Three Decades of Championing Coral Reefs for SIDS

An urgent call to action for 25% of life in our Ocean

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The International Coral Reef Initiative

- A global partnership between Nations and organisations that strives to preserve coral reefs and related ecosystems around the world.

- Founded in 1994 by 8 nations: Australia, France, Japan, Jamaica, the Philippines, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

- 101 members, 45 countries accounting for over 75% of the world's coral reefs.

- ICRI is currently chaired by the United States of America implementing the 2021-2024 Plan of Action: Turning the Tide for Coral Reefs
ICRI SIDS Countries

- **12 SIDS Globally**
- **6 SIDS within the Caribbean region**
- **4 SIDS have co-chaired ICRI**

ICRI SIDS Countries: Barbados, Belize, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Fiji, Grenada, Jamaica, Maldives, New Caledonia, Palau, Samoa, Seychelles

ICRI Caribbean Region Country Representatives: Mexico, Belize, Honduras, Cuba, Jamaica, Dominican Republic, Barbados, Grenada, Costa Rica, Panama, and Colombia.
Coral Reefs & SIDS

94%

% of SIDS population that live within 100 km of a coral reef

30%

% of the Oceans natural and cultural resources under SIDS custodianship

Importance of Coral Reefs to People and Nature

- Coral reefs provide ecosystem services valued up to $9.9 trillion annually.
- ICRI is founded on 4 pillars for the conservation, preservation and restoration of coral reefs.
Thank you #ForCoral

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