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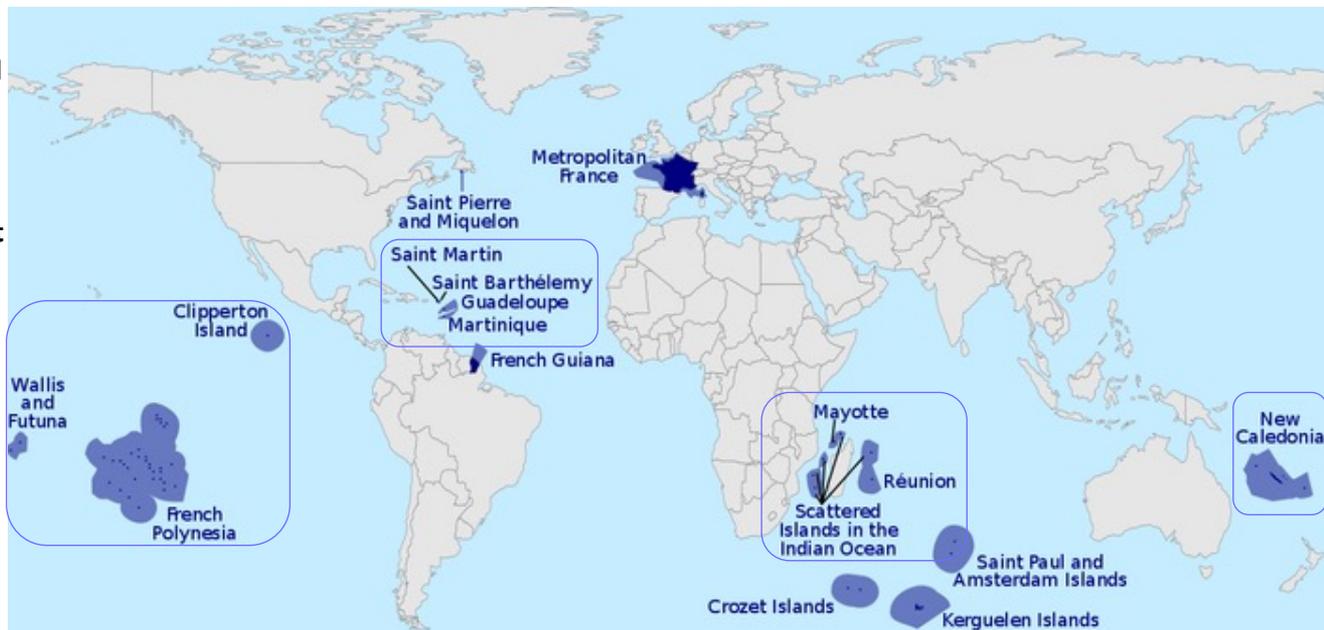
FRENCH CORAL REEF INITIATIVE (IFRECOR) 2022-2026 ACTION PLAN

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French coral reefs: fact sheet

- **58 000 km² of coral reefs** (4th largest coral reef area) in 3 oceans (Atlantic, Indian, Pacific)
- **Important responsibility and commitment to protect coral reefs** through national policies and regional cooperation
- **11 overseas territories** with different constitutional status (different degrees of autonomy)



The French coral reef initiative (Ifrecor)

- **1999: Creation of the French coral reef initiative** based on the ICRI model
- **Mission = to promote the protection and sustainable management of coral reefs and associated ecosystems in the overseas territories**
- **Gather all stakeholders** at the national level and within every territory



The French coral reef initiative (Ifrecor)

2016 biodiversity law requires Ifrecor to assess and report on the health status of coral reefs and associated ecosystems every 5 years



2020 RESULTS

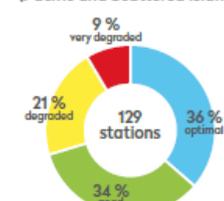
THE PACIFIC AND SCATTERED ISLANDS: GENERALLY GOOD CONDITIONS

In 2020, the majority (70%) of the reefs inventoried on the whole of these territories are in good condition (classes 1 or 2).

FRENCH WEST INDIES AND INDIAN OCEAN (EXCEPT SCATTERED ISLANDS): MORE ALARMING SITUATIONS

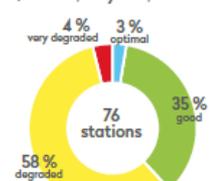
In 2020, the majority (62%) of the reefs inventoried in these territories are degraded (classes 3 or 4).

Current state of the reefs (Pacific and Scattered Islands):



Percentages of stations by health status class

Current state of the reefs (Antilles, Mayotte, Réunion)



Percentages of stations by health status class

Identification of main stressors and pressures



+ Identification of challenges similar to those faced by the GCRMN

(data collection and analysis)

Ifrecor's 5th Action plan (2022-2026)

- The 5th Action plan (2022-2026) was developed to address the pressures, and based on local needs.
- Adopted in november 2022 in Paris
- 1,5 M € yearly granted by the ministries



Ifrecor's 5th Action plan (2022-2026)

7 axes ready to implement

1. **MERCI-Cor** (method to avoid-reduce-compensate the impacts of development in coral reef ecosystems)
2. **Assessment and classification of restoration actions** (toolkit for managers)
3. **Mapping and classification of benthic habitats**
4. **Preventing invasive species**
5. **Red lists of species and ecosystems**
6. **Monitoring networks** (coral reefs; mangroves; seagrass beds)
7. **Assessment of socio-economical value of coral reefs and associated ecosystems**

4 axes require further development before implementation:

1. **Determining the links between uses, pressures, and health status**
2. **Planning at sea to foster resilience**
3. **Diversification of fundings**
4. **Climate change observatory**

Contribution to national goals & targets

The developed actions will support the implementation of national goals and targets.

- **Action plan for the protection of coral reefs** → Protect 100% of coral reefs by 2025
- **National Strategy for Protected Areas 2030**
- **National Biodiversity Strategy 2030**
(national implementation of the GBF; 50% of coral reefs strongly protected by 2030) – to be adopted 11/2023





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<https://icriforum.org/members/france/>

Additional resources on Ifrecor's website : <https://ifrecor.fr/>

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