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HOW IS IT MEASURED

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The major source of damage to soft corals is physical damage to live coral reefs caused by illegal fishing, boats, and anchor impact. These events disrupt the normal growth and health of the coral reefs, leading to reductions in coral reef biodiversity. Damage to soft corals is often caused by the use of anchors, ropes, and fishing gear, which can tear or puncture the soft coral tissue, leading to the death of the coral. This can be measured by counting the number of damaged soft corals in a given area and estimating the percentage of soft coral tissue that has been damaged.

The references provide additional information on the methods used to measure soft coral damage and the factors that influence its occurrence. These studies highlight the importance of reducing human activities that impact soft coral reefs and implementing conservation measures to protect these delicate ecosystems.