GCRMN STEERING COMMITTEE - MEETING SUMMARY

At the occasion of the ICRI 38th General Meeting, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

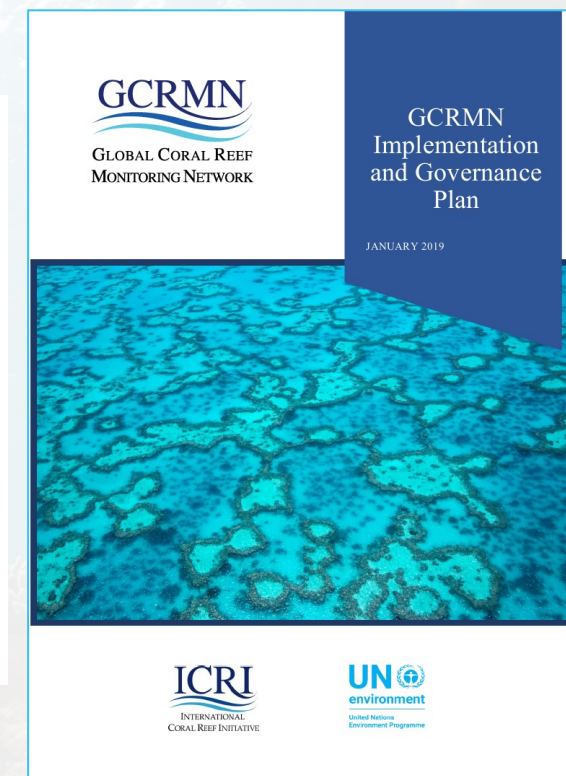**8th September 2024**

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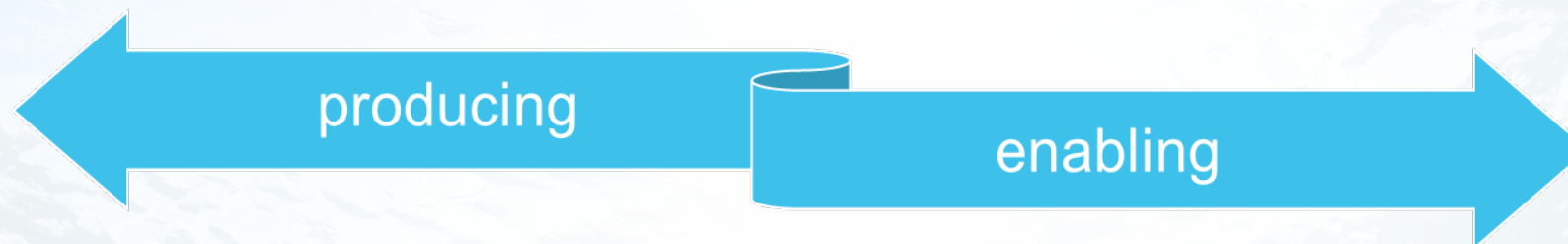
GOALS OF THE GCRMN

GOAL 1	Improve understanding of coral reef status and trends, globally and regionally
GOAL 2	Analyse and communicate coral reef biophysical, social and economic trends, providing science-based recommendations in support of raising awareness, management and policy development
GOAL 3	Enable and facilitate greater utilization of coral reef data, including in research
GOAL 4	Build human and technical capacity to collect, analyse and report biophysical and socio-economic data on coral reefs

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GCRMN
Implementation
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Plan

JANUARY 2019

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LOOKING FORWARD

producing

enabling

- Define GCRMN's role in:
  - Knowledge exchange, coordination and capacity building, especially in data science
  - Creation of products that will support science-based coral reef conservation and management
  - Production or promotion of best-practice methods/manuals/protocols

- Update Implementation and Governance Plan accordingly

ACTION ITEMS - UPDATE

Action	
• Revision of GCRMN vision statement	done
• Re-confirm Steering Committee membership & ToRs	done
• Survey of the regional nodes for report	done
• Data Taskforce additional members/reference group	done
• Linking SocMon Regional coordinators with Regional Nodes	done
• Concept for production of next GCRMN global report	done
• Timeline and budget for production of next GCRMN global report	underway
• Call for data for global report & formation of analysis team	underway
• Initiate series of virtual events for data science knowledge exchange	underway
• Update of GCRMN Implementation and Governance Plan	Not yet started

3 regions exploring RLE assessments: ETP, ROPME, SA

REGIONAL NETWORK UPDATES

GCRMN DATA TASKFORCE

DTF objectives:

1. improve data integration and analyses to facilitate the production of GCRMN regional and global reports.

2. promote good data management practices based on FAIR1 data principles for the coral reef scientific community.

