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Status and Trends of Caribbean Coral Reefs: 1970–2024

GCRMN-Caribbean Report Launch

Tuesday December 9 | 10AM (UTC-4)

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agenda & **registration**

Launch of the Status and Trends of Caribbean Coral Reefs: 1970 - 2024

Hosted by: SPAW-RAC / UNEP CEP, the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN), and the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI)

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09:00 Cancun (UTC-5) | 10:00 Guadeloupe/Miami (UTC-4) | 9AM Cancun | 14:00 London (UTC) | 15:00 Paris (UTC +1)

Coral reefs are the lifeblood of Caribbean island and coastal communities, supporting livelihoods, food security, and cultural heritage. Yet these vital ecosystems face mounting pressures from climate change, pollution, and unsustainable practices. Understanding their current condition and the drivers of change is essential to guide effective action.

This 90-minute webinar will unveil the findings of the new Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN) Status and Trends of Caribbean Coral Reefs: 1970–2024 report — the most comprehensive assessment of Caribbean coral reefs to date. Developed through the collaboration of more than 200 scientists from across the region, from Cuba to Colombia and Barbados to Mexico, the report combines decades of field data with new machine-learning analyses to identify regional trends, threats, and management priorities.

Join experts and report authors as they discuss:

- Regional results and ecological trends
- Key threats and pressures affecting reefs
- Case studies on coral disease and bleaching
- Recommendations to move from science to policy and action

Draft Agenda

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Topic	Speakers
1. Opening remarks	Christopher Corbin, UNEP-CEP
2. Presentation of the new report	Lucie Labbouz, SPAW-RAC
Regional Analysis Results: - Threats to coral reef in the Caribbean - Status and trends of Caribbean coral reefs	Laetitia Mathon, Consultant Jeremy Wicquart, MAREPOLIS
Q&A	Moderated: Melanie McField, Healthy Reefs for Healthy People
3. Case Studies: - Insights from Mesoamerican Reef Fish in Marine Protected Areas - The value of a joint coral-monitoring program to improve coral restoration	Andrea Rivera Sosa, Coral Reef Alliance Aldo Croquer, The Nature Conservancy
4. Recommendations	Melanie McField, Healthy Reefs for Healthy People
From scientific recommendations to political action	Yabanex Batista, Global Fund for Coral Reefs
5. Perspectives from the International Coral Reef Initiative and the Status of Coral Reefs of the World: 2025	Tom Dallison, International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Secretariat, Co-lead - Status of Coral Reefs of the World: 2025, GCRMN

Duration: 90 minutes

Location: Online

Language: English and Spanish

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