

Resolution on expanded and sustained support for the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network (GCRMN)

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REAFFIRMING the critical need for information on the status of the world's coral reefs to support effective management of these ecosystems, particularly given the recent incidence of coral bleaching and impact of related coral mortality on the human communities that depend on these resources;

NOTING the presentation of the comprehensive Status of Coral Reefs of the World 2000 Report at the 9th ICRS and congratulating the GCRMN on this excellent report;

RECOGNIZING the sustained support from the US through the Department of State and NOAA and from Australia through AIMS, and extending thanks for their support of global coordination, however noting that funding for coordination activities continues to be the most difficult;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that other donors have supported the formation of Regional Monitoring Nodes, with special reference to the UK, Sweden, the US and Japan;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that Reef Check and ReefBase are important components of the GCRMN;

APPRECIATING that the regional node network of GCRMN is developing well, however that there are significant gaps in support at the regional level and a need for further coordination at the inter-regional level;

RESOLVE THAT all ICRI partners strive to support the GCRMN including global coordination, existing and new regional nodes, establishment of an inter-regional coordination network, as well as associated programs Reef Check and ReefBase.

ENCOURAGE the Convention on Biological Diversity to incorporate the GCRMN into its work plan on coral reefs and into the implementation of the Jakarta Mandate