

## **Decision on Socio-economic Monitoring**

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### **Background:**

1. The GCRMN socioeconomic monitoring group have produced the 'Socioeconomic Manual for Coral Reef Management' (2000) by Leah Bunce et al. and SocMons ('Socio-economic Monitoring Guidelines for Coastal Managers ..') for the Caribbean, Southeast Asia and the Western Indian Ocean, with local language versions completed;
2. A socioeconomic database for data and information has been established on ReefBase, in parallel with ecological monitoring;
3. Thus all the necessary materials for substantial parallel monitoring of ecological and socioeconomic aspects of coral reefs are in place for effective support of coral reef management and conservation;
4. However, the extent of socioeconomic monitoring is far less than for ecological monitoring and there are very few data lodged on the ReefBase socioeconomic database.

### **Decision Requested from ICRI**

ICRI Partners are requested to:

1. Provide advice on where socioeconomic monitoring of coral reefs has been conducted to the SocMon office and/or ReefBase.
2. Indicate where socioeconomic monitoring may be implemented, preferably in parallel with ecological monitoring; and
3. Include socioeconomic monitoring in parallel with existing ecological monitoring in all appropriate projects and activities on coral reefs.