

# Steering Committee Update

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*Working to preserve and protect  
coral reef ecosystems*

## Resolution 25.1 - Vision

- Act as a leading intergovernmental body for coral reef conservation in relation to the National Ocean Policy and National Ocean Council.
- Be more strategic and targeted in our activities and hold more action/decision oriented meetings.

## Resolution 25.1 - Implementation

- National Ocean Policy Engagement
- Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning
- Place-Based Partnerships
- Trans-Jurisdictional Issue – Injury Response and Mitigation
- Enhance Business Operations

## Options and Opportunities for the USCRTF to contribute to the National Ocean Policy

- Resiliency and Adaptation to Climate Change and Ocean Acidification
- **Regional Ecosystem Protection and Restoration**
- **Water Quality and Sustainable Practices on Land**

## National Ocean Policy Implementation Plan

### Strengthen Interagency Coordination to Protect and Conserve Coral Reef Ecosystems

- Impacts from Land-Based Source of Pollution
- Impacts from Planned and Unplanned Events

## National Ocean Policy Implementation

Engage in the Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning process in the Pacific and Caribbean regions

- Compiled jurisdiction specific CMSP related activities
- Briefing on information web-portal

## Identify more stream-lined and targeted activities

Focus on *places* that benefit from leveraging of multiple members' resources and expertise

- Guanica/Rio Loco, Puerto Rico
- West Maui, Hawaii
- Decision – Pacific Plus One
  - Faga'alu, American Samoa

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Focus on *issues* that benefit from leveraging of multiple members' resources and expertise

- Injury Response and Mitigation
  - Web-based reference library
  - Handbook on impact avoidance and minimization



## Enhance our Business Operations

1. Focus meetings on Resolution 25.1 and identified action items
2. Enhance action implementation and leadership
3. Report on Actions
4. Assess Progress

## Florida Meeting Action Items

- Disaster Response
- Sunia Scholarship / Internship
- Florida Reef Resilience MOA

