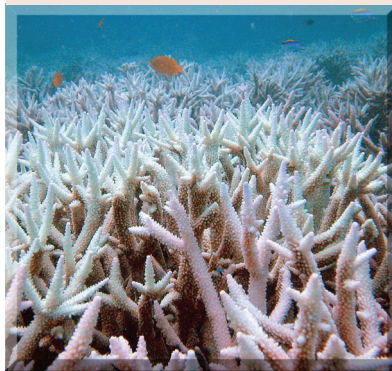


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## ON THIS DAY



▲ **1770:** Captain Cook discovered the Great Barrier Reef when his ship *HMS Endeavour* ran aground on it

**1727:** King George I, first Hanoverian ruler of Great Britain, died

**1910:** French underwater explorer Jacques Cousteau, who invented the aqualung diving apparatus, was born

**1969:** David Bowie's seminal single *Space Oddity* was released, launchpad to a successful worldwide career

**2007:** Flooding and landslides triggered by four days of rain in southern China devastated farmland and crops, killed 66 people and forced 600,000 from their homes

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