

Decision on MPA ad hoc committee

*Adopted during the ICRI General Meeting (GM)
3-4 July 2004, Okinawa (Japan)*

Agree to:

- i. Continue the MPA working group for a two year period.
- ii. Reconstitute the working group membership in order to conduct its work through the internet to include a broad cross-section of ICRI membership.
- iii. Request the working group to present a work plan at the next ICRI general meeting which outlines achievable objectives for the next two years.
- iv. Request the working group to consider whether and how the following elements should be included within its work plan:
 - a. Collaboration with the CBD to facilitate the national implementation of the CBD protected areas/marine protected areas work programmes and the CBD coral work programme.
 - b. Assessing and enhancing MPA management effectiveness.
 - c. Communication of ICRI interests and goals to such meetings as IMPAC and SIDS.
 - d. The importance of socio-economic objectives in the management of coral reef ecosystems.