



The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) 37th General Meeting

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Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i

[Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel.](#)

20th – 23rd September 2023

Agenda
15/09/23

Tuesday 19th September

Registration			
17:00	90	Please visit the Ballroom Foyer of the Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel to register and receive your lanyard.	Marriott

Wednesday 20th September – Day 1 - Cultural exchange

Session 1 – Cultural Exchange			
07:45		Please meet at the Lobby of the Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel	Marriott
		Cultural exchange visit to Kaloko-Honokōhau Natural Historical Park including Kaloko Fish Pond (loko i'a), Kaloko Kuapā (Fishpond wall) and the anchialine pools.	
11:00		Arrive at Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel	Marriott



Session 1 - Field trip 2 – Ridge to Reef Restoration Center			Location
09:30		Meet at the Lobby of the Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha’s Kona Beach Hotel	
		Guided tour of the Coral Nursery and Restoration site by Global Center for Discovery and Conservation Science, Arizona State University and Greg Asner	Coral Nursery
11:10		Arrive at Courtyard by Marriott King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel	Marriott

Time	‘	
12:00	80	Lunch
13:20	10	Group Photograph
13:30	45	Traditional Opening / Oli
14:15	165	<p>Listening Session</p> <p><i>Facilitators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Whyte - <i>Science Envoy for Indigenous and Local Knowledge, U.S. Department of State and George Willis Pack Professor, School for Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan</i> • ‘Aulani Wilhelm - <i>Senior Vice President for Oceans at Conservation International</i> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander ‘Alika’ Garcia - <i>Kuleana Coral Restoration, Hawai’i</i> • Troy Johnson - <i>Reef Authority’s Indigenous Reef Advisory Committee</i> • Winfred Mudong - <i>SOCMON, Regional Coordinator Pacific Islands, Deputy Director for Capacity Building at the Micronesia Conservation Trust</i> • Ryan Okano - <i>Hawai’i Division of Aquatic Resources</i> • Maru Samuels - <i>Alternate Director to the Board of Te Ohu Kaimoana</i> • Diwigdi Valiente – <i>Youth delegation, Panama</i>
	15	<p>Closing</p> <p><i>Facilitators: Kyle Whyte & Aulani Wilhelm</i></p>
19:00		<p>ICRI Welcome Reception</p> <p><i>Honus Restaurant</i></p>

Thursday 21st September –Day 2

Time (HST)		Day 2
Session 3 - Welcome & Openings		
08:30	60	Coffee & Pastries
09:00	15	Traditional Welcome/Oli <i>Hotel Team</i>
09:15	10	General Meeting Opening <i>Christine Dawson, US Department of State (DoS)</i> <i>Jennifer Koss, NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program</i> Welcome Video's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nicole LeBoeuf, Assistant Administrator for NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS)</i> • <i>Jennifer R. Littlejohn, Acting Assistant Secretary Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, DoS</i>
09:25	5	Housekeeping <i>ICRI Secretariat</i>
09:30	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation & Adoption of the Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Christine Dawson, ICRI Co-chair</i>
09:35	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection of Day 1
09:50	10	New Member Application presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>ICRI Secretariat</i>
10:00	10	CORDAP - Delivering the best science and technology to save the corals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Rory Jordan, The Coral Research & Development Accelerator Platform (CORDAP)</i>
10:10	10	Coastal Sustainability at Arizona State University's (ASU) Center for Global Discovery and Conservation Science (GDCCS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Greg Asner, GDCCS/ASU</i>
10:20	10	Coral Restoration Foundation (CRF): enhancing coral reefs through active and scalable restoration efforts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jessica Levy, CRF</i>
10:30	10	Scaling coral reef restoration through coral seeding and a transregional training and implementation program

