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Exit Slip: Central Idea

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Think about what the passage is mostly about from beginning to end. For this exit slip, write **one sentence** that states the central idea of the passage. Make sure your sentence covers the whole text, not just one detail.

The World of Coral Reefs

Coral reefs are often called the “rainforests of the sea” because of the incredible variety of life they support. Brightly colored fish dart between coral branches, while sea turtles glide above the reef searching for food. Reefs also protect coastlines by reducing the force of powerful waves. In many countries, local people depend on reefs for fishing and tourism, which provide jobs and food. Unfortunately, coral reefs are under serious threat from pollution, rising ocean temperatures, and destructive fishing practices. Scientists are working on solutions, such as creating marine protected areas and growing new corals in underwater nurseries. The future of reefs depends on how humans act to care for them today.

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