



Recommendation to reduce damage due to dredging and dumping on coral reefs

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Noting the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure Report number 108, Dredging and Port Construction around Coral Reefs;

Recognizing that the anthropogenic damage due to dredging and physical alteration of reef structures are serious issues of global concern;

Recalling goal 3.3 of theme 3 of ICRI Action plan to improve regulation and enforcement to reduce direct anthropogenic damage due to dredging and physical alteration of reef structures;

The International Coral Reef Initiative

Encourages governments to avoid, minimize and mitigate, the impacts of dredging and dumping activities in areas that might damage coral reefs;

Further calls on ICRI members to promote marine and coastal sustainable tourism, especially for cruising activities;

Resolves to promote exchanges of expertise and best practices to avoid, minimize, and mitigate the impacts to coral reefs due to construction of new harbors and ports, and new waterways;

Resolves to promote exchange of expertise, best practices, and lessons learned to avoid impacts on coral reefs of dumping of dredge materials.