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dirk Petersen, SECORE International</i>
10:40	10	<p>Conservation and Management of Coral Reefs, South-Eastern India: Suganthi Devadason Marine Research Institute's (SDMRI) strategies, actions, and contributions since 2000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Edward Patterson, SDMRI</i>
10:50	10	<p>MSC Foundation (Recorded)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Marina Anselme, MSC Foundation</i>
11:00	15	<p>ICRI Member discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ICRI Co-chairs</i>
11:15	30	Coffee Break
11:45	15	<p>Presentation of Motions received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>ICRI Co-chairs</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion: Coral Reef Breakthrough 2. Motion: Establishment of a new Ad Hoc Committee focusing on including coral reefs to National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAP) 3. Motion: Restoration Ad Hoc Committee
12:00	15	<p>Recorded messages from UNEP ambassadors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ellie Goulding • Jason Momoa
12:15	75	Lunch
Session 4 - Preparing for the Future: Promoting Resilient Coral Reefs		
13:30	5	<p>Opening of Session 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Christine Dawson, ICRI Co-chair</i>
13:35	60	<p>Presentation on the Coral Reef Breakthrough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Margaux Hein, ICRI Consultant</i>
14:35	45	<p>Strengthening policies – supporting conservation and recovery of coral reefs and associated ecosystems through resilience-based management frameworks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNEP and coral conservation - A flagship ecosystem under ocean and climate nexus (15') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Sinikesh Beyene Jimma, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)</i> • Review of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, COP15 and COP16 and NBSAPs (10')

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Joe Appiott, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) (Recorded Intervention)</i> ● Closing of Post-2020 <i>ad hoc</i> Committee (5') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Christine Dawson, ICRI Co-chair</i> ● Establishment of a new <i>ad hoc</i> Committee focusing on National Biodiversity Strategies and Actions Plans (NBSAP) (15') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>ICRI Secretariat</i>
15:20	30	Coffee Break
15:50	30	ICRI Secretariat report, including summary of member reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>ICRI Secretariat</i>
16:20	30	Member Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF), its importance in ICRI and the Development of the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund (15') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Mohd Kushairi Bin Mohd Rajuddin, The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF)</i> ● Allen Coral Atlas: The Allen Coral Atlas, a Highly Detailed and Globally Consistent Coral Reef Monitoring Platform (15') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Greg Asner, GDCS/ASU</i>
16:50	10	Closing
DAY 2 CLOSE		

Friday 22nd September 2023 –Day 3

Time (HST)	‘	Day 3
08:30	60	Coffee & Pastries
Session 5 - Discussion of the draft motions		
09:00	10	Day 3 Welcome & Day 2 Reflection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine Dawson, ICRI Co-chair
09:10	65	Discussion of draft motions [and adoption] <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICRI Co-chairs and ICRI Secretariat <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Coral Reef Breakthrough NBSAP <i>ad hoc</i> Committee
10:15	30	Coffee Break
Session 6 - Preparing for the Future: Promoting Resilient Coral Reefs (continued)		
10:45	30	Promote capacity building for applying resilience-based management approaches to coral conservation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from the <i>ad hoc</i> Committee and closing (15’) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thea Waters, The Reef Authority – The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) Adapting management for climate change and First Nations co-management: The Great Barrier Reef Blueprint for Resilience (15’) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margaret Johnson, The Reef Authority – The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA)
11:15	60	Promote and build capacity for the restoration of resilient coral reefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>ad hoc</i> committee on reef restoration update (15’) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Margaux Hein, ICRI Consultant Extending the Ad-Hoc Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tali Vardi, Coral Restoration Consortium (CRC) Innovations in reef restoration and resilience (15’) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theresa Fyffe, Great Barrier Reef Foundation (GBRF) & Britta Schaffelke, GCRMN

