Science and Conservation of Fish Aggregations
SCRFA

• Formed in 2000
• ICRI member since
• 501c3 USA NGO
• Board of Directors based in Australia, Hong Kong, USA, US VI, Italy
• Funding
  – Packard Foundation
  – Christensen Fund
  – The Ocean Foundation
Fiji Project

- Many years of work in Fiji
- Aggregation surveys, community work and capacity building
Palau Project

- Revisited the protected “Ebiil aggregation”
- Numbers of 3 groupers species similar to counts in 2009
Bahamas Project

- A Nassau grouper aggregation surveyed in 1971 by Lavett Smith
- Was up to 100,000 spawning Nassau grouper
- Now only 5 grouper were found over 6 days
Fish Aggregation Database

- Comprehensive: ~900 global records
- Detailed: Biological, habitat, status, management, traditional knowledge and exploitation history
- Secure: Precise locations are not made publically available
- Utility: Recently provided data for TNC work in the Coral Triangle
Training Module

• Methods manual on biology and ecology of food fish species
Short Film

- Spawning For Survival (2-minute film)
  - Importance of spawning aggregations and the need to manage
Student Award - GCFI

• Sponsoring a Caribbean region student to attend the next Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute (GCFI) meeting: Texas
• GCFI founded in 1947
• Brings together the full mix of people on the management of marine resources in the Gulf and Caribbean region
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