



# The Greatest Places

## Australia & Antarctica

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Where is it?

The Amundson/Scott South Pole Station was built in 1956 by the United States...it was the first permanent structure built at the geographic south pole of earth. The station has been continuously populated by research scientists since construction.



Ayers Rock, Australia



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Where is it?

The official and proper Aborigine name for Ayers Rock is Uluru, which means “waterhole”. (the rock is NOT the site of water it is just the name given by the early inhabitants of the area.



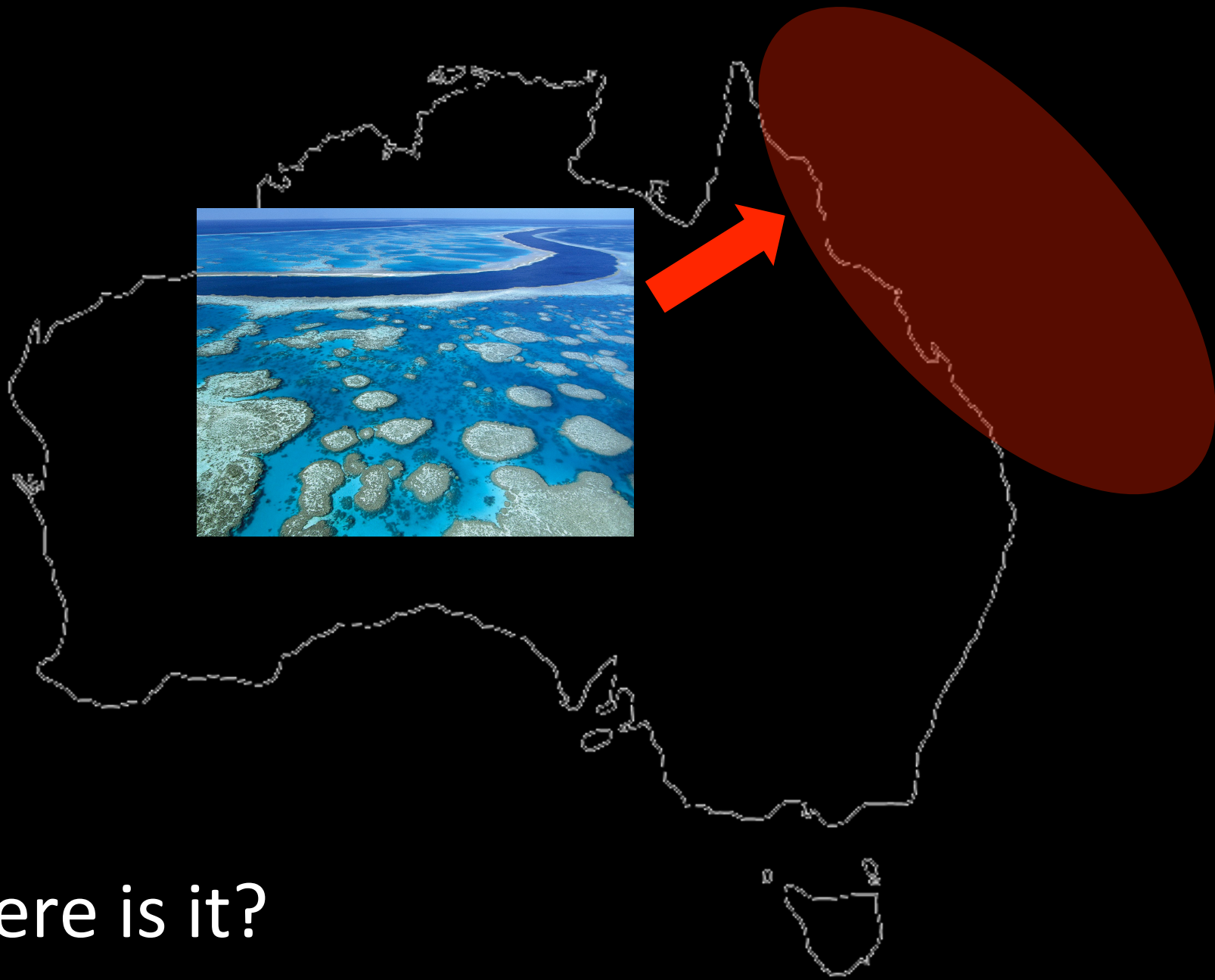
Great Barrier Reef, Australia



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Where is it?

At over 1,600 miles in length, the Great Barrier Reef is the largest living organism on planet earth. Coral reefs are not plants, but the exoskeleton of tiny animals call Polyps.





Sydney Opera House, Sydney, Australia



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Where is it?

The original budget for the construction of the Sydney Opera House called for 7 million dollars... the final bill after 14 years of construction was 102 million...oops! (The Opera house opened in 1973)