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Three Decades of Championing Coral Reefs for **SIDS**

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

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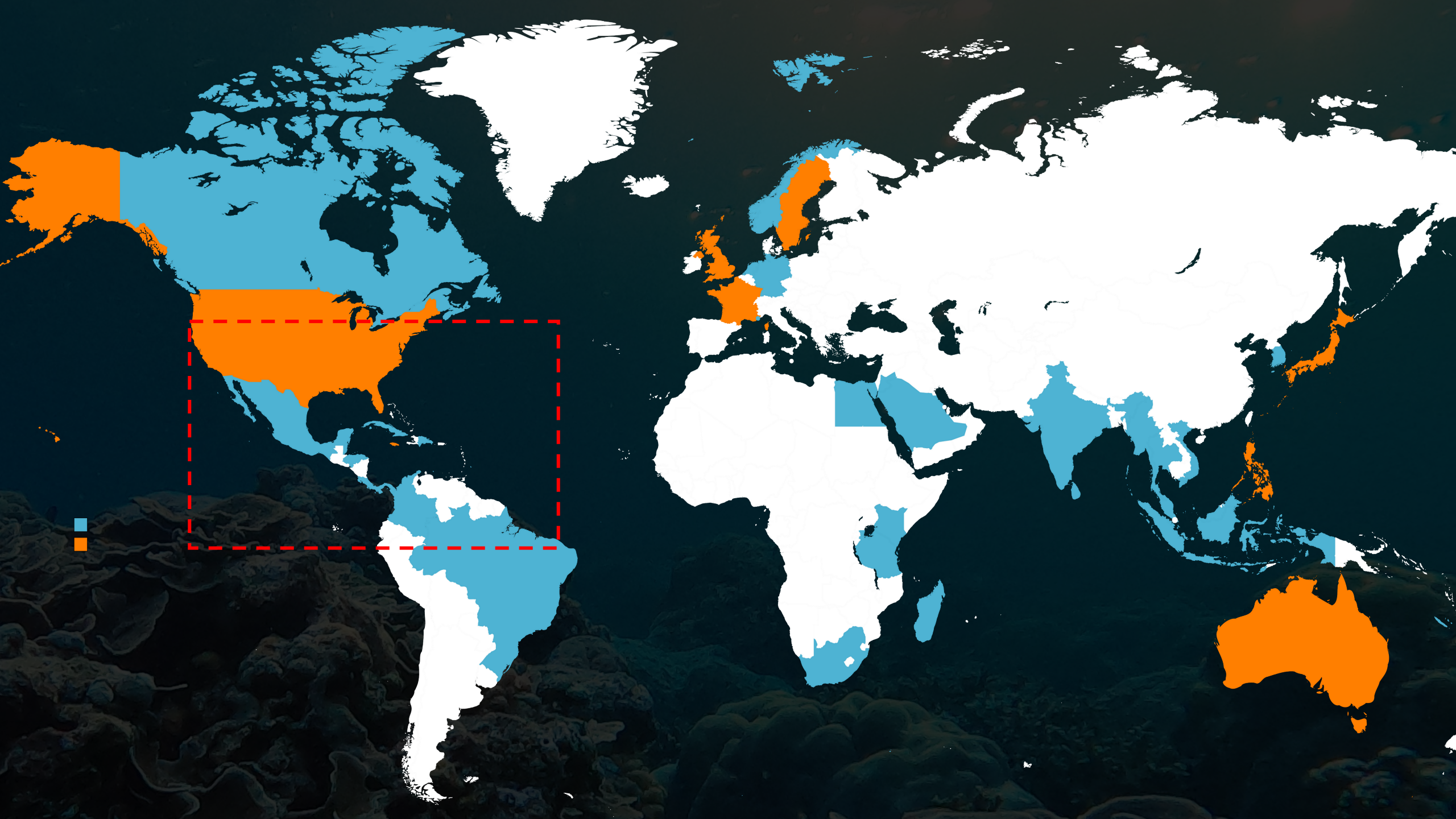
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The International Coral Reef Initiative

