

*8<sup>th</sup> Coral Reef Task Force Meeting*  
*October 2-3, 2002*  
*San Juan, Puerto Rico*

**Resolution 8-3: Improving Stakeholder Engagement**

Recognizing that there are a number of interested parties outside of the current U.S. Coral Reef Task Force structure that should be more fully engaged in the CRTF;

Acknowledging/recognizing that a number of local/regional/ national stakeholders have been involved in the CRTF for years;

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force directs the Steering Committee to explore options for improving stakeholder / non-governmental/ interested parties engagement in the CRTF, including legal challenges and opportunities; and report back to the CRTF with recommendations one month before the next CRTF meeting. In doing so, the CRTF encourages the Steering Committee to look at the very different interests involved (i.e. agricultural, cultural, business, scientific, academic, private, public, non-governmental, etc.).