

**International Coral Reef Initiative Handover**  
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# UN Environment's commitments to coral reefs

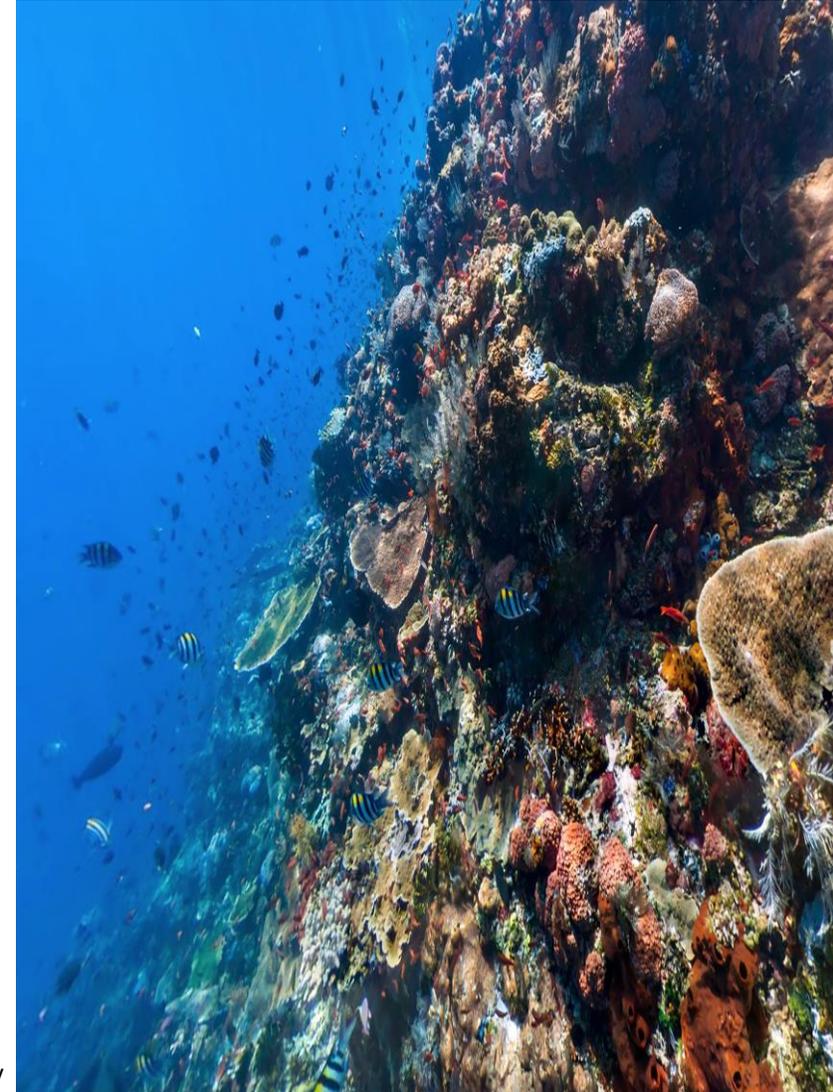
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# UN Environment Global Coral Reef Partnership

Initiated in 2014 by UN Environment with the Regional Seas Programmes

Support countries deliver commitments on coral reefs;

- Resilience
- Ecosystem service values in decision making and finance
- Data and information services
- Governance



# UN Environment Assembly Resolution



Resolution 2/12 on **Sustainable Coral Reefs Management** was proposed by Indonesia and passed by member states in May 2016

Request the UN Environment to:

- Public outreach campaigns
- Strengthen capacity, knowledge transfer, develop planning tools
- Support countries with national or regional action plans
- Analysis of global and regional policy instruments and governance mechanisms related to the protection and sustainable management of coral reefs
- Preparation of Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network report on global status of coral reefs

**UNEA-3 report on Progress made on the implementation of resolution 2/12** available at: <https://papersmart.unon.org/resolution/pre-session>



# Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network



Lead by UN Environment and ICRI jointly

Governance and action plan for the network currently being developed

Global report on the status of coral reefs in preparation for 2020, to support reporting on Aichi Targets.

Regional reports produced in recent years on coral reef status for Caribbean, Western Indian Ocean, and Pacific

Further regional reports also in planning/preparation (for example East Pacific, East Asia)



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# Global Coral Reef Policy and Governance Analysis



Analysis of global and regional policy instruments and governance mechanisms for the protection and sustainable management of coral reefs.

Advisory Committee nominated by member states (first meeting in Paris in June, second meeting in Bangkok in October) to advise and oversee process.

Duke University is the selected technical partner for the analysis.

Findings will be presented to member states at UNEA-4



# ICRI/UN Environment Small Grants Programme



In collaboration with ICRI funded by France and Monaco.

Five small grants for sustainable coral reef management disbursed for innovative and replicable projects around the world.

Kenya, Malaysia, Mesoamerican Reef, Nouvelle-Calédonie, Seychelles.

Grants managed through Regional Seas Programmes.



# Global Coral Reef Campaign



Raise awareness of the importance of coral reefs to economies, livelihoods and biodiversity.

Targeted policy and financial commitments from public and private sectors.

Partners include International Coral Reef Initiative, World Wildlife Fund, The Ocean Agency, Proximity (ad agency in London).

Campaign to be launched in second half of 2018.



# Continued Support to ICRI



UN Environment is an ICRI member since its inception. Strong partner to support the incoming Chairs, including in pursuing action requested by Member States at UNEA

## UN Environment

- promotes and strengthens regional implementation of the ICRI Call to Action through the Regional Seas
- registered several coral reef related commitments in the SDG 14 portal, and jointly leads the Community of Ocean Action focusing on coral reef with ICRI
- co-leads the process for strengthening GCRMN as an ocean observing network with ICRI
- long-term commitment to public outreach in support of public awareness, finance and policy outcomes, building on IYOR 2018

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