



11th  International  
**Coral Reef**  
SYMPOSIUM Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA  
July 7-11, 2008

***REEFS FOR THE FUTURE***



**IYOR Mini-Summit Presentation**  
**February 28, 2007**

**Richard Dodge, Chair Local Organizing Committee**

# CRTF In 2004

## The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force

formally endorsed a Local Organizing Committee (LOC) representing the CRTF & Florida to bid in Okinawa (at the 2004 10<sup>th</sup> ICRS) to host the next:



# **Success: US / Florida to host** **11th International Coral Reef** **Symposium: July 2008**



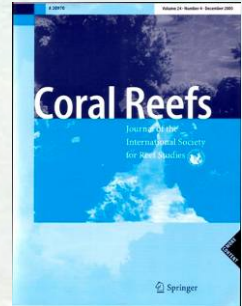
- **World's foremost coral reef Science meeting**
- **International scientists, managers, conservationists, NGOs, and young investigators.**
- **Prior Okinawa, Bali, Panama, Guam, Tahiti, Philippines, Australia, India.**
- **Held every 4 years.**
- **Last on U.S. mainland in 1977.**
- **>~2,500 attendees anticipated.**
- **Largest Coral Meeting in World**
- **IYOR-08 Centerpiece**



# Sanctioning Organization: The International Society of Reef Studies (ISRS)



- Largest society of reef scientists
- Goal: scientific understanding of coral reefs
- Quarterly scientific journal *Coral Reefs*  
(Peer-reviewed scholarly works on reef geology, biology, ecology, and environment)
- Publishes briefing papers & newsletter
- Sanctions the ICRS



ICRS 2004 OKINAWA

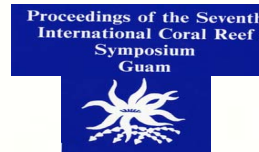
10<sup>th</sup> Okinawa 2004



9<sup>th</sup> ICRS 2000 Bali



8<sup>th</sup> Panama  
1996



7<sup>th</sup> Guam 1992



6<sup>th</sup> Australia 1988



5<sup>th</sup> Tahiti 1985



4<sup>th</sup> Philippines  
1980

# **11<sup>th</sup> ICRS Organizational Responsibility** **Local Organizing Committee** **& Host Country Endorsement Committee**

## **LOC**

**Dr. Richard Dodge, NSU NCRI**  
**Dr. John Ogden, FIO, USF**  
**Dr. Robert van Woesik, FIT**  
**Ms. Chantal Collier, FL DEP**  
**Dr. Robert Ginsburg, UM RSMAS**  
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**Dr. Peter Swart, UM RSMAS**  
**Dr. Jim Porter, UGA**  
**Dr. Ruth Kelty, NOS NOAA**  
**Dr. Frank Muller-Karger, USF**

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**Mr. Randal Bowman, DOI**  
**Mr. Arthur E. Paterson, NOAA**  
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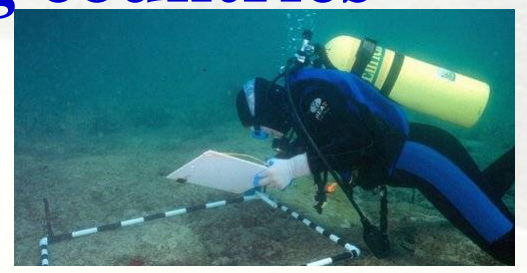
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**LOC has begun  
its MISSION  
to provide Outstanding:**



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- **Science**
- **Media & Communication**
- **Field Programs**
- **Venue & Organization**
- **Attendance: students; developing countries**
- **Fiscal Responsibility:**  
**Sponsorships (Gen. & Event)**
- **Coordination Cooperation with IYOR-08**



**Ecumenical &  
Encompassing  
Science Program**



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- **Central theme REEFS FOR THE FUTURE**
- **What is happening NOW contributes to the future of coral reefs**
- **24 Question-driven mini-symposia around provocative themes**
- **Global (not parochial) in scope**
- **Topic & Chairs Established**
- **Call for Papers coming soon**

