
Progress Report

Implementing the Puerto Rico Resolution



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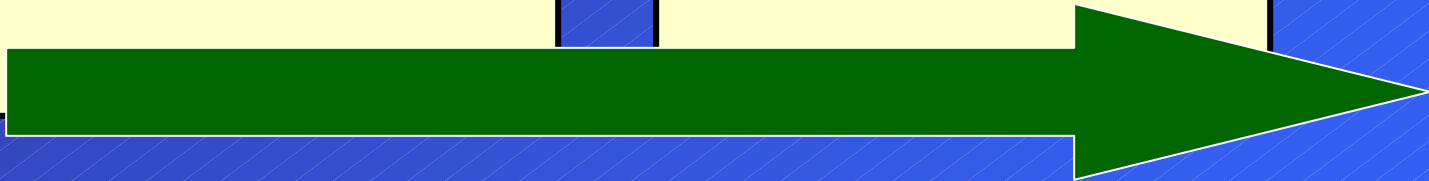
Puerto Rico Resolution

- *Issues*
- *Charge From Resolution*
- *Progress Report*
- *Proposed Next Steps*

Past successes, existing needs...

**National
Action
Plan**

**National
Action
Strategy**



*How can the Task Force better support
implementation to reach goals and
objectives?*

Identified 4 Key Issues

1. **Prioritize Needs**
2. **Improve Coordination**
3. **Track Performance**
4. **Increase Capacity**
(e.g. human resources)

Issue 1. Prioritize Needs

Finding:

- Good roadmap of national goals, strategies.
- Need priorities across the NAP's 13 goals.
- Most goals lack specific targets.
- Implementation?

National Action Plan to Conserve Coral Reefs

Understand Coral Reef Ecosystems:

- Goal 1: Map all U.S. coral reefs
- Goal 2: Assess, monitor and forecast reef health
- Goal 3: Conduct strategy research
- Goal 4: Understand social and economic factors

Reduce Impacts of Human Activities:

- Goal 5: Improve use of marine protected areas
- Goal 6: Reduce impacts of fishing
- Goal 7: Reduce impacts of coastal uses
- Goal 8: Reduce impacts of pollution
- Goal 9: Restore damaged reefs
- Goal 10: Improve outreach and education
- Goal 11: Reduce threats to international reefs
- Goal 12: Reduce impacts from international trade
- Goal 13: Improve coordination and accountability

Issue 1: Prioritize Needs

Response: Six Threats-based Focus Areas

- Proposal from All Islands Committee
- Does not constrain action on other NAP goals

1. Land-based Sources of Pollution
2. Overfishing
3. Lack of Public Awareness
4. Recreational Overuse
5. Climate Change and Coral Bleaching
6. Disease

Issue 2. Coordination

Findings:

- Strengthen coordination between levels, agencies
- Strengthen regional involvement
- Better engage stakeholders



Issue 2: Coordination

Response 1:

States * and federal partners develop local 3-year Action Strategies for Focus Areas **

Response 2:

Establish 2 Regional Subcommittees **
(Caribbean and Pacific)






















Response 3:

Aggregate local strategies into regional work plans to increase efficiency, coordination & support for local-level action.

Issues 1& 2: Progress Report

1. Many areas beginning development of Local Action Strategies

Progress Report: Local Action Strategies

Focus Area	FL	PR	USVI	HI	AS	GUAM	CNMI
Land Based Sources							
Overfishing							
Recreational Overuse					NA		
Lack of Awareness					NA		
Climate 							
Disease							

Issues 1 & 2: Progress Report

1. Many areas beginning development of Local Action Strategies

2. Developed draft Guidance for Process:

10 Steps

Templates and Tools For Local Action Strategies

Roles

Timeline

Proposed Process: 10 Steps

- 1. Name State and Federal “Navigators”*
- 2. Identify goals, process, and participants
(state, federal, NGO, industry, public)*
- 3. Agree how to develop LAS (roles, timeline)*
- 4. Draft LAS*

Templates For Local Action Strategies

Purpose: Provide common format and useful tools

- *Four Worksheets*
- *Goals, objectives, projects, performance indicators, actors, etc*
- *Builds from USCRTF experience*

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- 5. Regional Workshops & Technical Support*
- 6. Refine and Finalize LAS*

Proposed Process: 10 Steps

7. *Aggregate LAS into Regional Strategies*
8. *Regional Subcommittees review and endorse Local/Regional Strategies*
9. *USCRTF reviews and endorses Local/Regional Strategies*
10. *USCRTF updates National Action Strategy, based on LAS/RAS, and issues annual progress reports toward NAS*

FL
LAS **USVI**
LAS **PR**
LAS **CNMI**
LAS **Guam**
LAS **AS**
LAS **HI**
LAS

Caribbean Subcommittee

All Islands Working Groups
LAS Teams

Pacific Subcommittee

Regional Strategy

Regional Strategy

Steering Committee
All Islands Working Groups

Coral Reef Task Force

Annual Progress Report

National Action Strategy

Proposed Roles

- 1. State and Federal “Navigators”*
- 2. Participants (govt and non-govt)*
- 3. All Islands Committee, Florida, FAS*
- 4. Working Groups (International, others)*
- 5. Regional Subcommittees*
- 6. Task Force Members*

