

US Coral Reef Task Force Meeting

Celebration of International Year of the Reef





ALL ISLANDS COMMITTEE

<http://www.allislandscorals.org>

What's Working in the Jurisdictions?

- Improved coordination and policies
- Improved communication and partnerships
- Improved access to new tools and products
- Education and Outreach

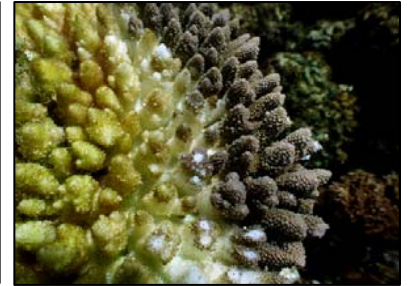
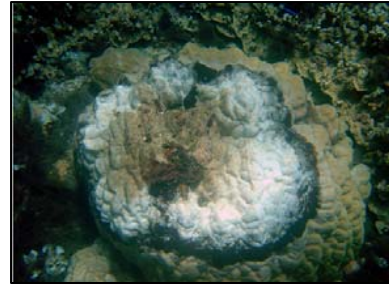


What is our vision for the next 10 years of the USCRTF ?

- *By ensuring coordination and cooperation within and between our jurisdictions and partners, we are able to manage and protect coral reef ecosystems and biological diversity for present and future generations to perpetuate cultural, environmental and economic values that are vital to our way of life. (AIC Strategic Plan 2008)*

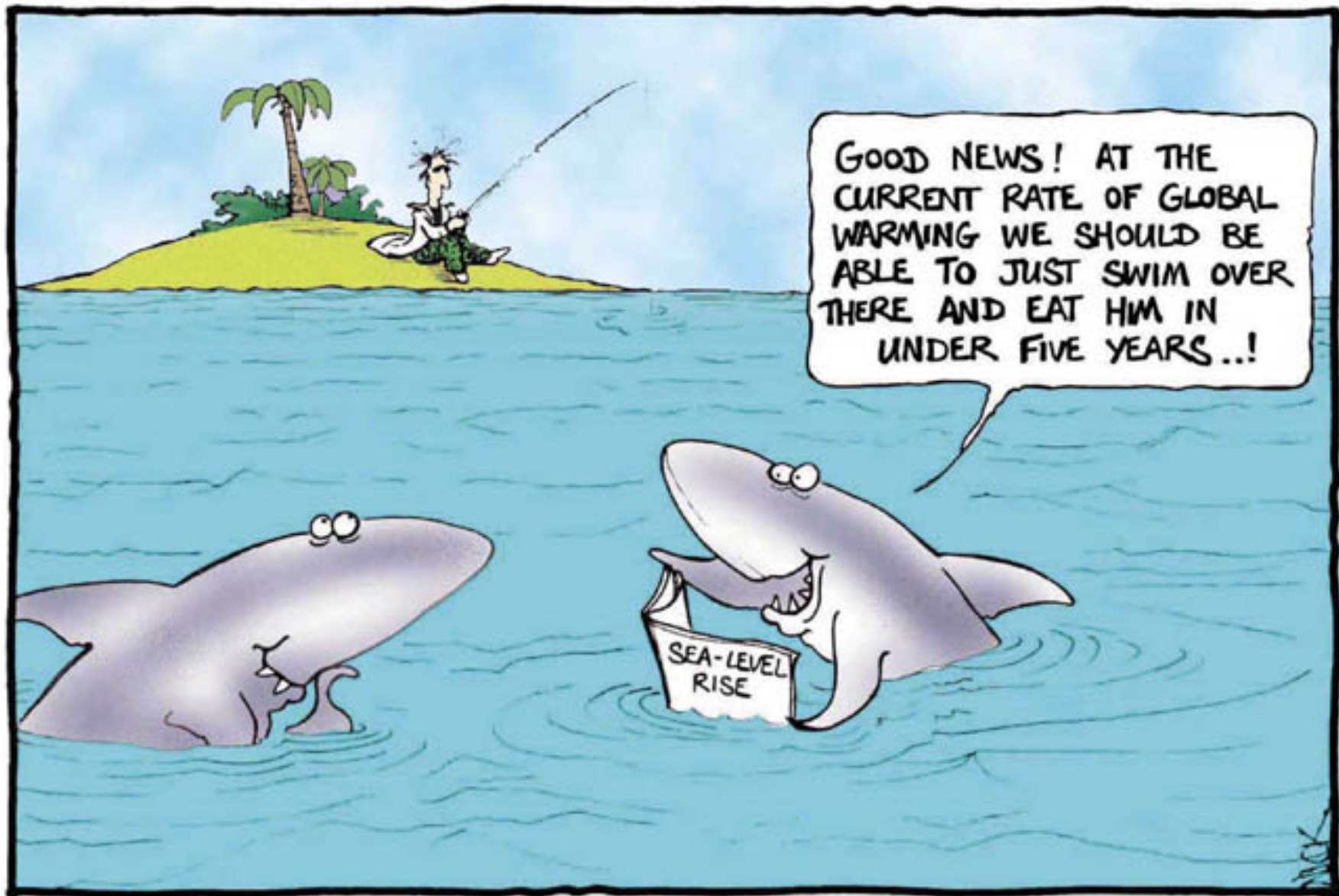
We have tough a battle ahead!

A 2004 study estimated that global warming had destroyed 20 percent of the world's reefs since the 1950s. An additional 24 percent are under **imminent threat of collapse**, and a further 26 percent face eventual destruction.



Still more work needs to be done...





GOOD NEWS! AT THE
CURRENT RATE OF GLOBAL
WARMING WE SHOULD BE
ABLE TO JUST SWIM OVER
THERE AND EAT HIM IN
UNDER FIVE YEARS...!

SEA-LEVEL
RISE

Implementation of the All Islands Strategic Action Plan

- The Committee is working collaboratively with each federal agency to seek advice and assistance on how they can be more fully engaged in implementing our initiatives and strategies to protect coral reefs.



Local Action Strategies

- **LAS resolution adopted in American Samoa last August calls on all members to provide periodic progress reports and updates on their actions to implement and support the LAS in each jurisdiction**

Task Force Resolution on Global Warming



Positive proof of global warming.



**18th
Century**

1900

1950

1970

1980

1990

2006



Our Reefs, Our Future

CONCLUSION

- Develop a common goal
- Encourage more active engagement by ALL federal agencies in the implementation
- External Program Review
- Request the Climate Change Working Group to report back on their activities at the next USCRTF meeting in Hawaii in August 2008.



For Athline Clark

The All Islands Committee would like to thank you for your dedication and passion towards the improved management and protection of coral reefs.

You will be missed.

