



**Terms of reference for the *ad hoc* committee on  
developing a recommendation for a post-2020 coral reef target**

*adopted on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the 33<sup>rd</sup> ICRI General Meeting (Monaco)*

**Background**

The ICRI General meeting has concluded that there is an urgent and continued need for action to address coral reef issues in the post-2020 framework. Any future target should be quantifiable and have an ambitious but realistic timeframe with a holistic view of coral reefs within the broader marine system as well as relate to the broader sustainable development agenda, with clear cross-reference to other global and regional policy instruments and commitments relevant to coral reefs. The reduction in anthropogenic pressures continues to be necessary to give coral reefs a chance of surviving by supporting their health and resilience.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity adopted Decision XIV/ADV, setting out the process for development of the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, to be considered by CoP15 in Beijing, October 2020.

ICRI has a unique opportunity to coordinate a consistent view across its member countries and organizations on the need for and substance of a coral reef target.

The objective of the *ad hoc* committee will be to:

1. Coordinate ICRI's contribution to a post-2020 global biodiversity framework, including preparing a timeline, according to the ICRI Rules of Procedure;
2. Develop a draft recommendation for a coral reef target and an appropriate alternative that aligns with and builds on other relevant processes.

Chair: ICRI Secretariat

Members: Australia, France, Indonesia, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Vulcan Inc.

Duration: the *ad hoc* committee will work intersessionally and provide its recommendation and plan for action to the 34<sup>th</sup> ICRI General Meeting.

Working procedures: The *ad hoc* committee will work virtually and take advantage of any opportunities for face to face meetings in the side lines of other meetings.