

Resolution on Fisheries

***Adopted during the ICRI Coordination and Planning Committee (CPC) Meeting
28 and 29 October 2000, Bali (Indonesia)***

Recalling the resolution of May 2000, which invited FAO to become an active member of the ICRI CPC;

Noting that FAO has thus far been unable to accept this invitation

Recalling that the Renewed Call to Action of ICRI, adopted at ITMEMS in 1998, identified the importance of healthy coral reefs to the food and resource security of communities of small islands and coastal areas of tropical developing countries

Requests ISRS to prepare for the next CPC meeting in April 2001 a statement on the urgency and the issues to be addressed with respect to the urgent challenge to address the current unsustainability of coral reef fisheries.

Calls upon governments to recognise the urgency of the need to address widespread inadequacy of management of fisheries in coral reefs and related ecosystems throughout the world and in particular to direct international agencies to address this need in their work programmes as a food and resource security priority for many of the world's most disadvantaged communities.

Calls on governments to give guidance to FAO at the next Committee on Fisheries to develop a strategy to accord priority attention to sustainable coral reef fisheries management in FAO's existing programs