

Anthropogenic influences on coral black band disease



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Interest in identifying the etiological agents of infectious disease in scleractinian corals continues to intensify as evidence mounts of the worldwide degradation of coral reef ecosystems. Are changes affecting today's coral reefs the result of natural phenomena that operate over long intervals of time, or the result of ever-increasing impacts of human activity on oceanic environments. In order to quantitatively address these issues, the ecology & etiology of black band disease in the scleractinian corals *Montastrea annularis* & *Diploria strigosa* is being analyzed on the southern Caribbean island of Curacao, Netherlands Antilles.

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