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- **Thailand has banned sunscreens containing chemicals that damage coral from all of its marine national parks.** Concerns are growing that lotions tourists use for sun protection are harming slow-growing corals.
- The Thai Department of Conservation said **four ingredients commonly found in sun creams were shown to destroy coral larvae, obstruct coral reproduction and cause reef bleaching.** The banned lotions are those containing oxybenzone, octinoxate, 4-methylbenzylidene camphor or butylparaben.
- Corals are members of the phylum Cnidaria, a diverse group that includes jellyfish, hydroids, and sea anemones. **Corals are colonial organisms made up of individual polyps,** that are connected to one another via a thin layer of tissue. Polyps secrete a calcium carbonate skeleton that becomes the foundation of coral reef ecosystems.
- This is the latest attempt by the Thai government to protect its coral from the tourism industry. Anyone flouting the ban can be fined up to £2,100 (100,000 baht). Similar bans have been introduced by the Pacific island of Palau and the US state of Hawaii.

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