

Resolution on the International coral Reef Information Network (ICRIN)

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RECOGNIZING that public awareness is an essential element of coral reef conservation needed to ensure that the value of coral reefs and the threats to reefs are understood, and that sufficient resources are devoted to sustainable conservation of coral reefs.

NOTING the importance of developing appropriate public awareness initiatives that reflect national and regional priorities as well as local culture and knowledge concerning coral reefs.

ACKNOWLEDGING with appreciation the dedicated efforts of the Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL) to plan, develop and coordinate the International Coral Reef Information Network (ICRIN) as an effective global public awareness program on coral reefs that reflects regional, national and local priorities.

The International Coral Reef Initiative Coordinating and Planning Committee:

URGES all members of ICRI to provide and help secure financial and logistic support to ICRIN in order to catalyze the early formation of ICRIN as a means of carrying the ICRI message to audiences through the world.

STRONGLY ENCOURAGES governments, international organizations, foundations, corporations and other institutions and individuals to help develop and support ICRIN and to collaborate in developing and supporting complementary public awareness initiatives on coral reefs such as the UNEP Tourism Initiative, the WWF Coral Web, ICLARM's ReefBase, and The World Resource Institute's Reefs at Risk program.