

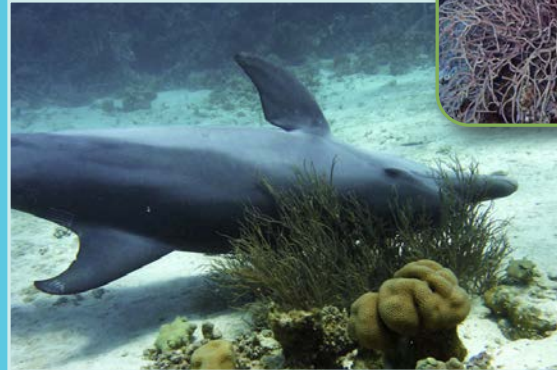


Wild Ocean Cures

Do you put medicine on cuts? Dolphins do, too! Dolphins rub on corals and sponges. The corals and sponges make slime. Scientists test the slime. It has helpful chemicals! Dolphins use the slime like medicine.

Scientists found that corals make many chemicals. Some of these chemicals can kill germs! Like dolphins, people can get new medicines from corals.

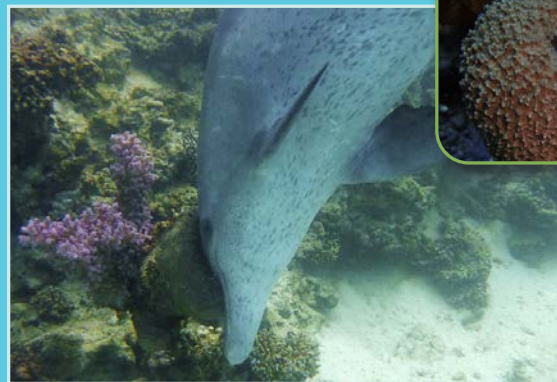
Sadly, coral reefs are in danger. The ocean is warmer. Hot water hurts corals. The colorful corals turn white. But there is hope! Some coral reefs are different. These special reefs can live in warmer water. If we protect coral reefs, we can save medicine for people and dolphins!



gorgonian coral



leather coral



sponge

Bottlenose dolphins rub up against certain corals and sponges. This behavior helps keep their skin healthy.