



Schedule at a Glance (071808)

The 20th meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) will take place from August 24 - 29 in Kona, Hawaii. The official Business meeting is scheduled for two days: Wednesday, 27 August and Friday, 29 August. The meeting will highlight conservation strategies, successes, and challenges in Hawaii as well as provide a forum for the USCRTF to hear about and discuss the priority threats facing reefs and innovative solutions and partnerships the USCRTF can explore to more effectively address these threats. This is an important meeting as it is the final meeting of the USCRTF during the International Year of the Reef and the 10-Year Anniversary of the USCRTF.

Preceding the meeting, on Sunday and Monday, there will be several workshops providing greater opportunity for more in-depth discussion on key issues for example, Recreational Stewardship, Land-Based Sources of Pollution, Bridging Communities and Government, and Climate Change Responses. Thursday, 28 August is set aside for field trips and other opportunities to see and learn first-hand about on-the-ground marine and coastal conservation issues and strategies.

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force is co-chaired by the Departments of Commerce and of the Interior, and includes leaders of 12 federal agencies, seven U.S. states and territories, and three freely associated states. The mission is to lead, coordinate, and strengthen U.S. government actions to better preserve and protect coral reef ecosystems.

Saturday August 23rd:

- 8:30 am - 5pm All Islands Committee Meeting (by invitation) Kahaluu III

Sunday August 24th:

- 8am - 3:30pm Bridging Communities and Government Workshop (120) Kahaluu I
- 5pm - 7pm Traditional Ecological Knowledge Workshop (120) Kahaluu I

Monday August 25th:

- 8am - 12pm Recreational Stewardship Workshop (120) Kahaluu I
- 8am - 12pm Introduction to Watershed Planning (50) Kahaluu III/IV
- 1pm - 5pm Climate Change Workshop (120) Kahaluu I

Tuesday August 26th:

- 8:30am - 5pm Coral Reef Task Force Steering Committee Meeting (by invitation) Kahaluu I/II
- 11:30am – 1:30pm Living Reef Awards Luncheon (220) Royal Garden
- 5:30pm - 9pm Starlight dinner & Archeological Tour (by invitation) Former Kona Lagoon Hotel

Wednesday August 27th:

- 8:30am - 5pm Coral Reef Task Force Business Meeting (300) Kahaluu I - IV
- 6pm - 9pm CRTF Opening Reception (300) Royal Garden

Thursday August 28th:

- AM Time TBA Field trip to Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii
- 7:30am - 3pm Field Trip: A Hawaiian Watershed: *Makai to Mauka* (25)
- 8am - 12pm Field Trip: Kona Dryland Forest and Coffee Tour (25)
- 9:00am - 12pm Field Trip: Kaloko-Honokohau Nat'l Historical Park & Ala Kahakai National Historical Trail (20)
- 1:10pm - 5:30pm Field Trip: Boat to Kealakekua Bay, Marine Life Conservation District on the *Fairwinds* (60)
- 6:30pm - 9pm Indigenous Stewardship and Conservation Initiatives Across the Pacific (Public Invited) (300) Royal Garden

Friday August 29th:

- 8:30am - 5pm Coral Reef Task Force Business Meeting (300) Kahaluu I - IV

Saturday August 30th:

- 7:30am -7:30pm Kau Watershed to Volcanoes Nat'l Park
- 7am - 5pm Hakalau National Wildlife Refuge Tour (25)

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