


United States All Islands
Coral Reef Committee 



U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee (U.S.AIC)

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Updates

All Islands Strategic Action Plan and Charter

Five Year Strategic Plan (2008-2013) & Charter in May 2007

Five main goals:

1. To secure necessary funding & capacity to implement coral reef management plans.
2. To provide leadership to help focus the USCRTF to meet our local & regional needs.
3. To strengthen coral reef management through more effective communication & collaboration amongst the AIC, USCRTF and relevant congressional delegations.
4. To support each U.S. coral reef jurisdiction ability to define and implement plans & best practices to actively manage our coral reefs in a sustainable manner by 2013.
5. To share information on coral reef management & Committee initiatives to foster coordination, nationally, regionally, & internationally.



Coral Fellows Program

- AIC fully supports continuation of the Coral Fellows Program.
- To ensure that the program builds capacity in the jurisdictions and benefits coral reef management on the ground.



Increased Federal Agency Participation at Local Levels

- To strengthen coral reef management through more effective communication & collaboration with the members of the USCRTF.
- AIC requests an update on the status of federal partners' implementation plans by the next meeting of the USCRTF.



Local Action Strategies

- LAS funding process still has not addressed some of our jurisdictions' priorities.
- The Committee has provided new language for the LAS Resolution to renew & strengthen support for the LAS Initiative.



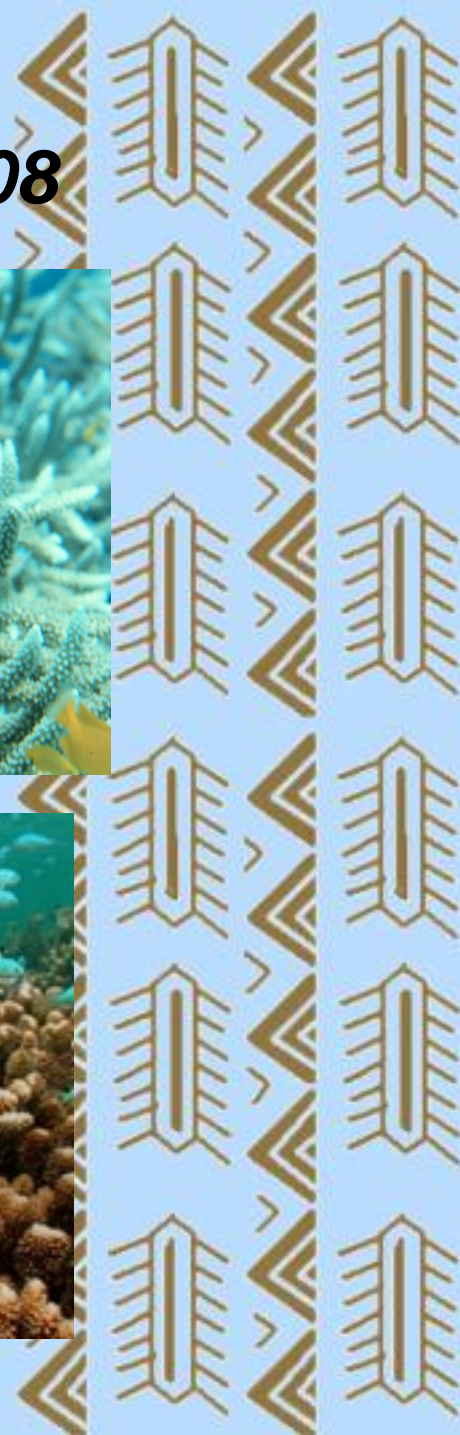
Task Force Resolution on Global Warming

- The Committee reaffirms Governor Togiola's call for action to address the threat of climate change to coral reefs.
- Recognizing that global warming may represent the single greatest threat to coral reefs, which has contributed to major events of coral bleaching & mortality in Pacific, Florida & Caribbean reefs, the Committee supports the Climate Change Resolution that has been circulated at this meeting & calls upon the USCRTF's approval.
- The Committee requests that the AIC Secretariat be a member of the Climate Change Working Group.
- We acknowledge the need to address this issue by supporting a range of efforts:
 1. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
 2. Ocean Acidification



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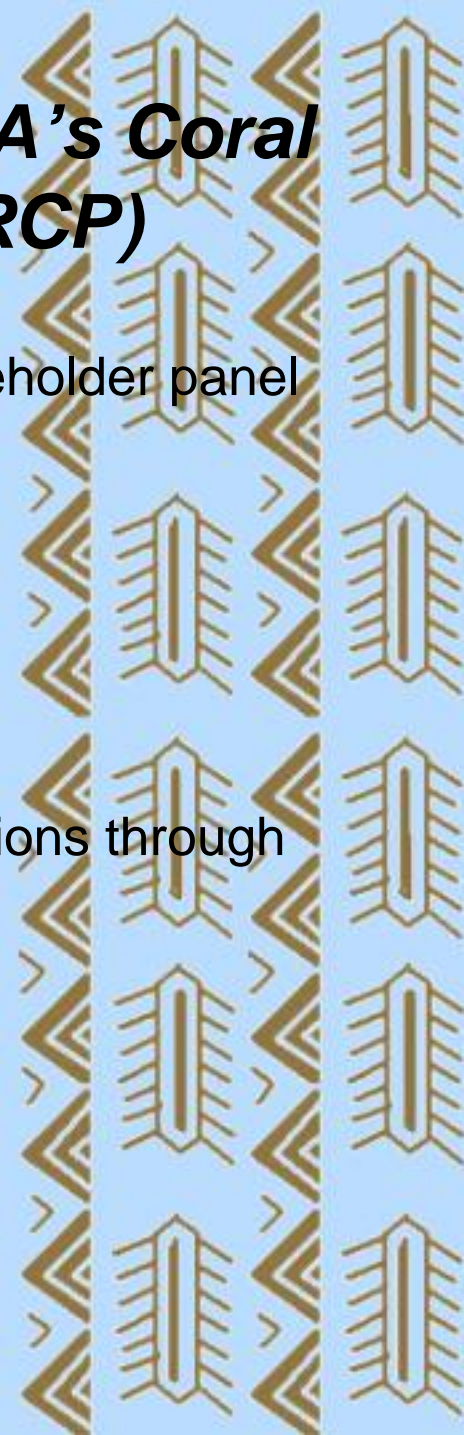
- The Committee supports the IYOR draft action plan in principle, but we are concerned that the Renewed Call to Action to supplement & update the National Action Plan is not clearly defined. This requires more discussion and consultation.



Process for External Review of NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program (CRCP)

Committee requests broader representation on this stakeholder panel to include:

- More than one POC
- Representation from the Caribbean/Atlantic region
- The All Islands Coral Reef Committee Chair, and
- Other stakeholders by invited to participate in discussions through conference calls



NOAA Coral Spend Plan

The Committee recommends the following for action by the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force:

- Affirms its support for the implementation of the AIC Strategic Plan and Charter.
- Support the jurisdictions needs for increased capacity and staffing to enable jurisdictions to further address their coral reef management priorities.
- Encourage more active engagement by **ALL** federal agencies in the implementation of each jurisdiction's coral reef management priorities.





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