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Coral Reef Associated Fisheries**

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Adopted on November 12th, at the 25th ICRI General Meeting (Apia, Samoa)

The *Ad Hoc* Committee, with the support of ICRI members, global experts and practitioners, will discuss the following issues and develop a **recommendation** and a set of guidelines as appropriate:

Prepare a draft proposal of resolution on the importance of a sustainable management of coral reef spawning aggregations. The proposal will be sent to all ICRI members for comment and approval.

This proposal will be, then, submitted by the ICRI co-chair, on behalf of ICRI, at the next Head of Fisheries Meeting, to be held in Nouméa, February 2011 at SPC.

Consider how to encourage relevant fisheries organizations to:

- Identify the economic importance of coral reef-associated fishes with indications of current status and sustainability
- Identify the importance and relevance of illegal, unregulated and unmonitored trade (both local and transboundary) in relation to the goal of sustainable fisheries
- Determine whether current monitoring and capacity (funding and manpower) are sufficient and appropriate to address current and future management planning, or fishing pressure

Identify novel technologies or activities that may represent either threats or solutions for sustainable reef-associated fisheries

Explore the sustainability of the Post Larval Capture and Culture as new source of income and an option to reduce the pressure on fish stocks.

Identify RFMOs which actively engage in issues related to the sustainable use of coral reef-associated resources.

Compile lessons learned from ICRI members in supporting and fostering sustainable management of coral reef-associated fisheries

Promote research on the spawning aggregation areas to improve knowledge on their key role in the sustainability of fisheries and the need to protect them

The **Recommendation** will be presented at the next ICRI meeting for consideration.