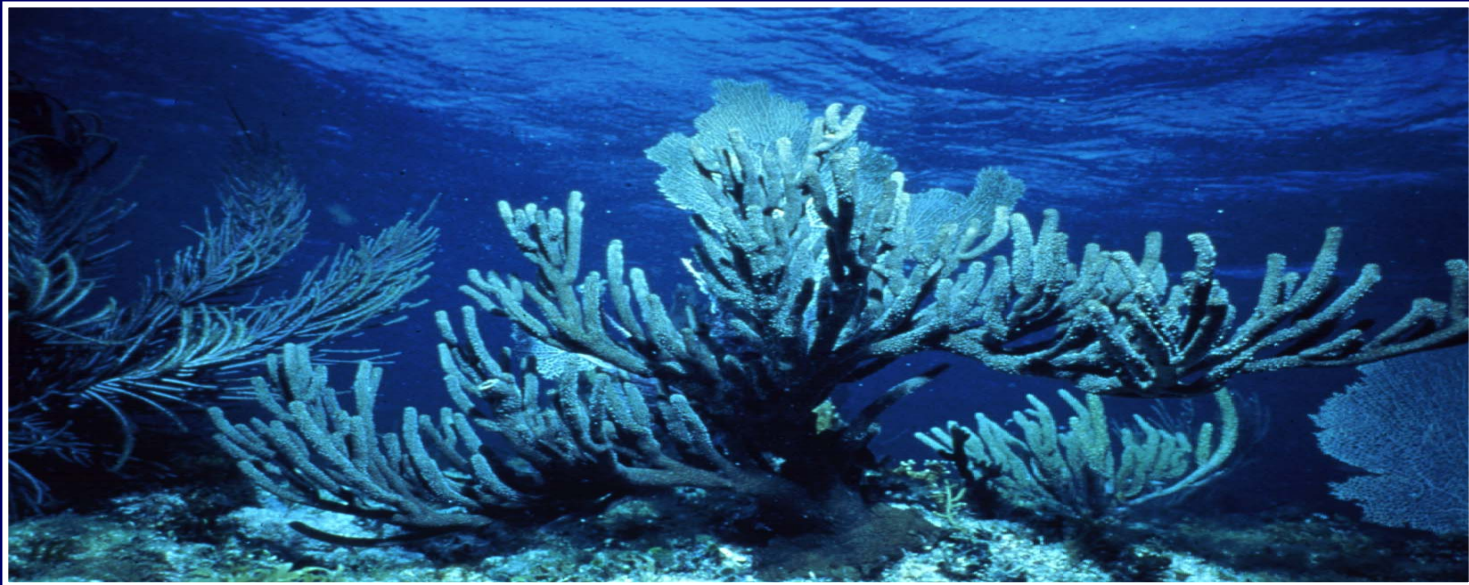


**United States Coral Reef Task Force  
Draft Review of Resolutions  
1998 - 2004**



**March 3, 2005  
Task Force Steering Committee**



# ***Coral Reef Task Force Resolutions***

- Review of past resolutions requested by Governor Tulafono of American Samoa
- Task Force has passed 37 resolutions since 1998
- Range from procedural to very substantive
- Current Analysis is very preliminary – further work is needed.
- Timely to consider as we move toward implementation of the President's Ocean Action Plan and reauthorization of the Coral Reef Conservation Act.
- Our stakeholders are watching!

# ***Major Categories of Task Force Resolutions***

Coordination and Participation	4
Cross-cut Budgets	2
Management	6
Land-based Sources of Pollution	3
Mitigation of Coastal Development Impacts	3
Support State and Territory Initiatives and Local Action Strategies	4
Climate Change	3
International Leadership	2
Coral Harvest and Trade	4
Education and Outreach	4
Monitoring	1
Mariculture	1
<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>	<b><i>37</i></b>



# ***CRTF Resolutions***

## ***Selected Major Successes***



- 1998 – CRTF Invites the Governors of the States, Territories & Commonwealths with coral reefs to Join the Task Force
  - Result: This has been the basis for nearly all subsequent CRTF action
- 1999 – Resolution supporting priority for funding *All Islands Coral Reef Strategy*
  - Result: This helped shape funding priorities with significant new appropriations in FY 2000 & 2001.
- 2000 – Resolution endorsing *National Action Plan to Conserve Coral Reefs*
  - Result: The *National Action Plan* has guided much of subsequent coral reef conservation research & action.

