U.S. Coral Reef Task Force Steering Committee Update

23rd Meeting of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force San Juan, Puerto Rico November 3, 2009

This Morning

- All Islands Committee Update
- Monitoring Results No-Take Reserves
- Report out on Honolulu Declaration

 Report on Local Action Strategies & Jurisdiction Management Priorities

This Afternoon

Public Comment

- Workshop Reports
- Special Session- Caribbean Region Highlights

Reception – All Invited

Thursday

 Special Session- The USCRTF and Watersheds: Partnering Against Land- Based Sources of Pollution

 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Stimulus) Funds for Coral update

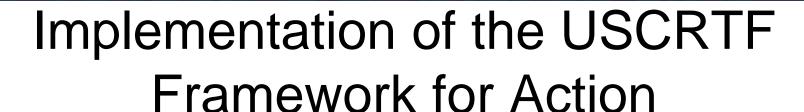
NGO Partnership Funding Initiative

Thursday continued

 Panel and discussion – COE/EPA Regulations on Loss of Ecosystem Function as applied to Coral Reefs

- Report on Decision Items
 - Staff Draft Response to Kona Declaration
 - All-Islands request for standards on stormwater runoff for road projects





Focuses the Task Force on Four Priority Actions:

- Adopt and refine action plans that target priority stressors and threats
- Coordinate authority to reach goals
- Prioritize, fund, and implement necessary science
- Enhance communication, outreach, and education

Resolution 22-1:

To Improve Stormwater Management for Roads in Order to Protect Coral Reef Ecosystems

- Issue Statement: Runoff from roadways significantly contributes to land-based pollution adversely impacting coral reefs
- Decision Statement:
 - Establish a Working Group, temporarily led by the Secretariat, to review and recommend BMPs for during and post-construction roadway design
 - Provide interim briefing at the 23rd Task Force Meeting
 - Provide final report at the 24th Task Force Meeting, including recommendations to continue or terminate the working group

CORAL REEF TASK FORCE

23rd Task Force Meeting

- Location: Washington, D.C.
- Tentatively scheduled for the week of February 22, 2010
- One-day business meeting tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010