

# U.S. Coral Reef Task Force

Working to preserve and protect coral reefs

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## **Established:**

Presidential Executive Order 13089,  
June 1998

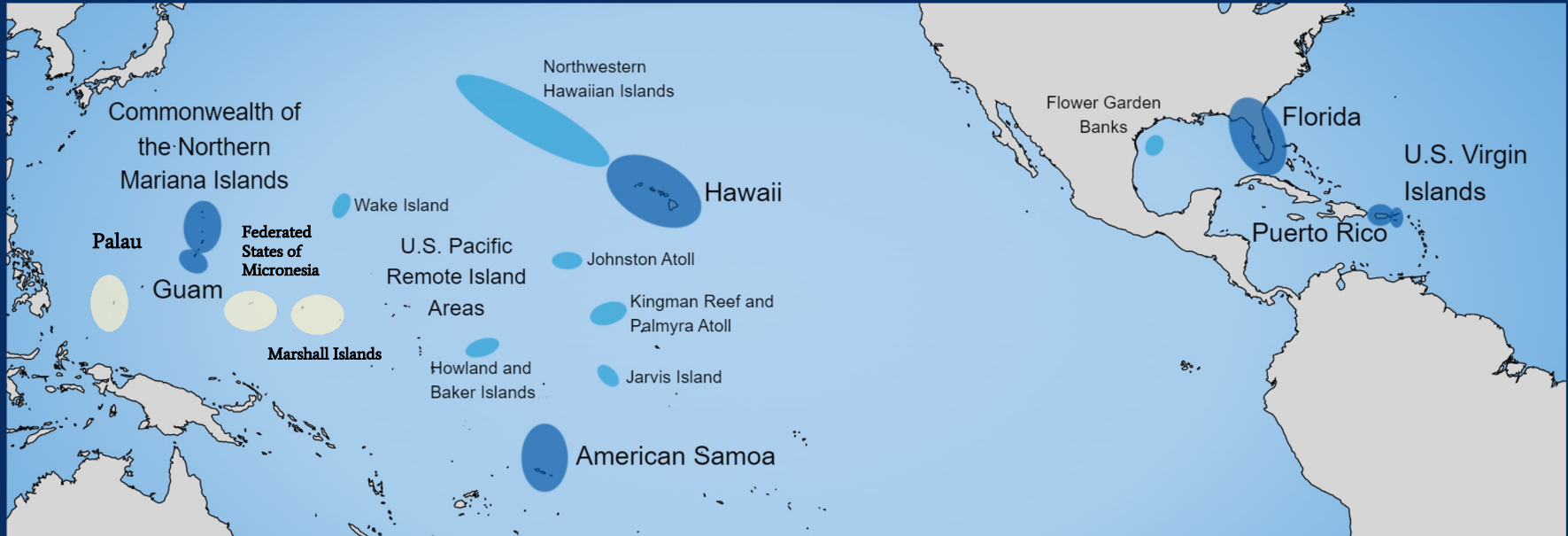
Reauthorization of Coral Reef  
Conservation Act, December, 2022

## **Purpose:**

To lead, coordinate, and strengthen  
U.S. actions to conserve coral reef  
ecosystems both domestically and  
internationally.

# Where we work

The U.S. Coral Reef Task Force works in partnership with seven U.S. coral jurisdictions: Florida, Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Hawai'i, American Samoa, Guam, and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Freely Associated States of Micronesia- Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Marshall Islands.



# USCRTF Members



# USCRTF structure

## USCRTF MEMBERS:

14 Federal Agencies  
7 States, Territories, Commonwealths  
\*3 Freely Associated States (FAS),  
\*4 Fishery Management Councils (FMC)

Steering Committee  
(Co-Chairs: NOAA & DOI)

Working Groups

U.S. All Islands Coral Reef  
Committee (AIC)

## Working Groups Include:

Watersheds,  
Climate Change,  
Coral Restoration,  
Enforcement,  
Fisheries,  
Communications, and  
Coral Disease

\* FAS and FMCs are non-voting members

# How we work

USCRTF serves as a forum to:

1. Foster partnership
  2. Strengthen coordination
  3. Increase financial and technical resources
  4. Promote efficiency
  5. Improve effectiveness
  6. Report on accomplishments and outcomes
- No specific authorities or funding
  - Agency coral programs connected to and partially informed by, but separate from USCRTF



# Current Priority Action: FY 23-26

1. Watershed Partnership Initiative
2. Enforcement
3. Communications
4. Climate Change
5. Fisheries and Ecosystem Management
6. Coral Disease
7. Coral Restoration

Unofficial Working Group: Coral Reefs as National Natural Infrastructure (CR4)



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# USCRTF Tentative Meeting Schedule

We meet biannually each year, once in DC and once in a jurisdiction:

April 2023 - DC Meeting

October 2023 - USVI Meeting

Winter/Spring 2024 - DC Meeting

Fall 2024 - Guam/CNMI Meeting

Winter/Spring 2025 - DC Meeting

Fall 2025 - Puerto Rico



# Thank you for listening!

USCRTF: <https://coralreef.gov/>

AIC: <https://allislandscommittee.org/>

