

Resolution on Assessing the Effectiveness of Marine Protected Area Management

Three of the four cornerstone principles of ICRI focus on:

- Integrated approaches to coastal and marine management;
- Monitoring to inform management decision making; and
- Review.

Each and all of these elements are integral to management effectiveness assessment.

The global discussion on sustainable management of the environment in general and marine areas in particular has clearly shown that areas of importance for biodiversity values and ecosystem services require effective management.

For management to be effective it must be regularly measured, assessed and adapted.

It is clear from the global discussion that there has been a call for action in assessing the effectiveness of management arrangements and that timeframes for action must be urgent and immediate.

In this context the engagement of ICRI Members in the Management Effectiveness Workshop held in conjunction with the 27th ICRI General Meeting held in Cairns, Australia in July 2012 is timely.

Accordingly, the International Coral Reef Initiative encourages its Members to:

- **Consider** the merits of Management Effectiveness Assessment in all aspects of managing protected areas, including social, economic and cultural aspects.
- **Adopt and implement** systems for regularly assessing the effectiveness of both marine protected areas and other mechanisms for managing coral reef and associated ecosystems.
- **Engage** indigenous and local communities and other stakeholders in relevant elements of management effectiveness assessment.
- **Use** the results of these assessments in adapting and improving management action.



- **Include** information derived from these assessments into national, regional and international reporting that they may undertake.
- **Contribute** information on management assessments that they have undertaken to global datasets on management effectiveness such as those maintained by the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre and the IUCN.