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# ICRI 30 AND HISTORY

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Chaired by the United States of America  
*International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Secretariat*



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#FORCORAL



# Celebrating 30 Year's #ForCoral

1994

- Founded in 1994 by 8 nations: Australia, France, Japan, Jamaica, the Philippines, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the United States of America.
- ICRI was announced at the first Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), on December 7th 1994.

“One of the most exciting and emerging partnerships is in the area of the conservation and sustainable use of coral reefs.”

Tim Wirth, Under Secretary of State, U.S Department of State, 1994

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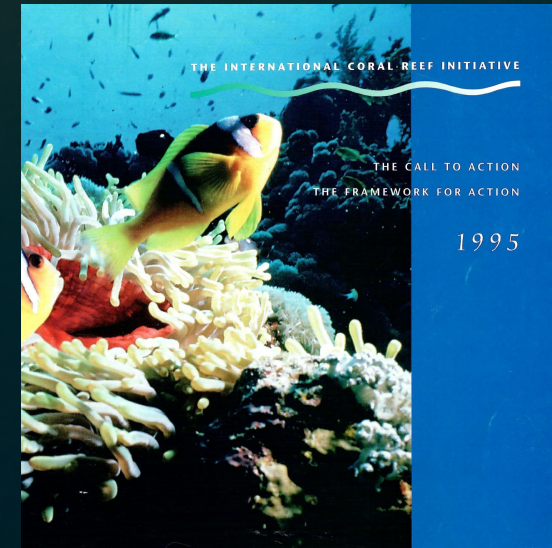
- Since 1994, ICRI has been chaired and co-chaired by 14 countries, with a total of 13 different secretariats from around the world.
- Since 1994, ICRI has now hosted 38 General Meetings



# ICRI Call to Action

1995

- The first “ICRI Call to Action” was approved at the ICRI Workshop held in Dumaguete City, The Philippines (on June 2, 1995) and is supported by the “ICRI Framework for Action” to mobilise governments and the wide range of other stakeholders to implement the Call to Action.
- In 1998, ICRI adopted a Renewed Call to Action, and in 2013 a renewed Framework for Action
- The four elements of the ICRI Call to Action are:



MANAGEMENT

CAPACITY BUILDING

RESEARCH AND MONITORING

REVIEW

# The Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network

1995

- The **GCRMN** was established by ICRI in 1995, as an operational network, to monitor the condition of the world's coral reefs.
- GCRMN has **three** primary goals with capacity building as a fourth, overarching priority.:

**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**

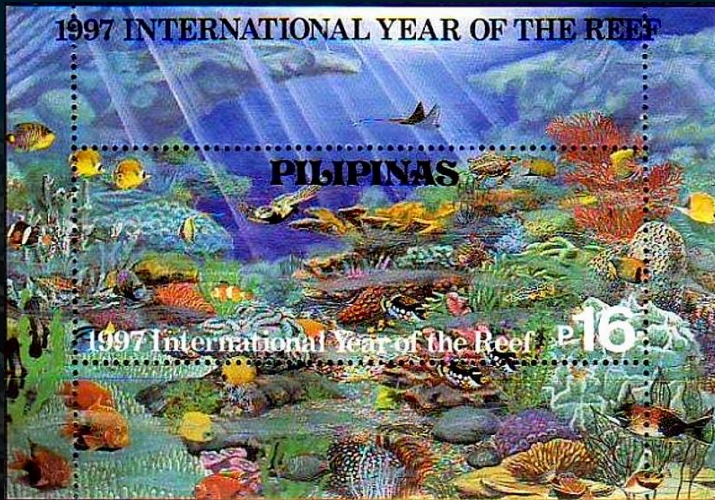
**Goal 4. Build human and technical capacity to collect, analyse and report biophysical and socio-economic data on coral reefs.**

# International Year of the Reef

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- Since 1997, ICRI has initiated 3 International Year of the Reef (IYOR)

1997



2008



2018



# International **Marine** Ecosystems Management Symposiums

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- Since 1998, ICRI has held 5 International Marine Ecosystems Management Symposiums (ITMEMS)

