What is ICRI?

- An informal partnership among Governments, international organizations, and NGOs
- Striving to protect coral reefs and related ecosystems
- Promoting sustainable management practices, building capacity
- Raising awareness at all levels on the plight of coral reefs around the world.

Who's Behind it?

- Founded in 1994 by eight governments
- Founders include: Australia, France, Japan, Jamaica, the Philippines, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America
- More than 60 members

How Does it Work?

- Members' General Meetings held at least annually
- Regional meetings and workshops
- Side events at major international summit
- 'Ad Hoc Committees' set up to work on specific issues
- International Tropical Marine Ecosystem Management Symposium (ITMEMS) held every 4 years.

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ICRI's Key Documents

Call to Action

ICRI's Call to Action aims to raise global awareness on the continuing decline in the health of the world's coral reefs and encourages action to address coral reef issues.

Framework for action

Adopted in 1995, the Framework for Action sets a basis for achieving sustainable management of coral reefs and addresses the 4 elements of the ICRI Call to Action (the '4 cornerstones' of ICRI).

Recommendations, Host Secretary Advisories & Reports

ICRI members regularly adopt recommendations, host secretariat advisories and reports to attract international attention on specific issues.



A sample of ICRI's past and current work



Monitoring reefs around the world (since 1998)



Supporting reef management and sustainable fisheries in regional seas (2000-2011)



Raising global awareness of coral reefs (2008)



Training managers on underwater forensic investigative techniques



Regional research and capacity building initiatives in the Indian Ocean (CORDIO) and South Pacific (CRISP)





Developing a strategy for Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in East Asia

Responding to the lionfish invasion in the Caribbean