



# Enforcement and the US Coral Reef Task Force

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# ***Enforcement Resolution 14-4***

- ***14th CRTF Meeting: Palau 11/05***
- ***Called for Task Force Members to:***
  1. ***Increase efforts to build enforcement capacity in the territories and states***
  2. ***Work with ICRI to develop international training materials and enforcement “toolkits”***

# **Status Report**

## **ENFORCEMENT TRAINING WORKSHOPS**

- ***To increase local understanding of available federal legal authorities***
- ***To promote cooperation and coordination among territorial and federal partners in pursuing appropriate enforcement action.***
- ***To provide instruction on basic techniques and methods for conducting inspections and preparing enforcement cases.***
- ***To discuss opportunities for future training***

***Plans for future workshops – Puerto Rico (2006); others?***

***Feedback from jurisdictions where workshops have been held***

# ICRI & Enforcement “Toolbox”

- Develop draft guidance and training materials that are applicable to a global audience.
- Plan and host a training workshop at ITMEMS 3 (International Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management Symposium) to test the developed guidance.
- Develop a coral reef enforcement and natural resources investigations "toolkit"
- Conduct field trials in representative regions to further test the training materials and build regional capacity in marine enforcement and natural resources investigations.



# ITMEMS

- Background talks on investigative strategies, field risk management, ecological risk assessment, coral reef forensic techniques, treating data as evidence, incorporating local reef ecological issues and impacts into an investigation;
- Symposia topics include:
  - Creating International Standards for Coral Reef Investigations
  - Creating Enforceable Regulations
  - Role of Community, Volunteers & Educational Institutions
  - Working with Other National Programs

# ***Enforcement Working Group***

A large, dark fish, possibly a shark or a large ray, is swimming in clear blue water. Below the fish, a vibrant coral reef is visible, with various colors of coral and rocks. The background is a deep blue, suggesting an underwater environment.

- Request that Task Force establish standing Working Group on Enforcement
- Member agencies are encouraged to appoint representatives and identify relevant expertise
- Coordinate capacity building activities, such as training workshops, and other issues raised by Task Force members
- Address illegal cyanide use in international trade