



Resolution on coral reef-associated fisheries

This resolution was approved by the ICRI members at the ICRI General Meeting held in Monaco (12-15 January 2010)

Coral-reef associated fisheries around the world support millions of livelihoods and provide critically important protein and food security. Despite their importance, and the increasing national and international pressures they face, including from climate change, and illegal, unmonitored and unregulated trade, few reef-associated fisheries are effectively managed or monitored. This is leading to unsustainable harvesting, which threatens food security, livelihoods, vulnerable species, and coral reef ecosystems.

The General Meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative:

Recognizes the social, economic and biological importance of effectively managed reef-associated fisheries

Acknowledges concerns about their sustainability

Recognizes the need to raise awareness and to identify data gaps and possible initiatives to address this situation;

Establishes an Ad Hoc Committee on reef-associated fisheries which will compile information from ICRI members and others according to its Terms of Reference (see Annex 1) with the purpose of developing a Resolution on coral reef-associated fisheries for consideration at the 2010 ICRI meeting in Samoa;

Invites participation in the Ad Hoc Committee by interested ICRI members.

Annex I. Terms of Reference for the ICRI *Ad Hoc* Committee on Coral Reef-Associated Fisheries

- The *Ad Hoc* Committee will be co-chaired by CRISP and SCRFA with membership consisting of....
- The *Ad Hoc* Committee, with the support of ICRI members and global experts and practitioners, will discuss the following issues and develop a **Resolution** and set of guidelines as appropriate:
 - Review existing ICRI Resolutions regarding relevance to reef-associated fisheries and briefly evaluate progress made after adoption.
 - Identify the economic importance of coral reef-associated fishes with indications of current status and sustainability.
 - Identify the importance and relevance of illegal, unregulated and unmonitored trade (both local and transboundary) in relation to the goal of sustainable fisheries
 - Determine whether current monitoring and capacity (funding and manpower) are sufficient and appropriate to address current and future management planning, or fishing pressure.
 - Identify novel technologies or activities that may represent either threats or solutions for sustainable reef-associated fisheries
 - Compile list of fishery database availability (type of data and time frame).
 - Compile list of indicators or reference points used to determine fishery condition.
 - Identify RFMOs which actively engage in issues related to the sustainable use of coral reef-associated resources.
 - Explore the possible role of ICRI members in supporting and fostering sustainable management of coral reef-associated fisheries
- The **Resolution** will be presented at the next ICRI meeting for consideration. The co-chairs respectfully request parties interested in joining the Committee to contact Eric Clua.