

Coral Reef Restoration Regulatory Guidelines

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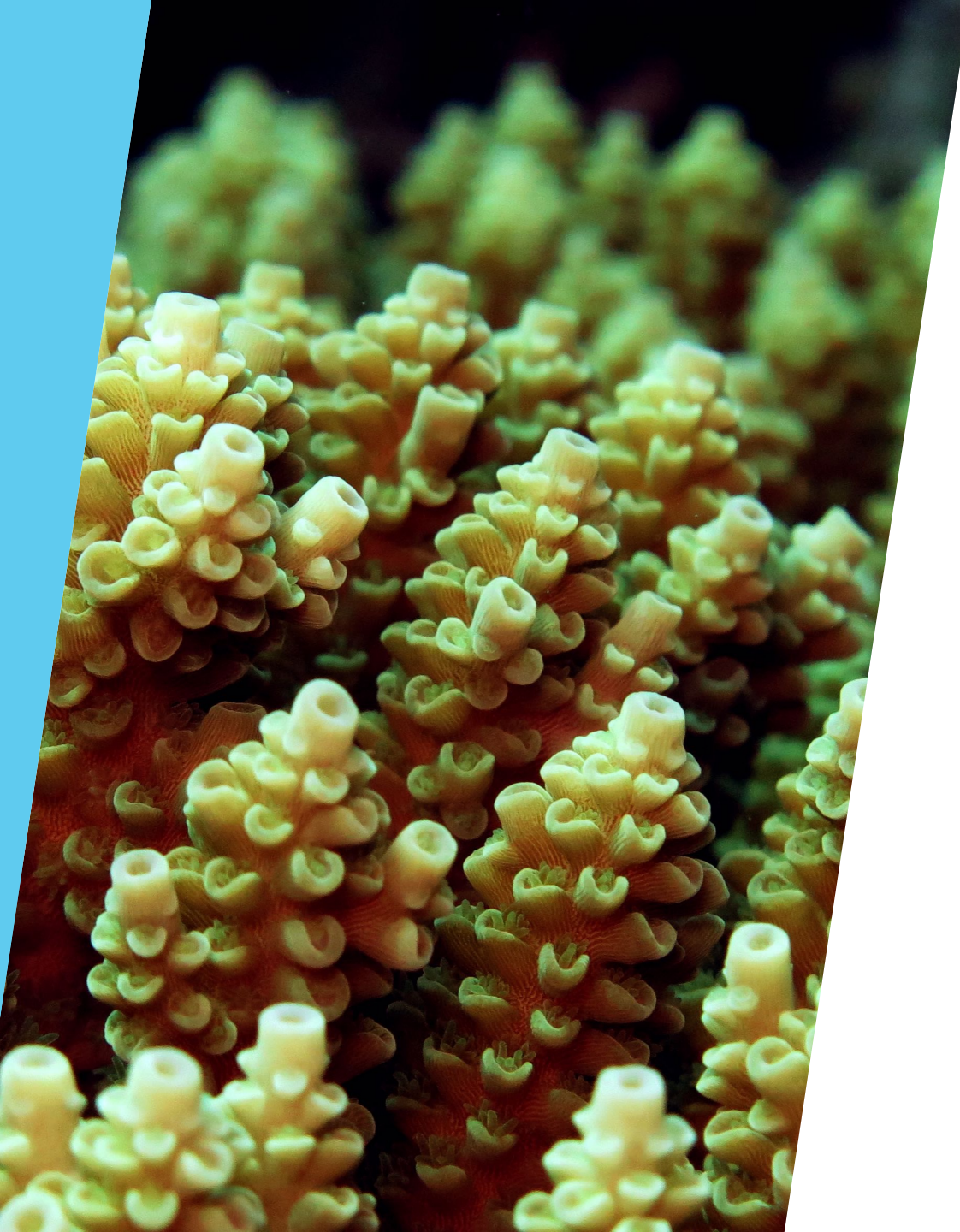
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Background

- ▶ Scientific and technological progress is outpacing current policy, permitting, and regulatory processes
- ▶ Existing regulations in many locations may be inadequate to support standard reef restoration, let alone novel interventions
- ▶ Policy makers have to apply outdated or ill-fitting (e.g. fisheries) legislation and/or adapt existing guidelines unsuitable for coral restoration
- ▶ CRC survey in 2023 - 84% of respondents require permits to conduct reef restoration, 55% find process difficult to navigate
- ▶ Failings leading to heightened risk to long-term survival of coral reefs





Align with current ICRI Plan of Action
Theme: “1c: Promote and build capacity for the restoration of resilient coral reefs.”

Led by ICRI *ad hoc* committee on Reef Restoration Chairs (UNEP-WCMC and CRC) in collaboration with ICRI Secretariat

Rough workplan:

- ▶ Explore regulatory landscape in multiple countries
- ▶ Identify and compile case studies of effective regulations
- ▶ Develop Checklist of minimum standards for reef restoration regulations

Thank you

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