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Dear Mr. Staub,

Coral Restoration Foundation (CRF) is writing to express interest in becoming a member of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI). We believe our efforts and future direction align with ICRI's mission and ability to be an effective agency for global action to save our coral reefs. Coral reefs around the world are facing an unprecedented degree of decline and the extent of this decline can only be fought through large-scale action and collaborations.

[Coral Restoration Foundation](#) is the world's largest non-profit singularly dedicated to restoring coral reefs to a healthy state. Headquartered in the Florida Keys, CRF was incorporated in 2007 in response to the widespread loss of coral species along the Florida Reef Tract. CRF's core mission is to restore coral reefs, to educate on the importance of our oceans, and to leverage science to further coral research and restoration.

We are at the forefront of these efforts, providing training, techniques and technology, and hope through direct action on a massive scale. Our model is collaborative, open source, and holistic, dedicated to creating broader infrastructure to support our work and that of the greater restoration community. We strive to do this in such a way as to bridge the gap in access by making information and resources as accessible as possible to anyone interested, regardless of location or socio-economic means.

As part of these efforts, we have developed and launched a global registry for coral genetics used in restoration, produced an online mosaic processing portal, released informative white-papers detailing our methodology, and contributed to ICRI reporting efforts on coral restoration methods and on the funding landscape for coral restoration. Additionally, CRF has been able to effectively leverage support to grow our efforts exponentially, becoming an international resource for coral reef restoration. This has been achieved through our co-founding and leadership of the Coral Restoration Consortium; hosting of the international Reef Futures symposium; partnerships with the International Coral Reef Society and The Prince Albert of Monaco Foundation; and participating in international efforts such as serving on the governance body for the UN's Development Accelerator Platform.

We are fully supportive of (and align with) ICRI's objectives to develop and encourage the adoption of best practices, build capacity, and raise awareness for coral reef ecosystems. of these objectives and. Coral Restoration Foundation would welcome the opportunity to join as members and be pleased to present our organization at ICRI's next General Meeting, or at another time that is convenient for you.

Kind regards,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be "R. Scott Winters", written in a cursive style.

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