

## **Resolution to Designate 2008 as the International Year of the Reef**

*This resolution was approved by the ICRI members at the ICRI General Meeting held in Cozumel, Mexico (22-23 October 2006)*

**Recognizing** the success of the 1997 International Year of the Reef in raising awareness of the importance of coral reef and associated ecosystems; and

**Recognizing** the continued need to increase awareness and understanding of the opportunities to further conserve and restore valuable coral reef and associated ecosystems;

The International Coral Reef Initiative decides to;

**Designate** 2008 as the International Year of the Reef with the goals of:

- Strengthening awareness about the ecological, economic, social and cultural value of, and critical threats to, coral reefs and associated ecosystems; and
- Generating urgent action at all levels to develop and implement effective management strategies for conservation and sustainable use of these ecosystems.

**Encourage** ICRI members to support and participate in planning efforts and events leading up to and during the 2008 IYOR; and

**Encourage** ICRI members, especially national delegates, to facilitate the development of national level activities on IYOR.