

STRENGTHENING SCIENTIFIC MONITORING

Strengthen coral reef monitoring to provide actionable data that better informs decision-makers and policy, supporting effective management and global collaboration.

Establish and strengthen national coral reef monitoring programmes

to collate high-quality actionable data, information, and knowledge, making results freely available, to inform management and policy decisions, and commitments, at both national and international levels.



Encourage the adoption and monitoring of critical healthy coral reef indicators

including ICRI's **Healthy Coral Reef Indicators** that assess the biological, physical, social, cultural, and economic variables of coral reefs (including hard coral and macroalgae cover, the abundance and biomass of herbivorous fishes, and prevalence of disease) over space and time to track the implementation, and impact, of international coral reef targets.

Support coral reef monitoring networks

including the **Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN)**, and **promote standardised monitoring and data handling practices**, to enable timely responses to dynamic conditions and threats of coral reefs. Further support and equip participatory and citizen science monitoring networks to strengthen local and national capacities and foster culturally-sound, rights-based and cost-efficient approaches.



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