ICRI
Coral Reef Associated Fisheries Ad Hoc Committee
Revitalised!
ICRI 2006 Statement

“ICRI encourages...through appropriate projects, initiatives and campaigns that promote the conservation and sustainable management of reef fish spawning aggregations”.
Ad Hoc Committee History

• Created in 2010 (ICRI 24, Monaco)
Tasks Done

✓ Paper to the 7th SPC Heads of Fisheries Meeting (2011)  
  “Importance of a sustainable management of coral reef spawning aggregations”

✓ Encourage relevant fisheries organizations to look at
  – economic importance of coral reef-associated fishes
  – indications of status and sustainability
  – illegal, unregulated and unmonitored trade
  – monitoring and capacity
Tasks Done

✓ Identify RFMOs engaging in sustainable use of coral reef associated resources

✓ Promote research on the spawning aggregations and role in the sustainability of fisheries

✓ Pamphlet on success stories on reef fisheries management in the Pacific

✓ Two films about spawning aggregations
Revised Ad Hoc Committee

• Propose to extend the term of the Ad Hoc Committee

• Fit with ICRI Framework for Action

• Fish aggregations must be viewed as part of the bigger coral reef / fisheries picture

• Link between aggregation health and healthy fisheries

• Participation by ICRI members
New Tasks

• Increase information base
• Disseminate information
• Identify priority areas
• Research, Training & Capacity Building
• ICRI status report on the global status of FSAs
What fish aggregate to spawn?

Mostly records for Groupers and Snappers
Where do fish aggregate to spawn?

Most aggregate at reef promontory or reef channel & outer reef slopes
When do fish aggregate to spawn?

Most aggregate on New Moon
What’s the Status of the Worlds Fish Aggregations?