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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CORAL REEF RESTORATION AND MITIGATION PANEL

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USCRTF Member Roles

- **Fill management gaps by supporting reauthorization of the Coral Reef Conservation Act**
- **Implement and enforce regulations with a greater emphasis on protecting coral reefs from impacts**
- **Continue to promote partnerships focused on threat reduction**
- **Ensure that all USCRTF agencies require appropriate and effective mitigation and support restoration**

Recommendations Regarding Restoration

State of coral reefs necessitate active restoration to enable coral reefs to recover in conjunction with threat abatement



Recommendations Regarding Mitigation

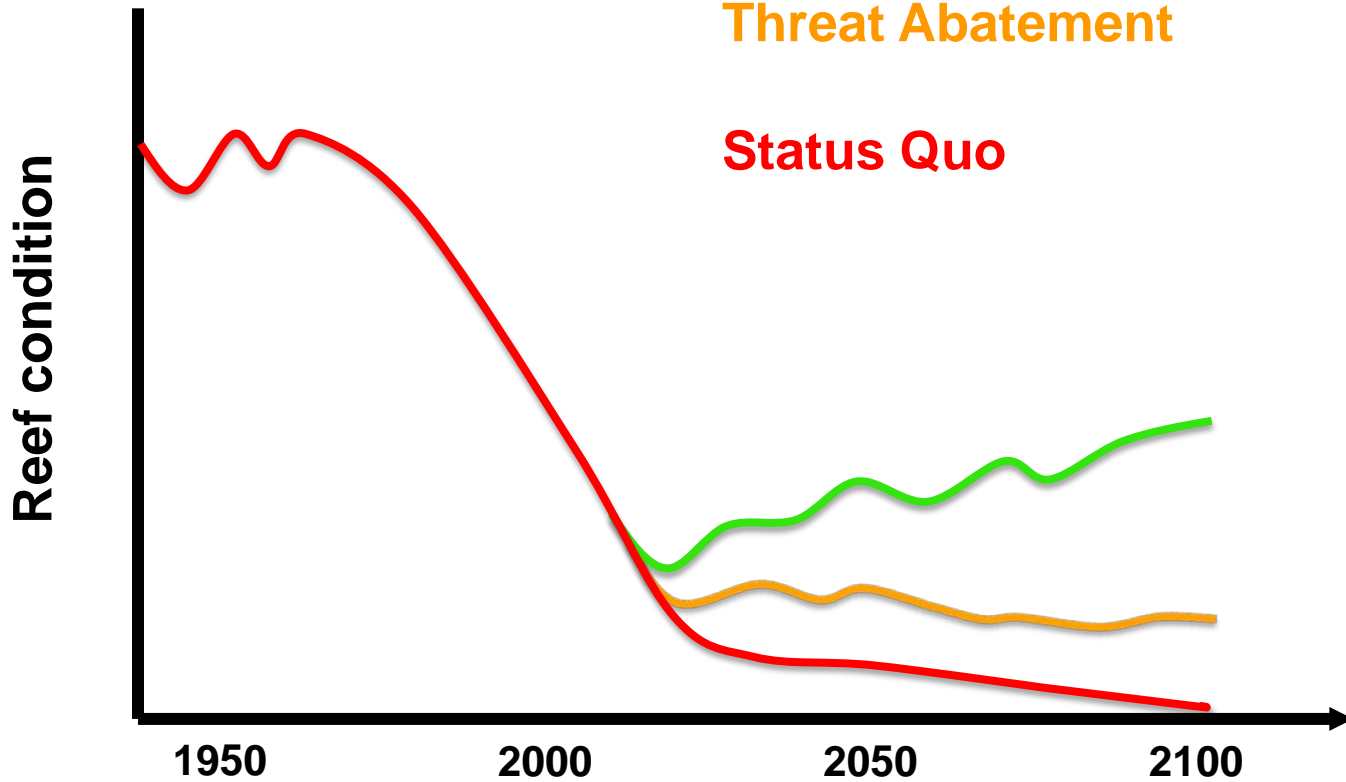
- 1. Establish standards among resource trustees for approval of mitigation and monitoring plans which ensure true costs of offsetting lost ecological services are incorporated into budgets.**
- 2. Establish national standards for impact minimization requirements and scientifically sound survey and monitoring protocols and success criteria.**
- 3. Create a suite of compensatory mitigation options which include appropriate scaling and associated costs.**
- 4. Ensure cost benefit analyses used by decision makers include accurate and current ecosystem valuation for infrastructure and civil works projects.**

State of the Reef System

**Ecosystem Restoration +
Threat Abatement**

Threat Abatement

Status Quo



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Take Home Message

Incorporate active restoration and appropriate mitigation as part of all strategies to address all of the national, regional, and local threats to coral reefs