

**U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting**  
**Washington D.C.**  
**Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History**  
**Baird Auditorium**  
**Wednesday, February 27 2008**

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) marks ten years of collaborative research, management, and conservation of coral reef ecosystems. At this meeting, the USCRTF will assess our collective efforts and accomplishments, highlight remaining needs and challenges, and begin to develop a foundation for a renewed commitment to action.

Each state, territory, commonwealth, and freely associated state member will share their perspective on coral reef conservation in their jurisdiction.

**Draft Agenda**

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| <b>8:30 – 9:00</b>   | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br><i>U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Co-Chairs</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>9:00 – 9:40</b>   | <b>USCRTF – Ten Years of Action, Remaining Challenges, Needs &amp; Plans for the Future</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>9:40 – 9:45</b>   | <b>USCRTF Award for Roger Griffis</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>9:45 – 10:30</b>  | <b>International Year of the Reef 2008</b><br>Wyland Official IYOR painting unveiling (15 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• International Coral Reef Initiative Global update – <i>Francis Staub, International Coral Reef Initiative IYOR Coordinator</i></li><li>• U.S. IYOR Messaging Campaign – <i>Susie Holst, National Fish &amp; Wildlife Foundation</i></li></ul> |
| <b>10:30 – 10:45</b> | <b>Break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>10:45 – 11:00</b> | <b>International Coral Reef Initiative Secretariat Update</b><br><i>Christine Dawson – U.S. Department of State</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>11:00 – 11:10</b> | <b>All Islands Committee Update</b><br><i>Vangie Lujan – All Islands Chair, Guam Point of Contact</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>11:10 – 12:30</b> | <b>Governor / Jurisdiction Presentations</b> (8 minute presentations to allow for Q&A and discussion)<br><i>Caribbean Region</i><br>U.S. Virgin Islands<br>Puerto Rico                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

Florida  
*Pacific Region*  
American Samoa  
Guam  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
Hawaii  
*Freely Associated States*  
Republic of Palau  
Federated States of Micronesia (tentative attendance)  
Republic of the Marshall Islands (tentative attendance)

**12:30 – 1:30**

**Lunch**

**1:30 – 2:30**

**Public Comment**

**2:30 – 3:30**

**Keynote Address** (45 pres/15 Q&A)  
Dr. Nancy Knowlton – *Smithsonian Institution Sant Marine Science Chair*

**3:30 – 3:45**

**Break**

**3:45 – 4:30**

**Coral Reef Ecosystem Management – The Next Ten Years: Challenges, Key Priorities, and Innovative Solutions**  
Introduction – *H.E. Tommy E. Remengesau Jr., President, Republic of Palau*

Moderated Panel Discussion

Moderator – *Dr. Nancy Knowlton*

Panelists –

- *Billy Causey – NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program*
- *Noah Idechong – Republic of Palau House of Delegates*
- *Marea Hatzios – World Bank*

**4:30 – 5:00**

**Discussion** with Panelists and Members

**5:00**

**Adjourn**