



Protecting Nemo

Clown fish, other tropical fish may become endangered

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The clownfish, which was made famous from the Disney Pixar Movie, Finding Nemo, is in trouble.

Small fish that are dependent on the reefs are in danger because of climate change. The Center for Biological Diversity wants to put the clownfish, along with seven other reef fish species, under the protection of the Endangered Species Act. If global warming and ocean acidification do not change for the better, the clown fish may be no more.

Carbon pollution causes the fish to lose their habitat. It is a difficult life for a reef fish. Their habitat, such as the Great Barrier Reef, is a rough place to survive. The increase of sea temperature and the decrease of ocean acidification, which is pretty much the ocean's filter, threaten the clownfish and damselfish.

An obvious problem that effects the dwindling population of the clownfish is the aquarium trade. The United States is a big buyer of these unique fish.

Hopefully the clownfish, along with other coral fish, will be protected before it is too late.