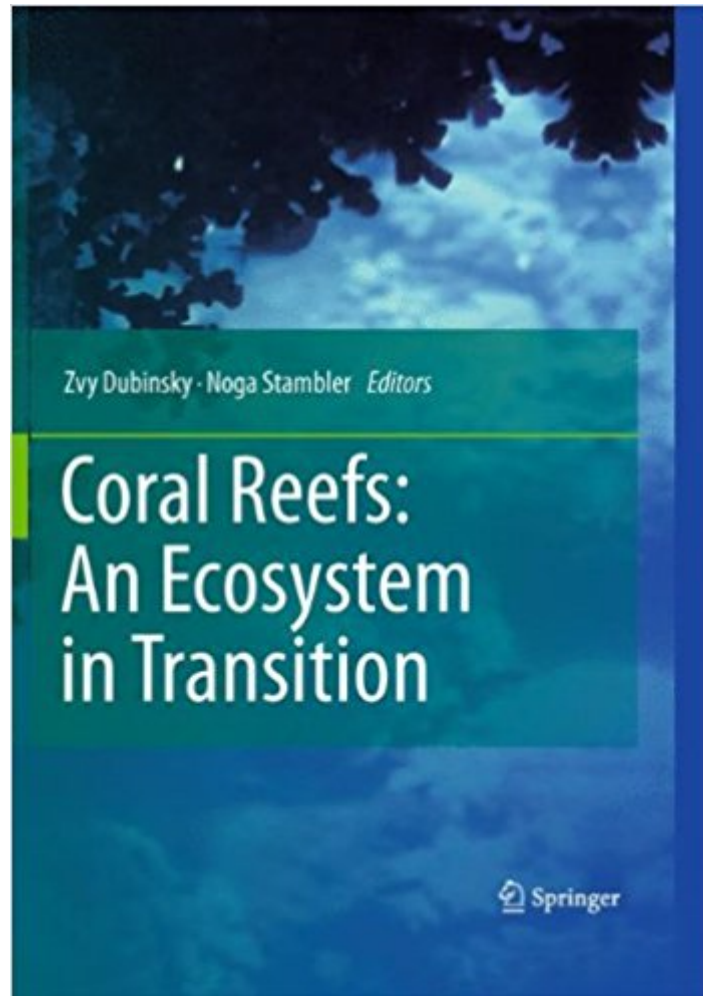




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This reference was used by the Senate subcommittee on the Environment. I bought it because my sister wrote one of the articles. Interesting snapshot into the timeframe described.

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