

U.S. Coral Reef Task Force



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USCRTF 2008 IYOR Decision Item: 16th USCRTF meeting:
October 24-28, 2006, USVI

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force:

- Reaffirms its support and endorsement of the 2008 International Year of the Reef.
- Encourages its members to **actively participate** in the IYOR Working Group through their **designated POC**, and to consider in detail the role of their agency or jurisdiction in IYOR.



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- Encourages its members to support IYOR through financial contributions, staff time, and/or content development for coral reef related events, announcements, products and initiatives for 2008.
- Requests that its members report on their initial levels of support for IYOR prior to the Spring 2007 CRTF meeting.
- Requests that the Working Group present their IYOR plan of action prior to the Spring 2007 CRTF meeting.

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The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force was established to lead, coordinate, and strengthen U.S. government actions to conserve coral reef ecosystems, both domestic and international.

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force will utilize the International Year of the Reef 2008 and the 10th Anniversary of the Task Force to:

- **Enhance** implementation of the Task Force mission and goals.
- **Increase/Broaden** participation, partnerships, and collaborative action.
- **Communicate** the issues, threats, and actions required for coral reef conservation, along with the mission and goals of the Task Force members, individually and collectively.

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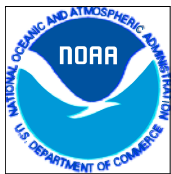
Support local, regional and international activities that assist in meeting the goals of the Task Force to conserve coral reef ecosystems domestically and internationally, engaging partners where possible.



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Promote involvement by all partners and facilitate brainstorming sessions.



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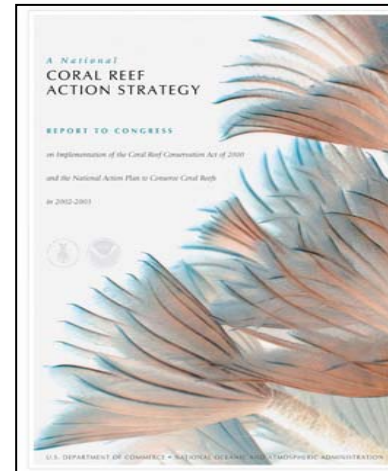
Plan and facilitate Task Force hosted activities – internationally, nationally, regionally, and locally.



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Develop a Renewed Call to Action to supplement and update the National Action Plan, starting with a gap analysis of which goals have not been met and should be targeted for greater action.



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Support efforts of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) and the USG Co-Chair of the ICRI Secretariat.



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Next Steps

- Finalize the Draft Action Plan by the next Task Force meeting, fall 2007
- Identify what activities the Task Force will commit to planning and hosting with clear work plan for each
- Identify what new products the Task Force will produce
- Identify funding needs for the above and develop a plan to fulfill these funding needs through Task Force and other partner participation
- Identify Points of Contact for those Task Force members not currently represented on the IYoR Working Group

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