

9th Coral Reef Task Force Meeting
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Resolution 9-2: Participation in Free Trade Agreements

Considering the charge to the Task Force, past resolutions on international coral reef trade declared by the Task Force, and concerns for the protection of international coral reef resources and ecosystems, the Task Force directs as follows:

1. Task Force agencies actively participating in environmental reviews of free trade negotiations should raise, where appropriate, the issues of trade in coral reef ecosystem species and the impacts of trade on coral reef resources; and
2. Task Force members participating in free trade negotiations should fully explore ways to address relevant coral reef issues in the context of applicable free trade agreements and applicable cooperative environmental agreements to protect coral reef resources and ecosystems from unsustainable harvest practices, and/or unsustainable trade practices. Task Force members will make every effort to support cooperative coral reef projects arising from such agreements.