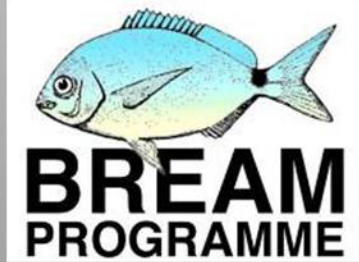


B.R.E.A.M. researches more than just Bream; we survey 130 fish species!



Mission:

To collect and provide high-quality information for the best conservation and management of Bermuda's marine biodiversity



Bermuda's colourful reef fish are in danger of disappearing.

Bermuda has made some important steps in managing fish populations to protect them from overfishing. We banned fish pots before Florida or the Caribbean, and we protect parrotfish, important plant-eaters that keep our reefs clean and healthy. However, there is still a lot of fishing occurring in Bermuda, and big fish like groupers and sharks are still being highly overfished.

Since 2004, B.R.E.A.M. has surveyed fish at over 200 coral reef sites across Bermuda, from shallow water to 90 ft depth.

Two different fish surveying techniques are used so every fish in every crevice is counted. B.R.E.A.M. collects data on more than 130 fish species found in Bermuda. Size and abundance of every fish species, juvenile and adult is counted.

B.R.E.A.M. have found that different fish use different types of reef habitats. Because we know where each fish lives, we can better protect their habitats.

And because fish and coral reefs are so dependent on one another, by surveying both we can make sure we protect habitats and areas that are important to both. Protecting fish and corals together is much more effective than protecting each separately!



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