# ***CRTF Resolutions***

## ***Selected Major Successes (cont.)***



- 2002 – Development of Local Action Strategies
  - Result: Has focused attention on highest priority threats.
  - Initial LAS completed with exemplary public participation and implementation began in 2005.
- 2003 – Proposal on Federal Response to Environmental Impacts of Natural Disasters
  - Result: Final National Response Plan, adopted 2004, contains such an emergency support function, to be led by the Department of the Interior, in cooperation with NOAA and the Department of Agriculture.
  - This CRTF-led effort has environmental ramifications far beyond coral reefs.
  - Next step is to ensure implementation.



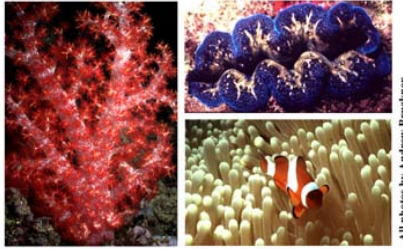
# ***CRTF Resolutions***

## ***Progress with More Work to Do***



- 1999 & 2003 – Three resolutions on land-based sources of pollution & water quality.
  - Result: Islands have prepared inventories of top priorities for infrastructure needs.
  - EPA and USDA have taken a strong role in assisting development of Land-based sources LAS.
  - DOI is providing \$4million to USVI for wastewater treatment
  - There is still a very large backlog of unfunded needs to address.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN CORAL AND CORAL REEF SPECIES:  
THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES



All photos by Andrew Bruckner



March 2, 2000  
Washington, D.C.

Report of the Trade Subgroup of the International Working Group  
to the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force

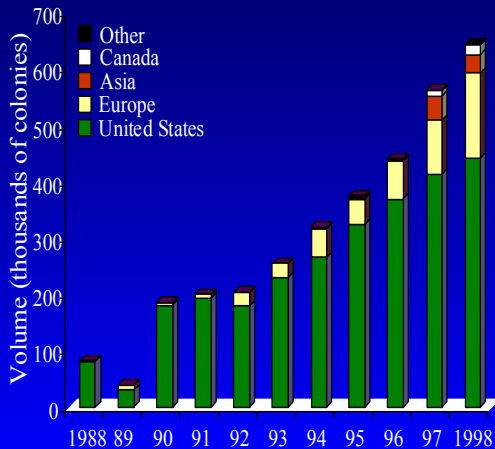
# *CRTF Resolutions*

## *Trade in Coral Reef Species*

- E.O. 13089 called for the Task Force to “assess the U.S. role in international trade and protection of reef species and implement appropriate strategies and actions ...”
- Four resolutions have dealt with aspects of this issue.
- Significant progress in the context of CITES (e.g., sea horses, humphead wrasse).
- Less progress on non-CITES species (>1,471 reef fish & >500 non-coral invertebrate spp.)
- Recommendation 21-4 of the *U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy* recommended development of national standards for sustainable harvests and incentive programs to encourage compliance.
- Continued Congressional interest (H.R. 4928) & private progress (e.g., Marine Aquarium Council)

***May be a candidate for CRTF review***

### Trade in Live Coral: Importing Countries



# ***CRTF Resolutions Education & Outreach***



- **Four resolutions on education and outreach**
- **1999 Resolution established Education and Outreach Working Group**
  - Most active continuing CRTF Working Group
- **2002 & 2003 Resolutions on improving stakeholder engagement in USCRTF.**
  - Some excellent presentations & workshops have been linked to CRTF meetings.
- **Local Action Strategies to address Lack of Awareness are implementing on-the ground formal and informal marine conservation education and outreach**



# ***CRTF Resolutions***

## ***No Significant Progress***



- 1998 & 2004 – CRTF recommends work with CEQ & OMB on a cross-cut budget.
  - Result: Agencies have contributed post-hoc accounting for inclusion in the National Action Strategy & Report to Congress, there has been no progress on an OMB cross-cut.
- 1999 – Resolution to develop guidelines for mariculture as it relates to coral reef ecosystems. Also included as an objective in the *National Action Plan*.
  - Result: No coral reef-specific guidance has been developed.
  - Pen mariculture near reefs has expanded since 1999.

# Conclusions

## *U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Initial Review of Past Resolutions*

- **More thorough review needed**
- **Resolutions include many notable successes (e.g., LAS)**
- **Some high-priority items need more work (e.g., LBS)**
- **A few resolutions have not been acted upon  
& Task Force should decide if they are still relevant**

# ***Review of CRTF Resolutions Recommendations:***



- **Steering Committee should complete analysis of resolutions and outstanding action items prior to 2005 meeting in Palau.**
- **Provide recommendations to the Task Force on priority areas where measurable progress may be made in implementing existing resolutions**
- **Regional work groups on priority water quality issues.**
- **Identify resolutions that have not been implemented and determine follow-on action if still needed.**