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INTERNATIONAL CORAL REEF INITIATIVE (ICRI)



Description

The **International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI)** is a global partnership between Nations and organizations which strives to preserve coral reefs and related ecosystems around the world. ICRI, founded by Australia, France, Japan, Jamaica, the Philippines, Sweden, the United Kingdom and the United States of America, is composed of 96 members including 45 countries of whom are custodians to over 75% of the World's coral reefs. ICRI's members include a mix of governments, non-governmental organisations and international organisations.

www.icriforum.org

ICRI's actions have been pivotal in continuing to highlight globally the importance of coral reefs and related ecosystems to environmental sustainability, food security and social and cultural wellbeing. The work of ICRI is regularly acknowledged in [United Nations documents](#), highlighting the Initiative's important cooperation, collaboration and advocacy role within the international arena.

ICRI is currently chaired by the United States of America and the ICRI Secretariat recently launched their [2021-2024 Plan of Action: Turning the Tide for Coral Reefs](#), split into four themes.

In this context, the Secretariat will work to better incorporate science in our actions, strengthen leadership and emerging technologies, while promoting collaboration and communication among stakeholders. Activities will reach out to Indigenous Peoples and local communities to ensure their knowledge and the intrinsic values of coral reefs are appropriately reflected in our efforts. New technologies to augment existing monitoring efforts will provide greater understanding of coral reef health and conditions and enable managers to be more responsive to climate change impacts. Every opportunity will be taken to raise the plight of coral reefs with

the broader international community and the actions that can be taken at local, regional, and global levels to secure their protection and recovery.

<https://icriforum.org/documents/plan-of-action-2021-2024/>

ICRI is also managing the [Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network \(GCRMN\)](#), an operational network, that aims to provide the best available scientific information on the status and trends of coral reef ecosystems for their conservation and management. It is a global network of scientists, managers and organisations that monitor the condition of coral reefs throughout the 10 regional nodes. Last year, the GCRMN released the sixth edition of the [Status of Coral Reefs of the World](#) report. It was the first since 2008, and based on the quantitative analysis of a global dataset compiled from raw monitoring data contributed by more than 300 members of the network. The global dataset spanned more than 40 years from 1978 to 2019 and consisted of almost 2 million observations from more than 12,000 sites in 73 reef-bearing countries around the world.

www.gcrmn.net/2020-report

Links

1. Newsletters <https://icriforum.org/newsletters/>
2. ICRI Plan of action 2021-2024 <https://icriforum.org/documents/plan-of-action-2021-2024/>
3. Post 2020 <https://icriforum.org/post2020/>
4. Twitter https://twitter.com/ICRI_Coral_Reef
5. ICRI <https://icriforum.org>
6. The Secretariat <https://icriforum.org/secretariats/>
7. Reef Restoration <https://icriforum.org/restoration/>
8. Resilience-based management <https://icriforum.org/resilience-based-management/>
9. GCRMN status and trends <http://gcrmn.net/2020-report/>
10. Publications <https://icriforum.org/publications-resources/>
11. Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/c/internationalcoralreefinitiative>

Videos

1. The value of healthy coral reef ecosystems
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wxVRTWXIDig>
2. The sixth GCRMN status of coral reefs of the world: 2020 report animation
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKxdKx_ci90
3. Coral reef restoration: what is it and why is it important?
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_kop0uR8gk
4. What is resilience-based management and why do we need it?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HcWTGvsFyUU>
5. About the coral research and development accelerator platform (CORDAP) (not available)

Documents

1. The Sixth GCRMN Status of Coral Reefs of the World: Executive Summary
<https://vepimg.b8cdn.com/uploads/vjfnew/8144/content/docs/1661850169executive-summary-with-forewords-2-pdf1661850169.pdf>
2. Coral Reef Restoration as a Strategy to Improve Ecosystem Services: A guide to coral restoration methods
<https://vepimg.b8cdn.com/uploads/vjfnew/8144/content/docs/1661875000hein-et-al-2020-unep-report-1-2-pdf1661875000.pdf>
3. The Coral Reef Economy
<https://vepimg.b8cdn.com/uploads/vjfnew/8144/content/docs/1661875044the-coral-reef-economy-execsum-pdf1661875044.pdf>
4. Summary of the ICRI Recommendation for inclusion of coral reef ecosystems within the CBD Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (EN)
<https://vepimg.b8cdn.com/uploads/vjfnew/8144/content/docs/1661850162icri-recommendation-post2020-final-pdf1661850162.pdf>
5. Healthy Coral Reef Indicators
<https://vepimg.b8cdn.com/uploads/vjfnew/8144/content/docs/1661850520healthy-coral-reef-indicators-pdf1661850520.pdf>
6. ICRI Plan of Action 2021 – 2024: Turning the Tide for Coral Reefs
<https://vepimg.b8cdn.com/uploads/vjfnew/8144/content/docs/1661850206icri-plan-of-action-21-24-final-web-pdf1661850206.pdf>
7. CORDAP Strategic Plan 2022-2025 (not available)