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SCOPE & STRUCTURE

- Summary for Policy makers

  General audience

- Global chapter
- Regional chapters
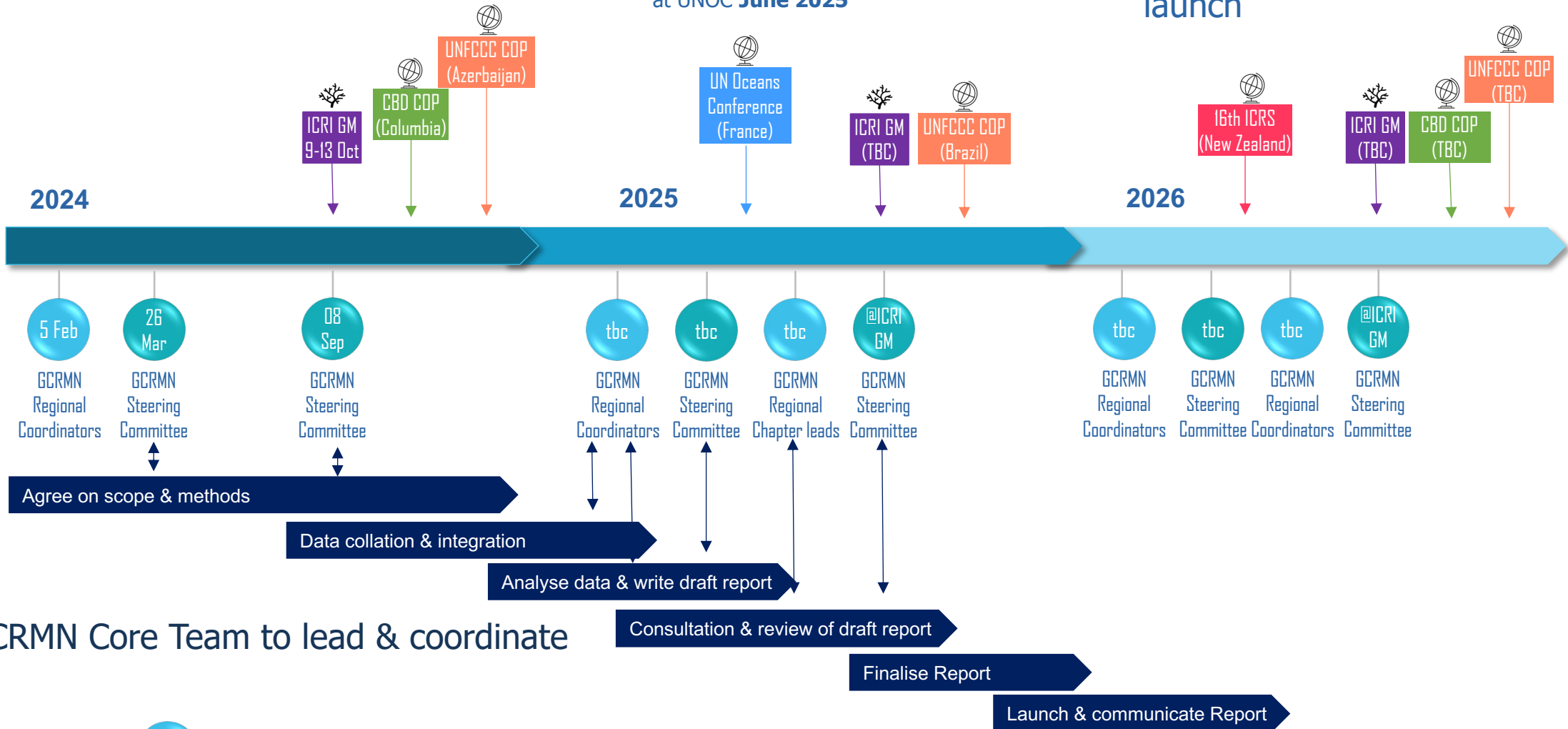- Case studies

  Trusted, rigorous science

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Status of Coral Reefs of the World: 2025

REPORT TIMELINE

★ Preview release
at UNOC **June 2025**

★ Full report
launch

2024

ICRI GM
9-13 Oct

CBD COP
(Columbia)

UNFCCC COP
(Azerbaijan)

2025

UN Oceans
Conference
(France)

ICRI GM
(TBC)

UNFCCC COP
(Brazil)

2026

16th ICRS
(New Zealand)

ICRI GM
(TBC)

CBD COP
(TBC)

UNFCCC COP
(TBC)

| 5 Feb | 26 Mar | 08 Sep | tbc | tbc | tbc | @ICRI GM | tbc | tbc | tbc | @ICRI GM |

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Agree on scope & methods

Data collation & integration

Analyse data & write draft report

Consultation & review of draft report

Finalise Report

Launch & communicate Report

GCRMN Core Team to lead & coordinate

⬤ Milestones   ★ Communication products   🌐 International events   🪸 ICRI General Meetings

NEW ACTION ITEMS

All for the GCRMN Core Team….

1. Discuss how to coordinate forthcoming report launches to maximise value and impact:
   - PAC early 2025
   - CAR mid 2025
   - Global early 2026
2. Sending metadata from 2020 report to regional leads, to facilitate data collation
3. Create template for regional chapter in 2025 global report and send to SC and regional leads for last round of consultation.
4. Set up templates on google drive, ideally compatible with MS Word to allow use of standard in-text reference software.
5. Invite proposals for case studies from the 10 regions.
6. Invite contributions to mark the 30th anniversary of the GCRMN

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