

**Implementation of the Jakarta Mandate on Marine and Coastal Biological Diversity,  
including the CBD multi-year programme of work on marine and coastal biological  
diversity**

In 1998, the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP) adopted decision IV/5, containing a multi-year programme of work for the conservation and sustainable use of marine and coastal biological diversity. Further priorities for the programme of work were adopted by the fifth meeting of the COP in decision V/3. These priorities concerned, in particular, the incorporation of coral bleaching into the programme of work, and led to the development of a specific work plan on coral bleaching, and elements for a work plan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs.

The sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity approved the continued implementation of the specific work plan on coral bleaching and the elaboration and implementation of the work plan on physical degradation and destruction of coral reefs (decision VI/3), and requested continued cooperation with the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in regard to coral reefs (decision VI/20). COP also urged the strengthening of collaboration between the Secretariat and regional seas conventions and action plans, and such collaboration is being actively sought by the Secretariat. The work plan on coral bleaching is now being implemented, and closer ties are being developed between the Secretariat and relevant organizations, such as the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI)

