



## Tasks from November Task Force Mting

1. Assist with 2008 State of U.S. Reef Ecosystems Report.
2. Draft Report to Congress on Implementation of U.S. National Action Strategy to Conserve Coral Reefs.
3. ***Draft action plan for Task Force involvement in 2008 International Year of the Reef (IYOR).***
4. ***Support planning and implementation of 2008 International Coral Reef Symposium (Florida).***
5. Establish Injury Event Tools Working Group.



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6. Support development and implementation of coral bleaching response plans.
- ✓ 7. Explore opportunities related to carbon sequestration.
8. Establish Cooperative Conservation Working Group.
9. USVI Govt support for recommendations from coral reef ecosystem workshop.
- ✓ 10. Coral Reef and Health Consortium to serve as Task Force Coral Disease Working Group



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11. Explore assistance and training for coral reef protected area managers in the Caribbean.
12. Respond to All Islands recommendations.
- ✓ 13. *Complete progress report on Local Action Strategies.*
- ✓ 14. *Finalize guidance for phase 2 Local Action Strategies.*
- ✓ 15. *Plan two Task Force meetings (Wash DC, Am Samoa)*
- ✓ 16. *Continue work on existing action items.*



## Progress On Existing Tasks

1. Provide training and tools to improve enforcement.
2. Develop forecasts for coral spawning events in U.S. Atlantic/Caribbean (step 1: Collect info on events).
3. Inventory and assess existing U.S. Coral Reef Protected Areas.
4. Support implementation of Local Action Strategies.



## Legislative Update

- 1. Bill introduced to reauthorize Coral Reef Conservation Act of 2000**  
(Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans, Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. House of Representatives)
- 2. Subcommittee hearing March 6.**



## Proposed Task Force Resolution

### Title:

Recognition and support for the United States as co-host of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Secretariat for 2007-2009

### Findings:

- *U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy* called for U.S. international leadership in coral reef conservation.
- *U.S. Ocean Action* called for U.S. to co-host the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Secretariat 2007-2009.
- *U.S. and Mexico* agreed to cohost ICRI Secretariat at October 2006 ICRI general meeting.
- *U.S. Coral Reef Task Force* duties include "...expanded collaboration...to implement ICRI through its Framework of Action..." (Executive Order 13089)



## Proposed Task Force Resolution

### The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (CRTF):

- Reaffirms the President's commitment of the U.S. to serve as co-host of the ICRI Secretariat 2007-2009;
- Encourages its members to actively participate in the interagency planning process for the ICRI Secretariat, and to consider the roles and duties of their agency or jurisdiction in the ICRI Secretariat;
- Encourages its members to support the ICRI Secretariat through financial and in-kind contributions during the 2007-2009 term;
- Requests that its members report on their initial level of support for the ICRI Secretariat prior to the Fall 2007 CRTF meeting.