1998



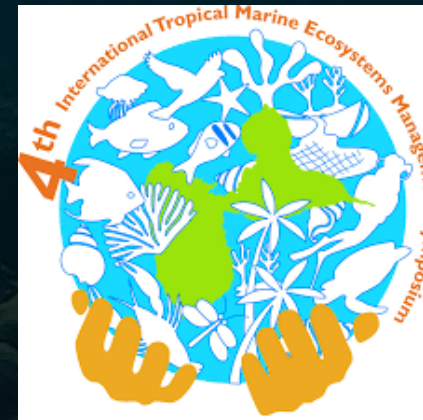
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2011



2016



# GCRMN: Status of Coral Reefs of the World Reports

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- Since 1998, ICRI has released 6 Coral Reefs of the World Reports

1998

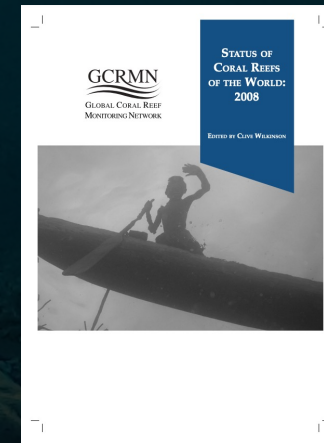
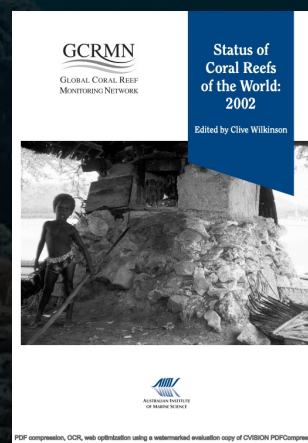
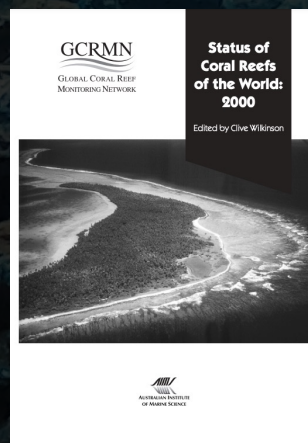
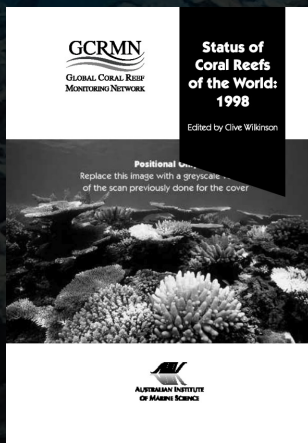
