-2021) “Great Barrier Reef experiencing ‘record high’ levels of coral coverage”

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Why then is there so much scaremongering in the media,<sup>8</sup> among politicians,<sup>9</sup> with the ‘greenies’<sup>10</sup> and with the UN<sup>11</sup>?

Is there hidden agenda? I believe so.

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