

Resolution on the International Coral Reef Action Network (ICRAN)

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REAFFIRMING the urgent need for action to halt and reverse the decline in the coral reefs of the world and noting that this requires action to achieve :

- Integrated coastal management
- Capacity building
- Research and monitoring
- Review and evaluation.

APPRECIATING that the ICRAN Strategic Plan is aiming to:

Build upon successful activities and programs which achieve the objectives of the ICRI Framework for Action;

Create a global network of successful examples of integrated coastal management and marine protected areas which provide good models for ongoing and expanded action;

Develop human resources, technical and information capacities to maintain and extend action on the scale needed;

Inform about the benefits and successes of actions to secure the future of coral reefs and the people who depend upon them and promote their extension; and

Achieve sustainability of finance, resources and capacity to deliver ongoing and expanded action.

NOTING that to achieve action on a scale appropriate to the needs requires major new support to the integrated strategic plan to secure the future of coral reefs and of the people who depend upon them.

NOTING FURTHER the consistency of these objectives with those of global conventions which relate to biodiversity, conservation and sustainable use of the resources of marine and coastal environments;

ICRI CPC OBSERVES that successful achievement of such a program requires a robust management framework which:

Provides clear strategic direction;

Ensures timely delivery and reporting of high quality results, including concrete on ground conservation achievements for coral reef ecosystems;

Maintains and builds the confidence of participants, supporters and the global community;
and

Secures the resources necessary to achieve actions which secure the future of coral reefs and
of the people who depend upon them.

ICRI CPC therefore

COMMENDS the work of UNEP and other partners in developing the ICRAN program, as a
new operational unit of ICRI, to its current stage;

LOOKS FORWARD with confidence to effective implementation of the next stage of the
ICRAN Program;

INSTRUCTS the ICRI Secretariat to continue its close involvement and to facilitate the
involvement of ICRI partners in the strategic planning of ICRAN and the coordination of
ICRAN with other ICRI programs (GCRMN, ICRIN); and

CALLS UPON ICRI partners and the global community to work together in the ongoing
development, implementation and support of the ICRAN Program