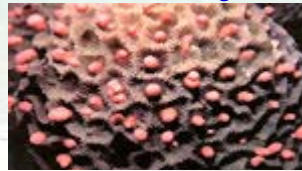
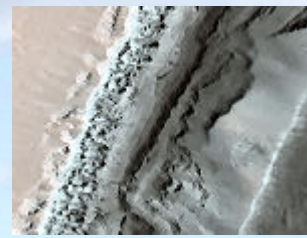
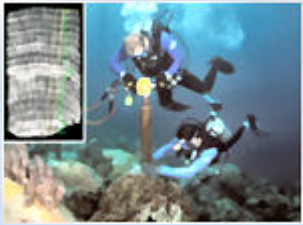
Sea Surface Temperature (°C)



# 11<sup>th</sup> ICRS Mini-Symposia

- Lessons from the past
- Calcification - past/future
- Recording environmental change
- Biology: corals / symbiosis
- Ecological / evolutionary genomics
- Diseases
- Microbial interactions
- Chemical ecology
- Ecological processes
- Reproductive timing regulation

- Reef Resilience
- Shifting Baselines
- Conservation
- Connectivity
- Monitoring and assessment
- Status and trends
- Modeling
- Social-ecological
- Fisheries
- Management
- Reef Restoration
- Climate change





# Exceptional Field Programs

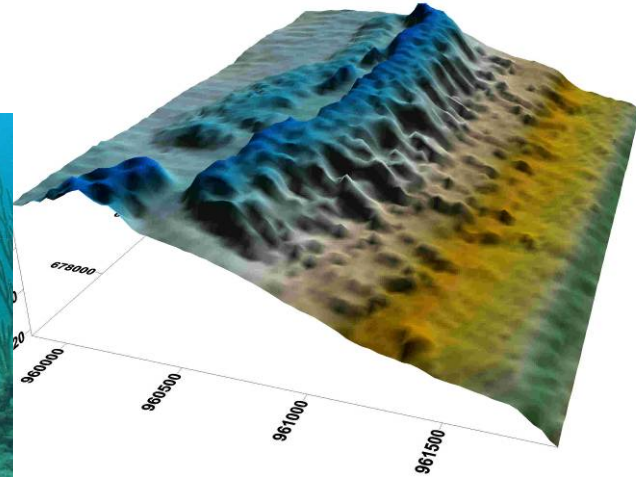


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- Regional Opportunities
- Excellent diving facilities throughout

- Barrier Reefs
- Bank
- Atolls
- Fringing
- Patch
- Living & Fossil



- Models for sustainable conservation & management

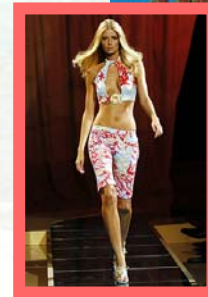
- Regional Workshops (4):
- Caribbean, SE Asia, Pacific, Madagascar



# Programmatic Features:



- **Build on excellence of previous symposia**
- **Communication of Reef Science, Conservation, & Management**
- **Education & Outreach**
- **Media Facilitation**
- **Provide Visa Information**
- **BOOKS: Status of US Reefs, etc.**
- **Proceedings: Peer, Timely, CD, Hard**





