



Recommendation for the Caribbean region

This recommendation was approved by the ICRI members at the ICRI General Meeting held in Monaco (12-15 January 2010)

Acknowledging the socioeconomic importance of the coral reefs for the Caribbean region and for Caribbean countries

Aware of the significant impacts of accelerating degradation and loss of coral reefs on coastal population, nation and economies

Particularly concerned by the existing threats and the increasing pressure on the coral reefs, and the appearance of emerging issues such as invasive species and climate change

Recognizing the important role of regional organizations, initiatives and networks

Taking note of the next conference of the parties of the Cartagena convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region, of the protocol concerning specially protected areas and wildlife (SPAW) in this region and the intergovernmental meeting of the Caribbean environment program in October 2010

Noting the conclusion of the ICRI Caribbean day

The General Meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative:

Recognizes the need for a better regional cooperation amongst all the relevant stakeholders and a better involvement of the tourism sector

Recognizes the need for an inventory of the Marine protected areas with coral reefs in the region, and encourages the establishment of new Marine protected areas when appropriate.

Recognizes the need for a regional strategy to inform, alert and control on the invasive species for Caribbean community on the lion fish spreading and the associated threats.

ICRI members are encouraged to:

1. **Consider** the actions, information and proposals noted in report of the meeting
2. **Enhance and strengthen** regional cooperation in the Caribbean region