

## **Mapping the Great Barrier Reef (1972)**

[Rippling water]

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I'm interested in the biological problems of coral reefs; how they grew in the past and how they developed such enormous numbers of plants and animals living so close together.

In one rock pool, for example, only 50 yards across and 5 feet deep, we found 103 different species of fishes. The fish fauna of a single coral reef may be two or three times the size of the total fish fauna of New Zealand.