12:15	75	Lunch
Session 7 – Coral Reef Science and Oceanography: Advancing and Utilising the Latest Science and Technology		
13:30	45	<p>The Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report from the GCRMN Steering Committee (20') • GCRMN discussion / Q&A (25') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Britta Schaffelke, GCRMN</i>
14:15	30	Coffee Break
Session 8 - Local Threat Reduction: Integrating Response Planning Frameworks		
14:45	70	<p>Review of existing coral reef response plans: presentation and panel discussions</p> <p>Session Facilitators: <i>Jennifer Koss, ICRI Co-chair and Erica Towle, NOAA</i></p> <p>Presentation of existing response plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease Lessons Learned and Pacific Preparedness (10') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Caroline McLaughlin, FL Sea Grant</i> • Tackling Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease (SCTLD) in the Caribbean UKOTs (10') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Argel Horton, British Virgin Islands United Kingdom Overseas Territory & Jane Hawkridge, JNCC</i> • Invasive Species: Lionfish Management (10') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Ana Paula Prates, Brazil</i> • <i>Lionfish Response Plan (10')</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Alicia Eck-Nunez, Belize</i> • El Niño forecasting and response to marine heatwave events (10') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Erica Towle, NOAA</i> • Coral Bleaching Toolkit and Comprehensive Plan (10') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Andrea Rivera Sosa, Coral Reef Alliance</i> • Maui Super Reefs (10') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Emily Fielding, TNC Hawaii Marine Conservation Director</i> <p>Panel Discussion: Facilitator: <i>Jennifer Koss, ICRI Co-chair</i></p> <p>Session Participants:</p>
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Caroline McLaughlin, NOAA</i> • <i>Erica Towle, NOAA</i> • <i>Argel Horton, British Virgin Islands United Kingdom Overseas Territory</i> • <i>Jane Hawkridge, Joint Nature Conservation Committee, U.K.</i> • <i>Emily Fielding, TNC Hawaii Marine Conservation Director</i> • <i>Andrea Rivera Sosa, Coral Reef Alliance</i> • <i>Ana Paula Prates, Brazil</i> • <i>Alicia Eck-Nunez, Belize</i>
16:55	5	Closing
DAY 3 CLOSE		

Saturday 23rd September 2023 –Day 4

Time (HST)		Day 4
08:30	30	Coffee & Pastries
09:00	10	Day 4 Welcome & Day 3 Reflection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Jennifer Koss, ICRI Co-chair</i>
Session 9 - Diversity and Inclusion: Expanding the Coral Reef Community		
09:10	90	Collaborate with indigenous people and seek to incorporate indigenous and local knowledge into policies and management plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pacific Coral Reef Collective: Sharing challenges facing coral reefs and exploring innovative solutions being implemented to improve reef resilience (10') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Margaret Johnson, The Reef Authority – The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) & Nicolas Roche, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)</i> • Reflection on the integration of Indigenous People and Local Communities (IPLC) and Indigenous and local knowledge into ICRI - Local Voices (30') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Christine Dawson, ICRI Co-chair</i> Connect with youth audiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection on the integration of Youth into ICRI (30') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Diwigdi Valiente, Panama and Esther Maina, Kenya</i>

		<p>Discussion / Q&A (20')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Moderators: ICRI Secretariat</i>
10:40	20	Coffee Break
Session 10 - Reports from ICRI members		
11:00	45	<p>Sustainable marine tourism businesses - an unlocked resource for coral reef conservation (15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Chloe Harvey, The Reef World Foundation</i> <p>New challenge on mangrove monitoring and coastal management in Palau (15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Tadashi Kimura, Palau International Coral Reef Center (PICRC)</i> <p>International Coral Reef Society: update on activities 2021 - 2023 (15')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Simon Harding, International Coral Reef Society (ICRS)</i>
11:45	75	Lunch
Special Session - National Coral Reef Task Forces		
13:00	45	<p>National Coral Reef Task Forces:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● French coral reef initiative (IFRECOR) 2022 – 2026 action plan (10') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Antoine Pebayle, France</i> ● United States Coral Reef task Force (USCRTF) (10') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Jennifer Koss, ICRI Co-chair/NOAA & Liza Johnson, U.S. Department of the Interior</i> ● The Nairobi Convention Coral Reef Task Force and Tanzania's efforts to support coral reef conservation in the western Indian Ocean (10') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Rose Sallema-Mtui, Tanzania & Timothy Andrew, Nairobi Convention</i> ● Discussion (15') <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Jennifer Koss, ICRI Co-chair</i>
Session 11 - The future		
13:45	30	<p>Upcoming events (30')</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>ICRI Secretariat</i>
14:15	60	<p>Adoption of the motions, Meeting outcomes & Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>ICRI Secretariat and Co-Chairs</i>



15:15	30	Closing ceremony/Oli
Close of the 37th ICRI General Meeting		