

Resolution to extend the ICRI ad hoc committee on the inclusion of a coral reef-related target in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework

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The ad hoc committee was [established by ICRI in December 2018](#) to follow the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework development process and to contribute on matters relating to the critical status of coral reefs and how these can be sufficiently addressed within the post-2020 framework.

At its last General Meeting (Townsville, December 2019), ICRI members [agreed to extend the mandate](#) of the ICRI ad hoc committee on the inclusion of a coral reef-related target in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.

The ad hoc Committee have progressed against all three of its terms of reference and completed ToR2, the development of a Recommendation for how coral reefs could be appropriately incorporated into the Post-2020 GBF. The Recommendation and associated outputs of the ad hoc Committee are available via www.coralpost2020.org.

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has caused considerable delay to the CBD process with further postponements of the negotiations for a biodiversity framework. In order to realise an outcome for coral reefs, it is proposed that the ad hoc Committee continue their work through to the adoption of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework during the CBD COP 15, currently planned for October 2021.

Amended Terms of Reference:

The updated objectives of the ad hoc committee are to:

1. Coordinate ICRI's contribution to the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework; and
2. Develop and implement a communications strategy to promote the ICRI Recommendation at important international meetings and events in preparation for and including the 15th COP of the CBD.

Co-Chairs: ICRI Secretariat, Monaco, and Vulcan Inc

Current Membership: Australia, France, Indonesia, Jamaica, Japan, Maldives, New Caledonia, Seychelles, UK, USA, CORDIO, ICRS, IUCN, Reef World Foundation, SPREP, UN Environment, UNEP-WCMC, Vulcan Inc., Wildlife Conservation Society, World Resources Institute, WWF International. Membership remains open to other ICRI members.

Duration: Until the adoption of the CBD Post-2020 GBF

Working arrangements: The ad hoc committee will conduct its work virtually and should it be possible, take advantage of any opportunities for face-to-face meetings in the side lines of other meetings.