

U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Meeting ~~~~~ August 2007 ~~~~~ American Samoa

Times	Monday, Aug 20	Tuesday, August 21	Wednesday, August 22	Thursday, August 23	Friday, August 24	Saturday, August 25	Sunday, August 26
8:00–12:30	All Islands Meeting 8-9.30 am All Island's & Regional Participation IYOR update Steering Committee Participation welcome 9.30-11.00	Steering Committee Meeting	Business Meeting <i>Special Session I: Coral Reef Ecosystems in a Changing Climate</i> <i>Open to the Public</i>	Business Meeting <i>Open to the Public</i>	USCRTF Field Trip Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary <i>Sign-up in Advance</i> All Islands CZM Meeting	Open field trip –Land Based Sources of Pollution (Aunu`u) <i>Sign-up in Advance</i> USCRTF Member Trip to Ofu Invite Only	USCRTF Member Trip in Ofu
12.30- 1.30	Ava Ceremony <i>Open to USCRTF Participants</i> LUNCH 11:30 – 1:30	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	
1:30 – 6:00 (unless otherwise noted by an evening event time)	Translating Traditional Knowledge – Workshop <i>Open to the Public</i>	<u>Concurrent sessions</u> Economic Valuation Workshop <i>Closed, invite only</i> Community-Based Fisheries Management (MPA) Sailele Village site visit for <i>USCRTF Participants</i> 1:30-5:00	Business Meeting <i>Special Session II: Regional Approaches to Coral Reef Ecosystem Mgt</i> <i>Open to the Public</i>	Business Meeting concludes at 3:30 pm <i>Open to the Public</i> Closing Reception DMWR 4.00 – 7 pm	USCRTF Field Trip Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary <i>Sign-up in Advance</i> All Island's CZM Meeting	Open field trip –Aunu`u <i>Sign-up in Advance</i> USCRTF Member Trip to Ofu Invite Only	USCRTF Member Trip in Ofu Return to Tutuila
Evening	Governor's Reception 6:30-8:30	U.S. Coast Guard Hosted Reception (Pago Pago Harbor, WALNUT)	National Marine Sanctuary Hosted Reception 6:30				

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Wednesday, August 22

8:00 – 8:30 Traditional Welcome and Protocol

8:30 – 9:00 Opening Session: Welcome & Introductions
Task Force Co-Chairs & Local Hosts

9:00 – 9:45 Meeting Opening
Overview of meeting goals & objectives
Presentation of proposed Resolutions for Member deliberation and discussion

9:00 – 9:45 BREAK

10:00 – 12:30 Special Session: Coral Reef Ecosystems in a Changing Climate

10:00– 10:20 Moderator & Keynote: *Dr. Bob Richmond – University of Hawaii (20 minutes)*

10:20 – 10:35 U.S. Perspective: Tools, Services, and Opportunities
Dr. Gerhard Kuska – Council on Environmental Quality (15 minutes)

10:35 – 10:50 Global Perspective & USCRTF Efforts
Dr. Mark Eakin – National Oceanic & Atmospheric Association (15 minutes)

10:50 – 11:05 American Samoa Perspective
Dr. Charles Birkeland – University of Hawai`i (15 minutes)

11:05 – 11:25 Pacific Regional Perspective
*Espen Ronneberg – South Pacific Environment Regional Program
(20 minutes)*

11:25 – 12:00 Discussion –
Opportunities for developing a shared, regional response to the challenges presented by the panelists

12:00 – 1:30 LUNCH

1:30 – 6:00 Special Session: Conserving Coral Reef Ecosystems: A Regional Approach

1:30-1:50 Session Introduction & Linkages to the Traditional Knowledge Workshop

Moderator – *Dr. Gerry Davis, Pacific Islands Regional Office, NOAA Fisheries* (10 minutes)

Enhancing Management Strategies through Traditional Knowledge – *Traditional Knowledge session moderator, American Samoa Government Senator HC Pulefaasisina P. Tuiasosopo* (10 minutes)

1:50 – 3:30 Regional Approaches to Coral Reef Ecosystem Management

Introduction of speakers (6 minutes)

- Our Sea of Islands – *Dan Basta, NOAA National Marine Sanctuary Program* (10 minutes)
- Micronesia Challenge Case Study – *Fabian Iyar, Palau International Coral Reef Center* (20 minutes)
- Samoan Archipelago Case Study – ecological justification for regional approach – *Dr. Peter Craig; National Park Service* (20 minutes)
- American Samoa Ecological Data – *Dr. Rusty Brainard, Pacific Islands Fishery Science Center, NOAA Fisheries* (10 minutes)

Discussion

3:30 – 3:45 BREAK

3:45 - 5:15 Management Implications, Applications, & Capacity Building Opportunities

Introduction of speakers (6 minutes)

- Samoa – Pulea Ifopo (10 minutes)
- American Samoa Community Based Fishery Management Program – *Director Ray Tulafono* (10 minutes)
- South Pacific Community - *Ueta Faasili* (10 minutes)
- Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP) – *Dominique Benzaken, Coastal Management Advisor* (10 minutes)
- Conservation International – *Francois Martel* (10 minutes)

5:15 – 6:00 Discussion

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Thursday, August 23

- 8:00 – 8:15** Opening Session: Welcome & Review of Special Session outcomes
Task Force Co-Chairs & Local Hosts
- 8:15– 10:15** **Member Updates & Announcements**
- 10:15 – 10:30** **BREAK**
- 10:30 – 11:00** **Steering Committee Update and Other Business**
- Report to Congress
 - International Coral Reef Symposium
 - Coral Reef Ecosystem Damage Events
 - Economic Valuation Workshop outcomes
- 11:00 – 11:15** **All Islands Committee Update**
- 11:15 – 11:30** **Award Presentations**
- 11:30 – 12:30** **Resolution Proposals / Discussion & Decision**
- Climate Change Resolution
 - Local Action Strategy: Phase Two
 - All Islands Committee Strategic Plan
 - International Year of the Reef 2008 Action Plan & Renewed Call to Action
- 12:30 – 1:30** **LUNCH**
- 1:30 – 1:45** **Legislative Update**
- 1:45 – 2:00** **Navassa Update and Discussion** – *Andrew Gude, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*
- 2:00 – 2:10** **Aua Geodetic Mark Presentation** – *Doug Brown, National Geodetic Survey*
- 2:15 – 3:30** **Public Comment**
- 3:30** **Closing**