Tentative Timeline

Month	Activity
February	State and Federal Navigators Identified CRTF Endorse Draft Guidance on Process and Template
March	Navigators agree on process: Local Action Strategies (LAS) Complete Process Guidance.
April	LAS Teams meet
May	LAS Teams meet
June	Workshop on Climate & Coral Bleaching (18-20) Pacific Land Based Sources Workshop (23-27??) Caribbean Recreational Overuse Workshop (??)
July	LAS Teams meet Regional Subcommittee Established
August	Finalize available LAS Begin developing Regional Strategies
September	Develop Regional Strategies
October	Pacific Subcommittee Meeting USCRTF meeting in Guam/CNMI
November	Caribbean Subcommittee Meeting (??) White Water to Blue Water

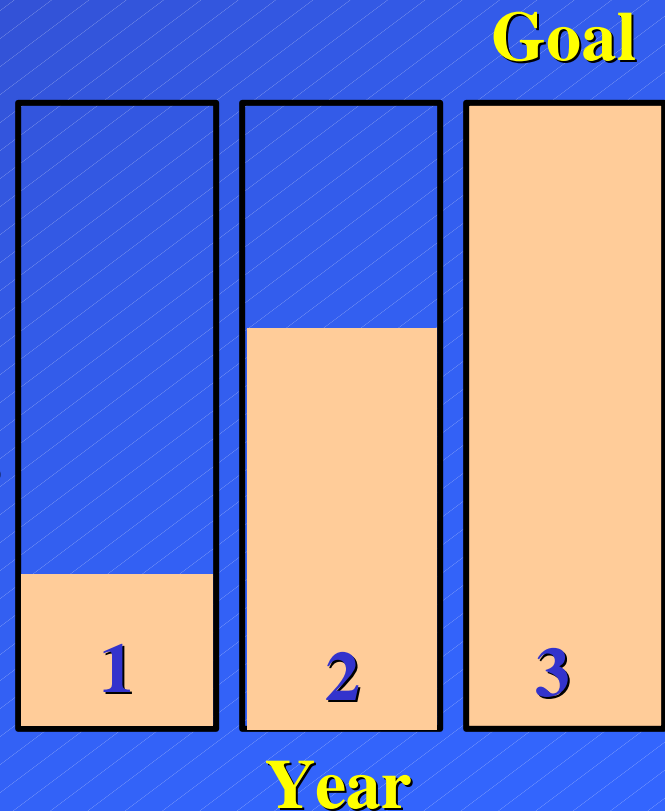
Issue 1 & 2: Proposed Next Steps

- 1. Complete Guidance document on LAS Process and Template (April).*
- 2. Continue developing Local Action Strategies.*
- 3. Establish Regional Subcommittees (July)*
- 4. Complete initial pilot LAS (Aug)*
- 5. Complete pilot Regional Action Strategies (October)*

Issue 3. Tracking Progress

Findings:

- Weak tracking system to document progress
- Efforts tax human resources
- Unclear goals & indicators weaken reporting and implementation



Issue 3: Tracking Progress

Response 1:

Web-based database; performance indicators

Response 2:

Each Task Force member populates and maintains the database

Response 3:

Annual Task Force Report produced by Steering Committee, Subcommittees and Working Groups

Issue 3: Tracking Progress

Progress Report

1. Database under development

- *Evaluating existing models*
- *Scoping Interviews with TF Members*

Issue 3: Tracking Progress

Proposed Next Steps

- 1. Finalize Database Model*
 - Decide breadth and scope*
- 2. Develop Prototype (July)*
- 3. Initial version (October)*
- 4. Complete 2002 USCRTF
Accomplishments Report (May)*

Issue 3: Capacity

Findings:

- *Lack of capacity to support USCRTF*
 - *no staff, resources*
 - *Steering Committee limitations*
- *Lack of capacity to support All Islands Committee*
- *Lack of capacity to implement new process*

Issue 4: Capacity (human resources)

Response 1:

Propose Secretariat for the Task Force

Response 2:

Strengthen support for the All Islands Secretariat

Response 3:

Strengthen capacity at all levels, with emphasis on the local level (e.g. details, funding)

Issue 4: Progress Report

- 1. Assessed Needs for USCRTF Secretariat (min 2 people, resources for database)*
- 2. Assessed Needs for All Islands Secretariat (Exec. Director)*
- 3. Identified Additional Mechanisms to Strengthen Capacity in the LAS Guidance (navigators etc)*

Issue 4: Proposed Next Steps

1. Establish a USCRTF Secretariat

- *2 people (agency detailees?)*
- *Resources for database*
- *Location (agency host?)*

2. Funding for All Islands Secretariat

3. Further implement Federal support for LAS Development

- *Navigators*
- *Participants*
- *Technical Assistance*

Summary of Proposed Next Steps

- **Implement 10 Step Process to Strengthen Federal Support for Local Reef Management**
- **Finalize LAS Guidance (include capacity elements)(March)**
- **Establish USCRTF secretariat (March)**
- **Complete 2002 Accomp Report (May)**
- **Identify/charge members of Regional Subcommittees (March)**
- **Define, develop draft Regional Strategies (Oct)**