# Venue: Ft.Lauderdale Florida

•Accommodations

•Convention Center



•Coral Reefs & Diving



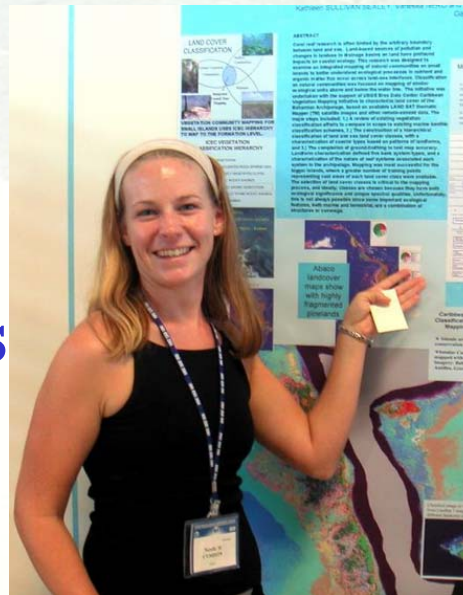
•International Airports





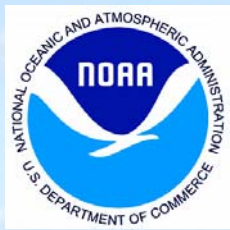
## **IYOR 2008 Keystone Event**

- **Expanding Reef Science, Conservation & Management**
- **Communicating about the World's Coral Reefs**
- **Generating attention for coral reefs globally and for:  
Florida, W. Atlantic, Caribbean & Gulf of Mexico**
- **Scientists, Managers, Students,  
Conservationists Participate:**
- **Presentations, Plenaries, Panels**
- **Exhibits/Partnerships/Networks**
- **FIELD TRIPS; Outreach**
- **SPONSORSHIPS**



# Current 11<sup>th</sup> ICRS Sponsors & Opportunities

## Co-Sponsors:



## Barrier Reef Sponsors



## Atoll Sponsor



## Fringing Reef



FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
FISH AND WILDLIFE RESEARCH INSTITUTE



## Patch Reef Sponsor



## Coral Colony Sponsor



## Polyp Sponsor



Why? Expensive, but well worth the cost for contributions to science, conservation, & management of Coral Reefs

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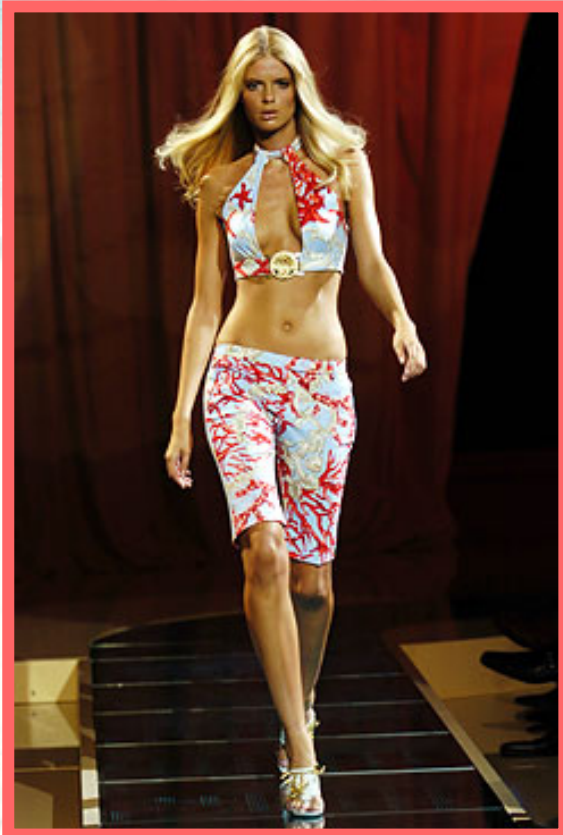
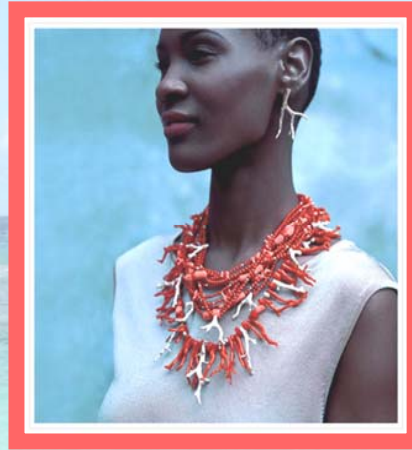


SeaWeb's

# Coral Consumer Initiative

Tiffany & Co Foundation

## • Corals substitutes exist



## Campaign strategy

- Highlight coral protection
- Fashion and jewelry celebrities
- Target fashion and luxury media
- Promote sustainable substitutes
- Link with CITES policy ask
- Targeted and sustained attention



# Is coral collection Sustainable?

Type / Sustainable / Cites

Red coral catch  
FAO Data 1961-2003

Red	No	No
Black	Unlikely	Yes
Gold	Unlikely	No
Bamboo	Maybe	No
Stony	No	Yes

