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The largest coral reef in the world, Australia's Great Barrier Reef has not been spared the effects of global warming. Widespread coral bleaching events caused by increases in sea surface temperature have become more frequent in the past few years. If global warming continues unchecked, it is estimated that the sea surface temperature could rise by 2 to 6°C (3.5 to 10°F). There is also an alarming prediction that this World Heritage designated site could be decimated by 2050, losing more than 95% of its living coral.

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A young Australian sea lion shrugs despondently after being chased away from the female he was courting. This young male had been cruising the beach when he caught photographer Mitsuaki Iwago's attention. One of the world's rarest and most vulnerable pinnipeds, the Australian sea lion is a protected animal with a total population of about 5,000. Of these, about five hundred live here on Kangaroo Island off Australia's southern coast. Unlike other sea lions, the Australian sea lion has an eighteen month breeding cycle. Thanks to Olympus digital technology, humorous scenes like this can now be preserved forever.

Shot on Kangaroo Island in South Australia, on January 15, 2006, at 9:34 a.m., with the Olympus E-1, Zuiko Digital ED 50-200mm, f9.0, 1/500 sec.

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Camera  
**OLYMPUS E-1**

