

## **Resolution for the Inclusion of a Coral Reef-Related Target in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework**

*adopted on December 2019, at the 34<sup>th</sup> ICRI General Meeting (Australia)*

*Recalling* that at the 33rd General Meeting, ICRI members recognized the urgent need for action to address coral reef issues in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) is expected to adopt in Kunming, China in October 2020,

Also *recalling* that ICRI members established an *ad hoc* Committee at the 33rd General Meeting to develop a recommendation for a global target for coral reefs in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework,

*Recognizing* the progress that has been made by the *ad hoc* Committee in developing a recommendation for the global target for coral reefs,

*Acknowledging* that the development of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework is an ongoing process and consultations are still in an early phase,

*Noting* the important international meetings and events taking place in advance of the CBD CoP, including CBD subsidiary body meetings and working groups, United Nations Oceans Conference, IUCN World Conservation Congress, International Coral Reef Symposium, and Our Ocean Conference, which will provide opportunities to build consensus and support for the recommended global target, and

*Reaffirming* the urgent need for action to address the global decline and possible extinction of coral reef species, as reflected in recent landmark global assessments by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

### **The General Meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative:**

1. **Requests** that the ICRI Secretariat continue to facilitate the work of the *ad hoc* Committee (AHC) to develop a recommendation for a global target relating to coral reefs in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework under revised Terms of Reference set out in Annex 1 to this resolution;
2. **Authorizes** the ICRI co-chairs to approve, after consultation with ICRI members, the *ad hoc* Committee's recommendation, so as to enable an appropriate, timely and adaptive contribution to the ongoing Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework process;



3. *Provides* an informal update on AHC discussions to the CBD Secretariat and Co-Chairs of the Open-ended Working Group, following the 34th General Meeting of ICRI; and
4. *Encourages* its members to promote and advocate for the inclusion of the ICRI-approved global target relating to coral reefs in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

#### **Annex1: proposed update to the terms of reference for the *ad hoc* committee**

1. Coordinate ICRI's contribution to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework;
2. Engage with relevant partners and stakeholders to develop, by 31 March 2020, a draft recommendation for a coral reef related target and an alternative; and
3. Develop and implement a communications strategy to promote the recommended coral reef target at important international meetings and events in 2020, including the 15th COP of the CBD in Kunming, China in October 2020.