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CEMENT baskets sunk into the sea off Fujairah have proved a hit with marine life. Manmade coral reefs were dropped into the water in June and eight months on, fish have flocked to the

artificial feeding ground. Le Meridien Al Aqah Hotel worked with Al Boom Diving Centre on the dhs100,000 conservation project. There are now 35 reef balls in the water, which experts say

will take five years to mature. Patrick Antaki, the hotel's general manager, said: "The effects are already visible and we are laying the foundation to sustain marine life for future generations."