

Resolution on the 6th International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium (ITMEMS 6)

adopted on December 7th, 2018 at the 33rd ICRI General Meeting (Monaco)

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The purpose of ITMEMS is to strengthen the capacities of coastal and marine managers and their partners, to serve as a forum for peer group interaction and professional development, for conservation and promotion of the sustainable use of coral reefs and related ecosystems.

There is a confirmed interest in holding an ITMEMS4, as both practitioners and managers have found previous ITMEMS to be important and effective for peer group information sharing, problem-solving and professional development.

The General Meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative:

Reaffirms ITMEMS as a core activity of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI).

Establishes an *ad hoc* Committee to discuss the organization of ITMEMS 6 including *inter alia* content and themes, possible host and venue location, timing of the symposium, range of participants, budget and financing (See Annex 1).

Requests ICRI members interest in joining the *ad hoc* committee to contact the ICRI Secretariat.

Annex 1 – Terms of Reference for ITMEMS 6 Ad Hoc Committee

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As agreed at the December 2018 ICRI General Meeting, an ITMEMS 6 *ad hoc* Committee was formed. The outcomes of this group's activities (detailed below) will be presented at the next ICRI GM. This Committee will be composed of the following members:

- Chair (suggestion from ICRI member/voluntarily).



- Representatives from previous and present ICRI Secretariat.
- Two members (or more) from the ICRI Membership.
- Two representatives of the ITMEMS 6 host location (Indonesia).

The *ad hoc* Committee is tasked with the following activities:

- Confirm location and dates for convening ITMEMS 6.
- Identify main activities which require funding and provide an indicative budget for ITMEMS 6.
- Provide and propose an outline of the ITMEMS 6 programme with potential themes and content.