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Part I.

The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) is an informal partnership among Governments, international organisations, and NGOs which strives to protect coral reefs and associated ecosystems by promoting sustainable management practice and raising awareness on the plight of coral reefs around the world.

ICRI adopted a resolution on ocean acidification at its 20th General Meeting, held in Tokyo, Japan in April 2007. The resolution encouraged:

- that funding be directed towards research and monitoring on the effects of ocean acidification on coral reefs;
- that the International Society of Reef Studies prepares a briefing paper on acidification and coral reefs for the 11th International Coral Reef Symposium (which it did). The paper is available at www.icriforum.org/sites/default/files/ISRS_BP_ocean_acid_final28jan2008.pdf
- that its members promote awareness and encourage dialogue on this issue.

In October 2009, the Coral Reef Initiative for the Pacific (CRISP), a French-funded regional program endorsed by ICRI, released a scientific review paper in three languages on acidification and coral reefs (available at www.icriforum.org/sites/default/files/C3B_Acidification.pdf). The publication aimed to raise awareness amongst decision-makers on this issue.

In 2010, the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network, an Operational Network of ICRI, published a pamphlet entitled: Climate Change and Coral Reefs: consequences of inaction (available at www.icriforum.org/sites/default/files/GCRMN_Climate_Change.pdf). The pamphlet included a summary of available knowledge on the effects of acidification on reef systems.