

*Coral Reef Task Force Meeting
November 5-7, 2005
Republic of Palau*

Resolution 14-3: Call for Workshop on Tools for Responding to Events Causing Major Injury to Coral Reefs

Summary: In response to panel on this topic at the Palau Task Force meeting, the Task Force charged the Steering Committee with developing a workshop in 2006 on tools and needs for responding to major injury events in coral reef areas.

Responsible Party: CRTF Steering Committee Mitigation Working Group (WG)

Purpose/Background: Given the recent number of high visibility, major events injuring coral reef ecosystems, purpose of this statement is to highlight the CRTF support for increasing capacity to more effectively prevent and respond to these events.

Decision Statement: The Task Force reaffirms the charge to the Mitigation Working Groups; it encourages the Western Atlantic WG to be active; and supports efforts of members to better understand and apply mitigation tools to address coral reef ecosystem functions and services. CRTF calls on interested members of the Steering Committee to organize and conduct a workshop in 2006 to increase capacity through training and sharing of tools and lessons learned to help prevent, respond to, assess and mitigate major injury events in coral reef ecosystems.