



10 YEARS OF ICRI

ICRI was established in 1994 when an estimated 10 % of all coral reefs had already been seriously degraded. In 1998 coral bleaching affected 3/4 of the world's reefs leading to the mortality of 16% of reefs. Since its foundation ICRI has provided advice and guidance to the international community on a wide range of issues with the aim of reversing coral reef degradation. Such issues include the aquarium trade, marine protected areas, destructive fishing, monitoring of seagrass and mangrove ecosystems, trade on coral reef species and the importance of coral reefs to Small Island Developing States.



Coral bleaching

Coral reef species on sale to tourists

Striving for sustainable tourism

Healthy reefs needed to sustain livelihoods

Today ICRI continues to provide a focus for the plight of coral reefs and involves a wide range of partners from governments, United Nations organizations, multilateral development banks, environmental and developmental NGOs, and the private sector. In addition to emerging issues, ICRI will focus in the future on linkages between health of coral reefs and the well being of the people that depend on them, looking for ways to achieve sustainable and equitable use of coral reef resources.

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