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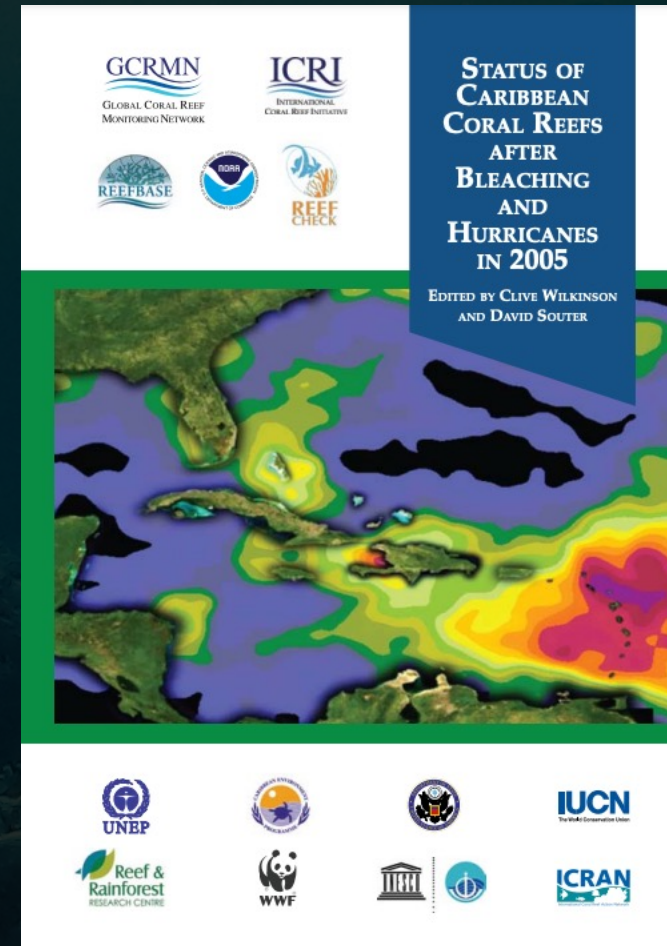
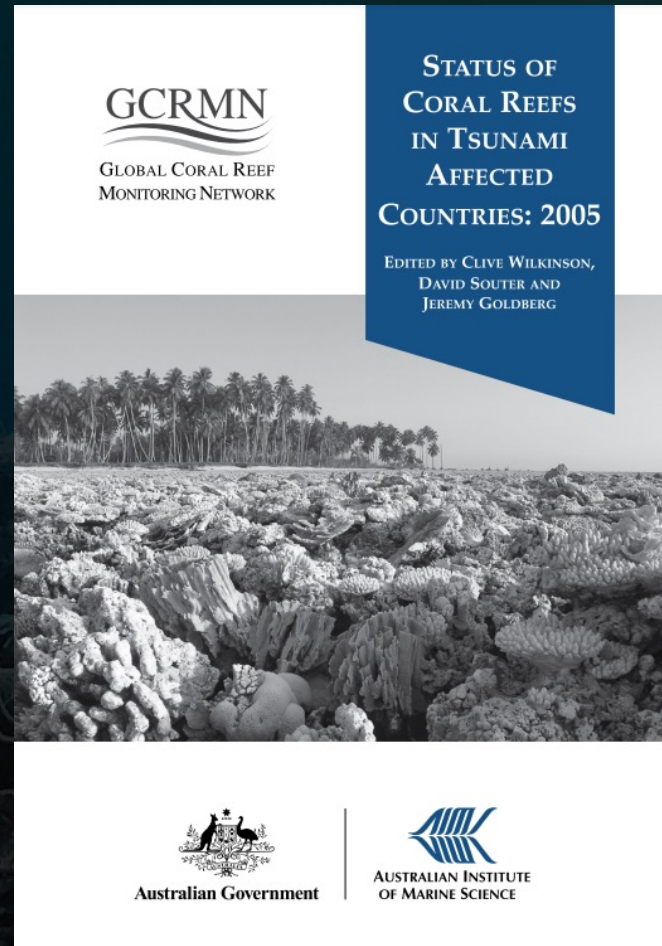
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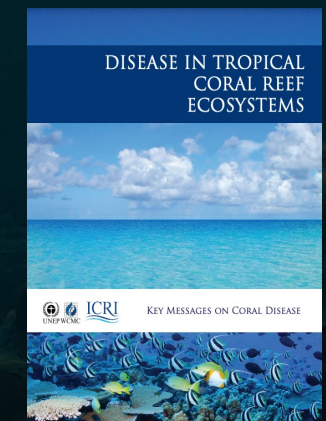
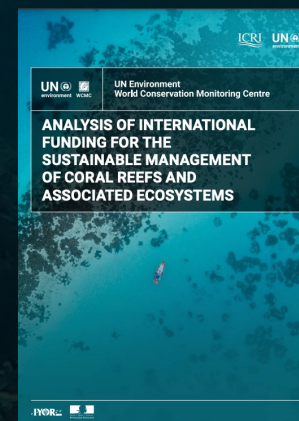
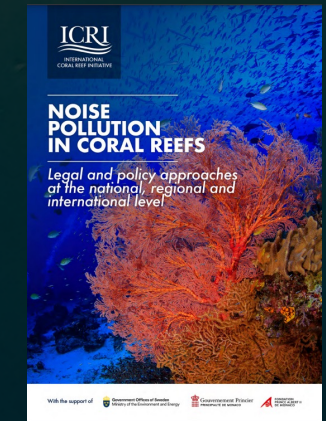
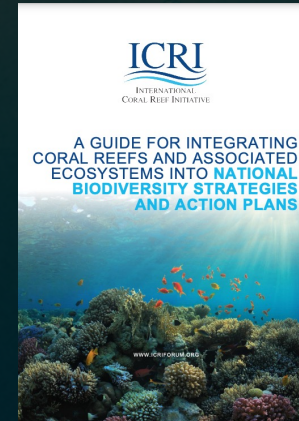
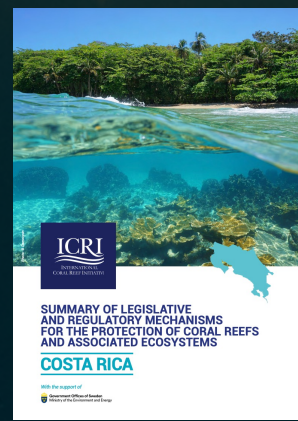
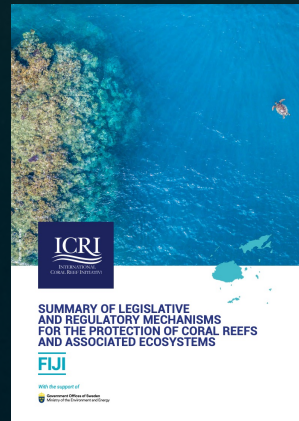
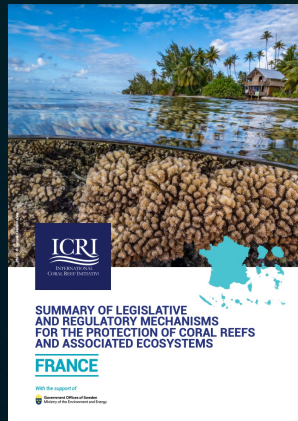
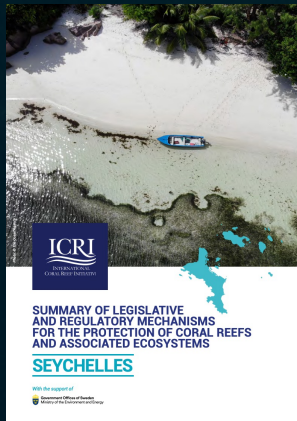
# GCRMN: Topical Reports

