



# **LOCAL ACTION STRATEGY UPDATE**

**Presentation to the  
U.S. Coral Reef Task Force**

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## Progress since Miami:

- Performance measure development
- Solutions to priority capacity needs
- Federal partner meetings



## Tracking Success LAS Performance Measures

- Improved enforceable policies
- Implemented best management practices
- Increased local capacity
- Stakeholder participation
- Increased scientific understanding of the reef ecosystem and associated issues
- Increased awareness of LAS activities



# **Top 5 Capacity Solutions:**

- 1. Expand & extend Coral Fellowship Program.**
- 2. Provide support for program specialists with local liaisons.**
- 3. Participation in the NOAA Educational Partnerships Program.**
- 4. Expand NOAA GIS Technical Fellowship to Caribbean/Atlantic.**
- 5. Provide short-term specialists.**



# Federal Partner Meetings:

- **EPA and USDA/NRCS**
- **LAS outreach**
- **Increased understanding of agency programs and linkages to LAS**
- **Discussion of possible avenues of LAS support**
- **Need follow-up discussions and additional meetings**



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