

PROGRESS REPORT to the CRTF

**“Workshop on Federal Grants and
Funding Opportunities Related to
Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation
in the U.S. Caribbean”**

**San Juan, Puerto Rico
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands
2 – 5 August 2005**

Coral Grants Workshop: a Multi-Agency Effort

Agencies:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program
- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- DOI's Office of Insular Affairs
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

Goal: *Assist coral reef conservation partners and stakeholders in U.S. island states and territories in understanding, applying, and competing for Federal grants.*

Coral Grants Workshop Format

- Local priorities.
- Federal agency support available to address local priorities.
- Grant application preparation.
- Face-to-face time with Federal Program Officers.
- Tools and resources presented.

Coral Conservation Threats Matrix

(Tab 10 in CRTF Briefing Books)

Grant Program	Threat Area												
	Overfishing / Destructive Fishing Practices	Land-based pollution	Recreational Misuse / Overuse	Lack of Public Awareness	Climate Change and Coral Bleaching	Coral Disease	Coastal Development	Habitat Destruction	Invasive Species	Vessel Groundings / Discharges	Marine Debris	Hurricanes / Typhoons	Extreme/Biotic Events
NOAA													
1 - Coral Reef Conservation Grant Program													
General Coral Reef Conservation	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x
International Coral Reef Conservation	x	x	x	x									
Coral Reef Ecosystem Research	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	x			x
State and Territory Coral Reef Management	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x				
State and Territory Coral Reef Ecosystem Monitoring	x	x	x		x	x		x	x			x	x
Projects to Improve or Amend Coral Reef Ecosystem Management Plans	x							x	x		x		x
2 - National Undersea Research Program - Caribbean Marine Research Center (CMRC)	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x				x
3 - Coral Reef Ecosystem Studies (CRES)	x	x	x		x	x		x	x				
4 - Caribbean Coral Reef Institute (CCRI)	x	x	x		x	x	x		x	x	x		x
5 - Community-based Restoration Grant Program	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	
6 - Marine Debris Program	x	x		x				x			x	x	
7 - Sea Grant													
UPR - Seed Money for Research	x	x	x	x			x						
UPR - Competitive Marine Research Program	x	x	x	x			x			x		x	
National Sea Grant - Invasives									x				

Coral Grants Workshop Outcomes

- Effective workshop format.
- Networking opportunities - potential for new partnerships and collaborations.
- Information on variety of funding, partnership, and technical assistance opportunities.
- Opportunities to address project funding through cross-agency grant requesting.

Coral Grants Workshop Follow-up

1. Conduct future workshops and training sessions tailored to specific island needs.
 - ✓ Pacific Workshops planned.
 - ✓ Exploring opportunities to provide future Federal agency training workshops.

Coral Grants Workshop Follow-up

- 2. Capacity Building and LAS Project Support
 - Issues addressed by CRTF Steering Committee
 - Jurisdictional capacity assessment.
 - Workshop at 2006 DC CRTF meeting to discuss future LAS priorities and continued project implementation support.

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3. Engage private corporations or foundations to assist with coral conservation projects.
 - Explore with NFWF and TNC how to provide assistance or guidance to local jurisdictions.

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4. CRTF Steering Committee Grants Workgroup to explore other ways to enhance Federal granting.

- Share good proposals
- Multi-year grants
- Multi-agency grants
- Provide larger grant amounts

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