

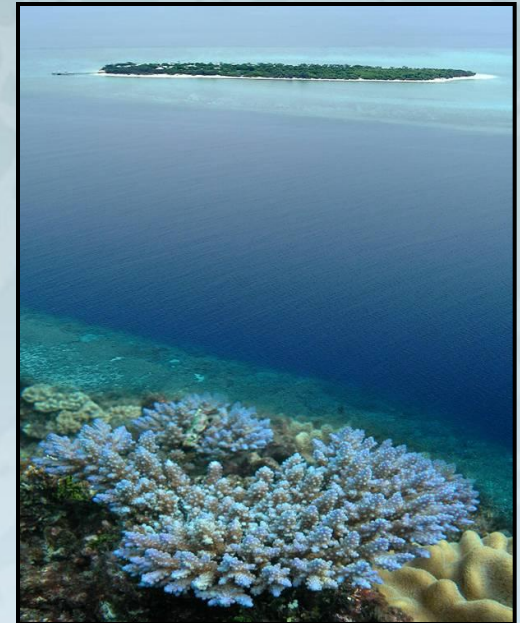
Steering Committee Update

October 29, 2015
Fajardo, Puerto Rico

*Working to preserve and protect
coral reef ecosystems*

2015 DC Meeting Follow-Up

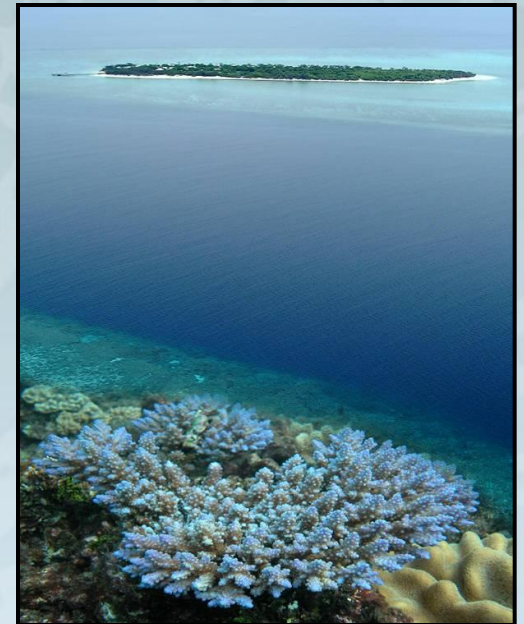
- Continued work on Resolution 25.1
- Ocean Acidification
- CRCA Reauthorization
- Sunia Internship





2015 DC Meeting Follow-Up

- USCRTF Strategy
- Watershed Strategy
- Accomplishments Report
- Resolution 34.1



Watershed Partnership Working Group

- Developed Watershed Strategy
- Hosted Workshop and Poster Session
- Work continues in 3 Priority Watersheds
- Developing performance metrics

Watershed Partnership Working Group

- NEEDS:

- Designated Leadership of group
- Social science support for development of social and community engagement metrics
- Posting of metrics products to website

Coral Reef Injury and Mitigation Working Group

- Handbook on Coral Impacts: Avoidance, Minimization, Mitigation, and Restoration
- 1st Interagency/jurisdiction review of draft handbook complete
- Expected draft for adoption in September 2016, pending member reviews

Coral Reef Injury and Mitigation Working Group:

- NEEDS:
 - Prepare agency and jurisdiction contacts for additional rounds of reviews

Climate Change Working Group

- Corals and Climate Adaptation Planning (CCAP) Project
- Monthly webinar series
- Meeting on Rapid Response to Climate Change-related impacts
- Bleaching report

Ocean Acidification Sub-Working Group

- Raise awareness
- Inform USCRTF Strategy
- NEED: Request additional participation from USCRTF agencies and jurisdictions

Education and Outreach Working Group

- NEEDS:
 - Designated leadership of group
 - Increased participation
 - Capacity to coordinate Sunia Internship

Additional Steering Committee Actions

- Started Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization Working Group
- Developed Accomplishments Report for FY11-14
- Strategic Planning
 - Draft Strategy developed
 - Held Strategy Retreat

Resolution 34.1: A Framework for Priority Action FY16-20

- Continuation of Actions from Resolution 25.1
- Additional Actions:
 - Ocean Acidification working group
 - Develop an enforcement task team
 - CRCA Reauthorization working group
 - Strategy development

Additional Actions from PR meeting

- ESA: Coordination on critical habitat and recovery plans
- Include ESA discussions in Steering Committee calls
- Revise the policy for Principal review of documents and products for adoption
- Watershed “graduation timeline”
- Determine Winter and Summer 2016 meeting content and begin planning

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