- In 2005 GCRMN also released topical reports on *"Status of Coral Reefs in tsunami Affected Countries"* and *"Status of Caribbean coral reefs after bleaching and hurricanes"*.



# ICRI PUBLICATIONS

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# Contribution to Environmental Processes

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- In 2016 and 2019 United Nations Environment Assembly adopted resolution related to sustainable management of coral reefs. Acknowledging the importance of ICRI and GCRMN
  - UNEA Resolution 2/12 Sustainable coral reefs management
  - UNEA Resolution 4/13 Sustainable coral reefs management
- IUCN World Conservation Congress Resolutions
  - IUCN WCC 2020 Res 105 – Conserving and protecting coral reefs through the post-2020 global biodiversity framework
  - IUCN WCC Recommendation “Cooperation for the conservation and protection of coral reefs worldwide

# Additional Achievements

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- The Coral Reef Community of Ocean Action (COA) is co facilitated by the United Nations Environment Programme and the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI).
- ICRI is a supporting partner of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration
- UN Decade of Ocean Science - ICRI Plan of Action 2021 – 2024: Turning the Tide for Coral Reefs
- Official Nominator of The Earthshot Prize



**COMMUNITIES OF  
OCEAN ACTION**  
IMPLEMENTATION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14



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**ECOSYSTEM  
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2021-2030

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of Ocean Science  
for Sustainable Development

# The Coral Reef Breakthrough

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BREAKTHROUGH

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The Coral Reef Breakthrough aims to secure the future of at least **125,000 km<sup>2</sup>** of shallow-water tropical coral reefs with investments of at least **USD \$12 billion** to support resilience of more than half a billion people globally **by 2030**



