

APPENDIX VII: Budget

ACTION ITEM	YRS	Estimated Cost (\$000s)	
		Yr. 1	Total
Year 1: (Total = \$305K plus mapping)			
Develop an inventory of all coral reef habitats in the US in a geo-spatially referenced database (assumes mapping information available from proposed mapping initiative)			
Compile information on reef areas currently designated protected status; e.g., description of reef types, activities occurring, socio-economic conditions, management capabilities, legislated authorities and level of protection provided	1	200	200
Conduct a “gap analysis” to determine important coral reef habitat types and unique features missing from current MPA-CR protected status.	1	50	50
Assess the degree of protection at existing MPAs and formulate recommendations for additional protection and use appropriate for sustainable management in a national system.	1	25	25
Set national and regional priorities for establishing additional new MPAs in the “gaps” and for improving existing management policies.	1	30	30
Year 2: (Total = \$130K)			
Implement prioritization process for candidate sites leading to ranking of sites for inclusion in a nationally coordinated MPA network.	1	100	100
Develop specific proposals for establishing new MPAs where needed to eliminate gaps and ensure conservation of biodiversity.	1	10	10
Develop specific proposals for additional protection or changes in management regulations at existing MPAs.	1	10	10
Initiate budgetary and public review process for establishing new MPAs and strengthening existing MPAs.	1	10	10
Year 3: (Total = \$60K plus monitoring)			
Initiate necessary legislative actions, public hearing processes and regulation revisions.	1	30	30
Develop and implement a performance assessment system for evaluating objectives of long-term sustainability and conservation of biological diversity.	1	30	30

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