

**RESOLUTION on
promoting an integrated approach to community-based coral reef conservation and
management emphasizing land-sea connectivity**

Adopted on 23 October 2014, at the 29th ICRI General Meeting (Okinawa, Japan)

Noting that fringing reefs are found extensively in Okinawa, Japan, where the 29th ICRI General Meeting was held from 20-23 October 2014;

Recognizing that coral reefs, especially fringing reefs, are heavily influenced by land-based activities, it is particularly important to consider human activities and impact as part of the measures for coral reef conservation;

Emphasizing ICRI's cornerstone on integrated management, specifically to manage coral reefs and associated ecosystems in a manner that recognizes the connectivity of land and sea, and the impacts of anthropogenic pressures;

Recalling the "Resolution on using co-management approaches for marine protected areas and other mechanisms for managing coral reefs and associated ecosystems" adopted at the 28th ICRI General Meeting in Belize City, Belize;

Recalling the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-based Activities (GPA);

Recalling the GCRMN report *Catchment Management and Coral Reef Conservation: a practical guide for coastal resource managers to reduce damage from catchment areas based on best practice case studies* published in 2011, which introduces 11 recommendations for catchment management;

Noting the decision of the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity on marine and coastal biodiversity, which includes priority actions to achieve Aichi Target 10 for coral reefs and closely associated ecosystems.

Accordingly, ICRI encourages its Members to:

Consider the merits of integrated approaches to community-based coral reef conservation and management emphasizing land-sea connectivity;

Apply the lessons learned on watershed management for conserving fringing reefs from the cases presented in the workshop at the 29th General Meeting and in the GCRMN report, as appropriate;

Promote, where appropriate, collaboration among stakeholders that facilitate community-based conservation and management efforts that integrate the conservation and management of the relevant watersheds;

Contribute to the sharing of information and experience in fora provided by relevant conventions, organizations, or initiatives.

Accordingly, ICRI requests its Secretariat to:

Compile the case studies on integrated approaches to community-based coral reef conservation and management emphasizing land-sea connectivity from submitted ICRI Members' Reports and organize with reference to the GCRMN report;

Report on the compilation of the above case studies at the 30th General Meeting in Thailand;

Disseminate the information through ICRI Media and other available and appropriate media.

Accordingly, ICRI requests its Members to:

Assist in the compilation of case studies by providing information in addition to the submitted Member's Reports, upon request from the ICRI Secretariat;

Encourage similar integrated approaches to community-based coral reef conservation and management emphasizing land-sea connectivity, where appropriate, that would have long-term benefits;

Support the ICRI Secretariat in disseminating the compilation of case studies.