Achieved through a suite of **four** actions

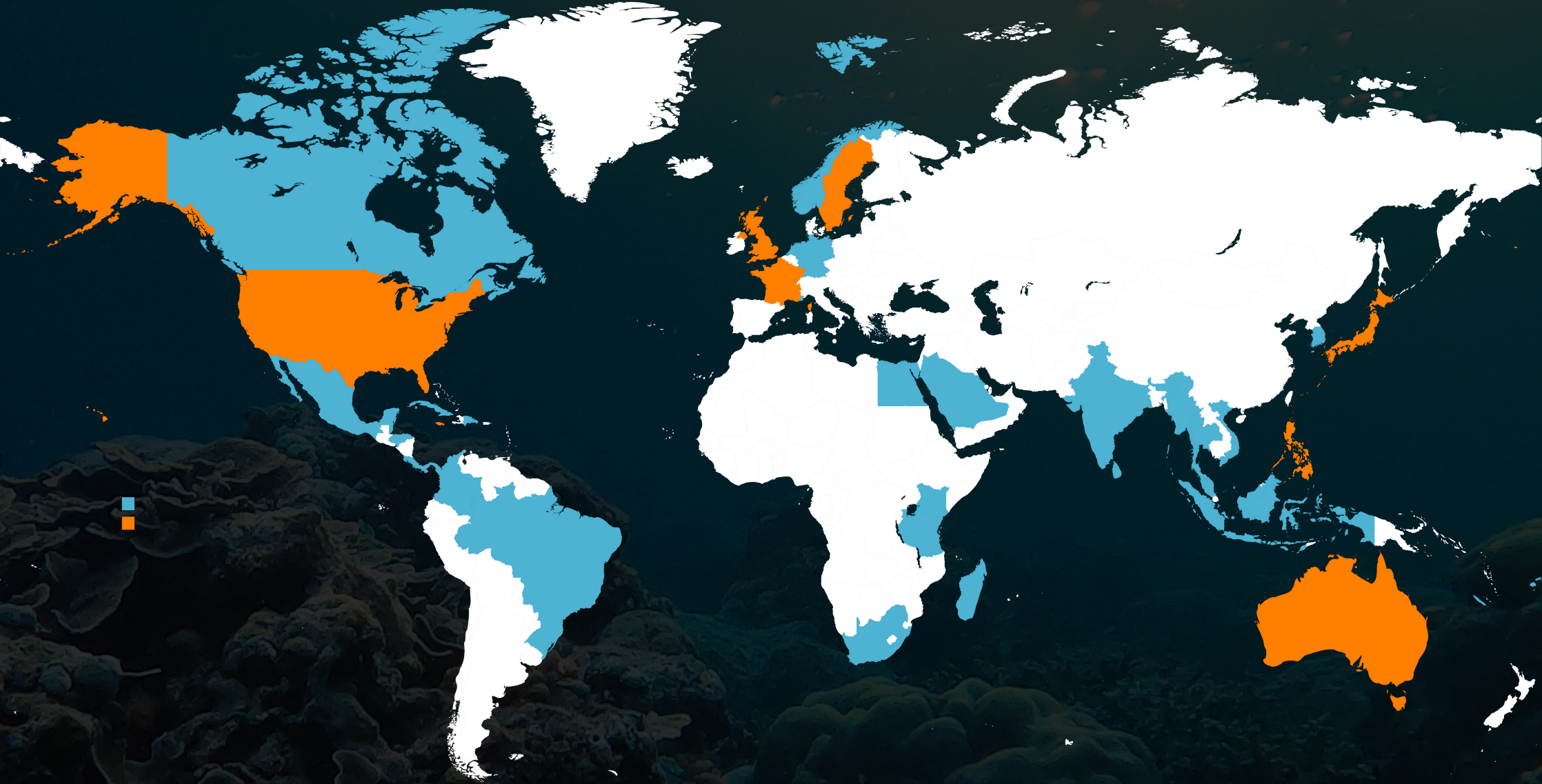
STOP DRIVERS OF LOSS

ACCELERATE RESTORATION

DOUBLE AREA UNDER EFFECTIVE PROTECTION

SECURE INVESTMENTS

ICRI IN 2024 . 45 COUNTRIES . 75% OF THE WORLD'S CORAL REEFS



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