



Coral  
Restoration  
Consortium

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Dear Mr. Staub,

The Coral Restoration Consortium is writing to express interest in joining the International Coral Reef Initiative.

The [Coral Restoration Consortium \(CRC\)](#) is a community of practice comprising scientists, managers, coral restoration practitioners, and educators dedicated to enabling coral reef ecosystems to survive the 21st century and beyond. The CRC's mission is to foster collaboration and technology transfer among participants, and to facilitate scientific and practical ingenuity to demonstrate that restoration can achieve meaningful results at scales relevant to reefs in their roles of protecting coastlines, supporting fisheries, and serving as economic engines for coastal communities.

Because ICRI has a sub-group and a recent focus on coral restoration, we feel our formal inclusion in ICRI is timely. Since its inception in early 2017, the CRC has been contributing to ICRI efforts via collaborations; for example, co-authoring a UNEP report on coral restoration methods and developing a presentation on the CRC presented by GCRMN Caribbean. However, being a formal member of ICRI would help streamline the relationship and shared work between CRC and ICRI.

We wholeheartedly support the objectives of ICRI to develop and encourage the adoption of best practices, build capacity, and raise awareness. In fact, these dovetail with our own objectives to develop guidelines and build capacity for coral restoration specifically. As the number of coordinating efforts and organizations grows, we feel that ICRI belongs at the top of the heap - helping to set the tone and agenda for international policy work, and we look forward to joining the team.

We would be pleased to present our organization at ICRI's next General Meeting, or whenever convenient for you.

Kind regards,

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Co-Chair

Tom Moore  
Co-Chair