**Reef Threats Natural or Human**

Read the statements about coral reefs below. Put an N next to the natural threats, and an H next to the human threats..

**\_\_\_\_** 1. Marine debris can impact coral reef habitats.

**\_\_\_\_** 2. Construction near reef flats can cause siltation and smother the corals.

**\_\_\_\_** 3. Natural predators, such as crown of thorns and parrotfish, eat the corals.

**\_\_\_\_** 4. Snorkelers and divers can damage the reef by hitting the corals with their fins. Anchors can also damage the coral.

**\_\_\_\_** 5. Collecting tropical fish for personal use or resale damages the reef.

**\_\_\_\_** 6. Tropical storms and hurricanes can break the corals down.

**\_\_\_\_** 7. Illegal fishing and over-fishing can spoil the reef ecosystem.

**\_\_\_\_** 8. Currents can smother corals with sediments.

**\_\_\_\_** 9. Chemical and thermal waste, fertilizers, and sewage affect the water quality.

**\_\_\_\_** 10. Temperature increases caused by climate change may cause coral bleaching.