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**News:** World's largest deep-sea coral reef

- Scientists have mapped the largest known deep-sea coral reef, located off the Atlantic coast of the United States.

## **Features of the Newly Found Reef**

- The reef spans approximately 500 km in length, stretching from Florida to South Carolina. At certain points, its width reaches up to 110 km.
- The reef's area is almost three times larger than Yellowstone National Park.
- Discovered at depths ranging from 200 to 1,000 meters, the reef exists in areas beyond the reach of sunlight.
- Unlike the recently found coral reef which is the largest in deep water, the Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef system in Shallow water.
- A scientist mentioned the potential discovery of larger deep-sea reefs in the future, pointing out that only approximately 25% of the world's ocean floor has been thoroughly mapped in high resolution.