

The biggest coral – level 3



The largest coral ever recorded has been found in the southwest Pacific Ocean.

Unlike a coral reef, this is a single massive coral structure, possibly more than 300 years old, stretching 34 meters long, longer than a blue whale. Discovered accidentally during a National Geographic expedition, the coral was originally marked as a shipwreck on maps.

The discovery **co/in/cides** with UN climate talks, where small island nations emphasize the dangers climate change poses to coral reefs and ocean ecosystems. While nearby reefs are dying due to warming waters, this ancient coral has survived. It offers scientists hope for studying **re/sil/ience** in marine ecosystems.

Difficult words:

coincide (to occur at the same time),

resilience (the ability to recover or survive in challenging conditions).

Scuba self contained breathing apparatus