US Coral Reef Task Force Meeting

Celebration of International Year of the Reef
ALL ISLANDS COMMITTEE

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What’s Working in the Jurisdictions?

• Improved coordination and policies
• Improved communication and partnerships
• Improved access to new tools and products
• Education and Outreach
What is our vision for the next 10 years of the USCRTF?

- By ensuring coordination and cooperation within and between our jurisdictions and partners, we are able to manage and protect coral reef ecosystems and biological diversity for present and future generations to perpetuate cultural, environmental and economic values that are vital to our way of life. (AIC Strategic Plan 2008)
We have tough a battle ahead!

A 2004 study estimated that global warming had destroyed 20 percent of the world's reefs since the 1950s. An additional 24 percent are under imminent threat of collapse, and a further 26 percent face eventual destruction.
Still more work needs to be done…
GOOD NEWS! AT THE CURRENT RATE OF GLOBAL WARMING WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO JUST SWIM OVER THERE AND EAT HIM IN UNDER FIVE YEARS...!
Implementation of the All Islands Strategic Action Plan

• The Committee is working collaboratively with each federal agency to seek advice and assistance on how they can be more fully engaged in implementing our initiatives and strategies to protect coral reefs.
Local Action Strategies

• LAS resolution adopted in American Samoa last August calls on all members to provide periodic progress reports and updates on their actions to implement and support the LAS in each jurisdiction.
Task Force Resolution on Global Warming

• The Committee reaffirms Governor Togiola’s call for action to address the threat of climate change to coral reefs and requests the Climate Change Working Group to report back to the USCRTF on their activities.
CONCLUSION

• Develop a common goal
• Encourage more active engagement by ALL federal agencies in the implementation
• External Program Review
• Request the Climate Change Working Group to report back on their activities at the next USCRTF meeting in Hawaii in August 2008.
For Athline Clark

The All Islands Committee would like to thank you for your dedication and passion towards the improved management and protection of coral reefs.

You will be missed.