



### **Proposed new Terms of Reference for ICRI's *Ad Hoc* Committee on Coral Reef Associated Fisheries**

The *Ad Hoc* Committee on Coral Reef Associated Fisheries was created in 2010 at ICRI's 24<sup>th</sup> General Meeting in Monaco, where a special session on Coral Reef Associated Fisheries was held. It was tasked with compiling information for ICRI members about sustainable management of coral reef associated fisheries. At ICRI's 26<sup>th</sup> General Meeting (GM26 La Reunion, December 2011), participants agreed to extend the work of the *Ad Hoc* Committee on Coral Reef Associated Fisheries with the same terms of reference.

The Committee was originally co-chaired by Coral Reef Initiatives for the Pacific (CRISP) and the Society for the Conservation of Reef Fish Aggregations (SCRFA). Since the CRISP program has now terminated the Committee is now solely being chaired by SCRFA.

Since GM26 some of the main players of this *Ad Hoc* Committee have moved on and the Committee has been, in essence, inactive. However, SCFRA is still willing to remain the Chair of this *Ad Hoc* Committee and has developed some new Terms of Reference presented here.

#### **Action requested**

ICRI members are asked to:

1. agree to these new Terms of Reference dated October 2013;
2. identify where they can support the work of this Committee; and
3. contact the Secretariat if they wish to play an active role.

**Proposed amended Terms of Reference  
ICRI *Ad-Hoc* Committee  
on Coral Reef Associated Fisheries**

The ICRI General Meeting agrees to extend the work of the ICRI *Ad Hoc* Committee to facilitate a coordinated approach to addressing the need to gather more information, and facilitate appropriate management of fish aggregations in coral reef ecosystems.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee will be chaired by Science and Conservation of Fish Aggregations (SCRFA). Participation is encouraged by other countries, territories and organizations.

The *Ad Hoc* Committee will implement the following activities:

- i. Continue to work with ICRI Secretariat to disseminate information on key science and management issues for fish aggregations, and the need to ensure fish aggregations are considered in coral reef management planning.
- ii. Engage members to contribute information to the SCRFA global fish aggregation database. This includes filling data gaps on fisheries management status, fish aggregation status, and traditional knowledge.
- iii. Identify Pacific Ocean countries for whom training and research on fish aggregations is a priority for management
- iv. Disseminate a questionnaire to the identified Pacific countries on aggregations.
- v. Develop a brochure and training materials for the Pacific countries.
- vi. Promote research on fish aggregation areas to improve knowledge on their role in the sustainability of fisheries.
- vii. Develop an ICRI status report on the status of fish aggregations globally and or regionally.