- 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

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

6 SIDS within the Caribbean region

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

4 SIDS have co-chaired ICRI

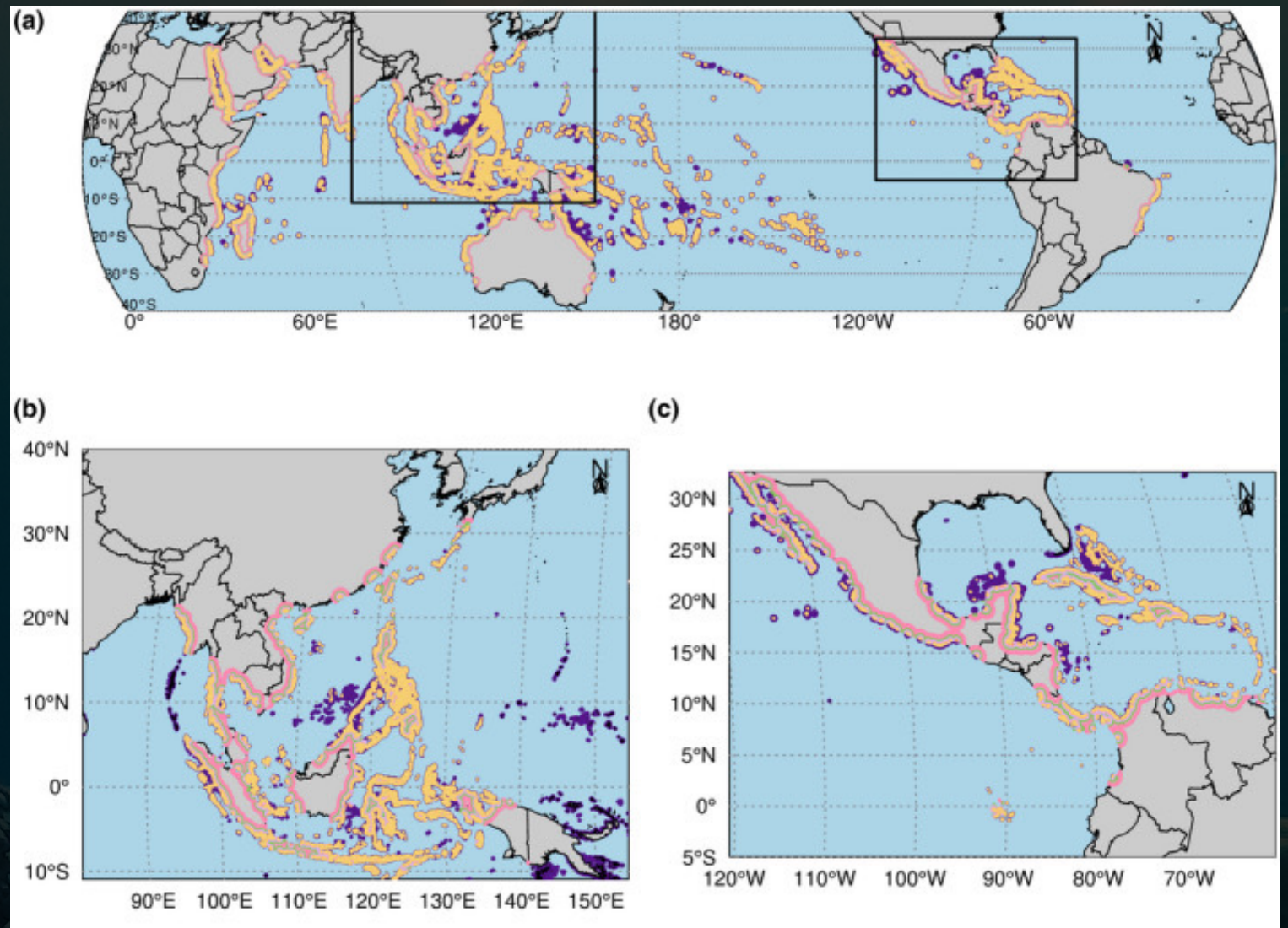
Coral Reefs & SIDS

94

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

30

% of the Oceans natural and cultural resources under SIDS custodianship



Distance from Coral Reef 5 km 10 km 30 km 50 km 100 km

Sing Wong A, Vrontos S, Taylor ML. An assessment of people living by coral reefs over space and time. *Glob Chang Biol.* 2022 Dec;28(23):7139-7153. doi: 10.1111/gcb.16391.

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

MANAGEMENT

CAPACITY BUILDING

RESEARCH AND MONITORING

REVIEW

Thank you #ForCoral



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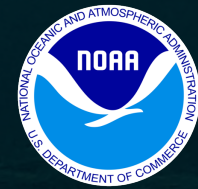
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