



## **Resolution on the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN)**

*Adopted on November 4th, 2016, at the 31st ICRI General Meeting (Paris, France)*

Acknowledging the organizational analysis of data networks and information systems presented to the meeting.

Recognizing the good progress made with GCRMN regional reporting initiatives and opportunities to further expand and replicate these.

Conscious that the 3rd global bleaching event, the longest recorded, caused unprecedented bleaching in many locations.

Bearing in mind the directions for GCRMN as agreed at ICRI GM 29 and 30.

Noting paragraph 14 of UNEA-2 resolution 12 on sustainable coral reefs management.

The International Coral Reef Initiative

1. Requests the ICRI Secretariat in conjunction with UNEP Coral Reef Unit, as requested in the UNEA 2 resolution, to develop and initiate implementation of a roadmap for strengthening the GCRMN, and to lead a working group to support this, in consultation with regional coordinators. The roadmap should be as simple as possible; draw upon existing efforts including as identified in the organizational analysis of data networks and information systems; seek to maximize efficiencies; and address GCRMN regional and global coordination needs at the global level while considering options for minimizing cost.
2. Encourages ICRI members to strengthen monitoring and reporting efforts at national and regional level, including by participating in and contributing data and information to regional GCRMN initiatives underway or being initiated.
3. Requests GCRMN to prepare a global synthesis on the 3rd global bleaching event in close consultation with NOAA and International Society for Reef Studies (ISRS), and encourages ICRI members and GCRMN partners to contribute bleaching observations and other relevant data and information for this purpose.