

Resolution to Designate 2008 as the International Year of the Reef

This resolution was approved by the ICRI members at the ICRI General Meeting held in Cozumel, Mexico (22-23 October 2006)

Recognizing the success of the 1997 International Year of the Reef in raising awareness of the importance of coral reef and associated ecosystems; and

Recognizing the continued need to increase awareness and understanding of the opportunities to further conserve and restore valuable coral reef and associated ecosystems;

The International Coral Reef Initiative decides to;

Designate 2008 as the International Year of the Reef with the goals of:

- Strengthening awareness about the ecological, economic, social and cultural value of, and critical threats to, coral reefs and associated ecosystems; and
- Generating urgent action at all levels to develop and implement effective management strategies for conservation and sustainable use of these ecosystems.

Encourage ICRI members to support and participate in planning efforts and events leading up to and during the 2008 IYOR; and

Encourage ICRI members, especially national delegates, to facilitate the development of national level activities on IYOR.