A very brief history...

**2000-2010:** ICRAN the main thrust of UNEP’s coral reef work with ICRI and the Regional Seas

**ICRI GM 26:** ICRAN suspended as an ICRI operational network

**ICRI GM 27:** Presentation outlining rationale and general directions for new partnership

**ICRI GM 28:** Presentation of findings and outcomes of detailed partnership planning

“ICRI members were asked to consider collaborating with the Partnership, and to submit comments and suggestions. They approved the participation of the ICRI Secretariat in the partnership as an ex-officio member of its governing body.”

Detailed consultation with Regional Seas and a number of technical partners, also presented to 3rd SIDS conference, in submissions to CBD and other global processes
Global partnership approach

Implementation of the ICRI CTA and FFA towards achieving Aichi Target 10

Deliver UNEP PoW: Increased use of the ecosystem approach to sustain ecosystem services, using coral reefs as a flagship and indicator system

- Global community to develop and exchange approaches, tools and policy frameworks
- Regional Seas intergovernmental mechanisms and ICRI for adoption and uptake
- National implementation to demonstrate efficacy and build capacity
Coral Reef Partnership

1. Management for resilient coral reefs: indicators, methods and planning tools

2. Ecosystem service approach: valuation, economic instruments, sectoral codes of practice

3. Data and information for coastal policy: assessment, reporting, and policy analysis

4. Institutional framework: policy outreach and uptake, strategic communication

ICRI Call to Action

Science and Monitoring: “Support research and citizen science to assess and report on the status of and threats”

Periodic Assessment [Review]: “Periodic review of impact and effectiveness to enable evaluation and refinement”

Capacity Building: “Build capacity in all facets of management of coral reefs”

Integrated Management: “Manage coral reefs and related ecosystems using an ecosystem approach”
Recent work: Resilience

Scientific Workshop on Coral Reef Resilience in Planning and Decision-support Frameworks.
Phuket, Thailand, 29 April to 1 May 2014

Managing Coral Reefs for Resilience to Climate Change.
CBD CoP side event, Friday 10 October 2014 at 13:15-14:45 organized by UNEP and ICRI

Technical report by UNEP, IUCN and others, to be launched Q4 2014

Mesophotic deep reefs and their resilience to climate change and coastal pollution.
Technical report by UNEP, GRID-Arendal, JCU, to be launched Q1 2015

Two subregional workshops for development of lion fish action plans
focusing on Mesoamerica and South America - ICRI AHC Lionfish
Recent work: Ecosystem Service Approach

Workshop on the implementation and effective communication of ecosystem services valuation studies in the Caribbean, 16 – 18 September, Bonaire - ICRI AHC EV

Initial planning for piloting economic instruments to finance long-term reef management, under the ‘Blue Finance’ initiative

Initial planning for guidance on compensation and mitigation provisions - ICRI AHC EV
Private Sector Coral Reef Stewardship Using the Green Fins Approach

• Regional Green Fins network meeting in Bangkok, April 2014
• Media tour to El Nido, Philippines, June 2014
• Ongoing Green Fins implementation, including introduction to Maldives and Viet Nam
• Translation of key materials into Chinese, Japanese and Korean
Recent work: Data and information for policy

New approach for regional coral reef status reporting through the GCRMN including enhanced data acquisition and improved analysis.

**Status and Trends of Caribbean Coral Reefs: 1970-2012**
launched in July 2014

**GCRMN Regional Workshop** in Curacao 6-8 August 2014:
- Regional Committee hosted by CEP/SPAW-RAC
- Minimum standards for indicators and methods
- Initial work on better linking ecol. soc. and econ. data
- Regional network of sites and institutions

=> regional and national uptake
=> replication in other regions
Recent work: Policy outreach

Information and suggestions for the development of proposals to update the **CBD specific work plan on coral bleaching** - well reflected in SBSTTA recommendation and decision adopted at CoP 12

Input towards development of the **SAMOA Pathway**, through UNEP submissions as well as interventions at prepcoms

58 e) Undertake urgent action to protect coral reefs and other vulnerable marine ecosystems through the development and implementation of comprehensive and integrated approaches for the management and the enhancement of their resilience to withstand pressures, including from ocean acidification and invasive species, and by drawing on measures such as those identified in the International Coral Reef Initiative Framework for Action 2013.

Inputs to the **World Coral Reef Conference** in Manado, Indonesia, May 2014, adoption of Manado Communique

Input to meetings of **RSCAP governing bodies**, e.g. information document for Abidjan Convention CoP 11, Cartagena Convention CoP
Links to broader UNEP work

UNEP project on “Tools for Area-based Marine and Coastal Management”, responding to priorities identified in UNEP/CBD/SBSTTA/18/INF/23, MSP in Practice

Mangrove and Blue Carbon work: e.g. Mangroves initiative for Africa; Mangrove report 2014; guidance for coastal wetland carbon projects 2014

Ecosystem based adaptation and disaster risk reduction

Island Ecosystem Management - development and piloting in the Pacific

Three global partnerships on GPA source categories: Marine Litter; Nutrients; Wastewater

10YFP / Global Partnership for Sustainable Tourism

RSCAP Strategic Directions 2013-16; Global Visioning workshop held 2014; follow up actions to SIDS conference including in relation to blue-green economy
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