

**In 2004 the USCRTF & State of Florida  
formally endorsed the bid to host the:**

**11<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium  
REEFS FOR THE FUTURE**

**July 2008**

**Ft. Lauderdale FL**

**Sanctioned by:**

**International Society for Reef Studies**

**Co-Sponsored by:**

**The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force**

**The State of Florida**



# What is the 11th International Coral Reef Symposium?



- **World's foremost coral reef meeting, held every 4 years.**
- **Brings together international academics, managers, conservationists, NGOs, and young investigators.**
- **Prior in Okinawa, Bali, Panama, Guam, Tahiti, Philippines, Australia, India.**
- **Last on U.S. mainland in 1977.**
- **Best reef science & technology.**
- **Awarded to US/Florida in 2008.**
- **2,500 attendees anticipated.**
- **Sanctioned by ISRS**



# The UNITED STATES and Florida have the honor to serve as Co-Hosts for the 11<sup>th</sup> ICRS:

## CONSERVING OUR VALUABLE CORAL REEFS

U.S. CORAL REEF TASK FORCE

- Conservation      **12 federal agencies**
  - Leadership        **7 states & territories**
  - Research
  - Management      **3 freely associated states**
  - Education
- US Venue: mutual exposure of  
participants to advanced coral-  
reef science, technology, and  
management**

- **FLORIDA**
- **Extensive reef ecosystems**
- **Highly visited and used**
- **Recreation, education,**
- **Economic impact**
- **Research data base**
- **Coordinated management**



# Organizational Responsibility

## Local Organizing Committee

## Host Country Endorsement Committee

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# Ecumenical & Encompassing Science Program



- Central theme: REEFS FOR THE FUTURE
- What is happening **NOW** contributes to the future of coral reefs
- Question-driven mini-symposia around provocative themes & your feedback
- **Global not parochial**
- Innovative Regional Field Workshops

Sea Surface Temperature (°C)



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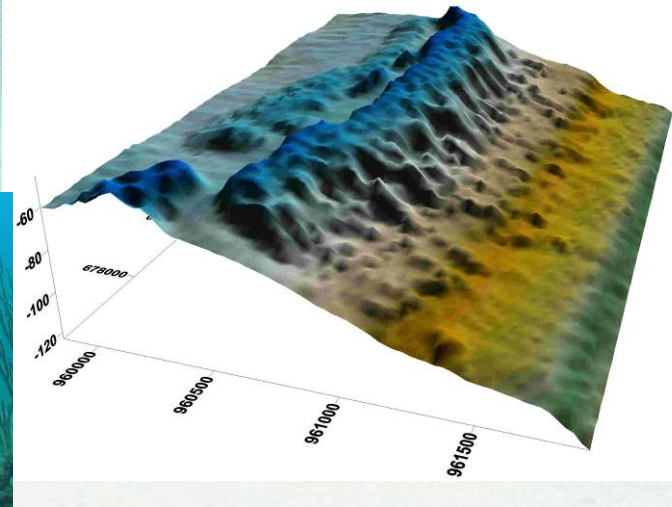
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# Florida as Gateway to Caribbean, Gulf, W. Pacific: Exceptional Field Trips



- Regional Opportunities
- Excellent diving facilities throughout
- Barrier Reefs
- Bank
- Atolls
- Fringing
- Patch
- Living & Fossil
- Models for sustainable conservation & management



# Outstanding Venue

# Ft. Lauderdale:

- **Proximity to Coral Reefs & Diving**
  - 400 KM Florida Reef Track
  - Gateway to Atlantic, Gulf, Caribbean
- **Convention Center** – excellent space for plenary sessions, mini-symposia, meetings, posters, exhibits, networking discussion areas and food service
- **Accommodations**
  - Range of rates in hotels
  - Online Reservations
- **Airports**
  - Easy access with three major airports, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and West Palm



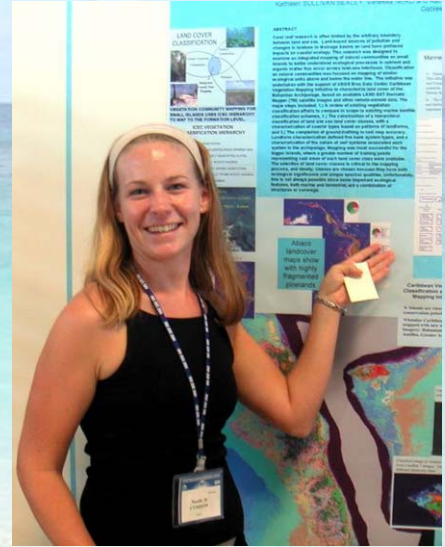
*Holiday Inn Ft. Lauderdale*

# 11<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium 2008:

## REEFS FOR THE FUTURE

### Overview

- Exciting and relevant science program
- Timely proceedings
- Field Workshops & Field Trips
  - local and regional
- Scholarships & Visa facilitation
- Outstanding venue, hotels, special events
- Enhanced Press & Outreach
- Global focus in a regional location: Atlantic & Caribbean
- Partners at all levels to promote wide participation
- Sponsorships Opportunities





# 11<sup>th</sup> ICRS Needs: SPONSORSHIPS



- A well-run, productive conference of this magnitude is expensive, yet well worth the cost for its contributions to science, conservation, & management of Coral Reefs.
- Outstanding committee and organization, coupled with sound fiscal management.
- Need help & generosity of the US



**FY 06 CJS appropriations bill: "The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force should join with its Federal and State partners to provide an appropriate level of financial and technical support to make the 11th International Coral Reef Symposium a successful event."**

# 11<sup>th</sup> ICRS Sponsorship BENEFITS:

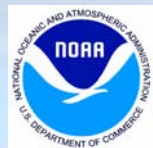


## MYRIAD

- Understanding, Conserving, Managing the World's Coral Reefs
- Link to IYOR-2008
- National & regional attention: Reefs of USA, Florida, W. Atlantic, Caribbean & Gulf
- Supporting press, student, & developing country attendees
- Logo: Web, Print, Pubs, On-Site
- Exhibit Opportunities
- Sponsor & Events Levels



# WELCOME TO FORT LAUDERDALE



Your  
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11th  International  
**Coral Reef**  
SYMPOSIUM 

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida USA  
July 7-11th, 2008

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