



## Reporting template for the #ForCoral Pavilion

**Two-page Maximum**

**Deadline: No later than 2 weeks after your event**

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Event Title: Roundtable: Integrating Coral Reefs into NBSAPs

Date and Time of event: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 13:15 – 14:30

Lead organisation: International Coral Reef Initiative

Co-organisation(s):

# of participants: 22

- In person: 22
- Online: 0

Topics (please select as many as applicable):

- Finance
- Conservation
- Restoration
- Youth
- **Monitoring and Evaluation**
- 30x30
- Other (please specify)

Background on the event (one paragraph):

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At the beginning of 2024, the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) released a guidance document to coral reef countries on how to integrate coral reefs and associated ecosystems into their revised NBSAPs to support the alignment of plans and actions, at the national level, with respect to the implementation of the GBF. In light of the ongoing challenges posed by the Fourth Global Bleaching Event (4GBE) and the increasing pressures on coral reefs, it is crucial to support coral nations to effectively conserve coral reefs. COP16 presented an invaluable opportunity to assess the current status of coral reef integration into NBSAPs and evaluate the effectiveness of ICRI's guidance for coral reef countries.

Key issues discussed (5-8 bullet points):

- Experiences and lessons learned from implementing ICRI's guidance.
- The current status of coral reef conservation in NBSAPs, including how coral reef management is addressed.
- Barriers and challenges to implementing the guidance effectively.
- How governments, NGOs, and other organizations are supporting the integration of coral reefs and associated ecosystems into NBSAPs.

Take home message(s) (5-6 bullet points):

- The integration of coral reefs and associated ecosystems into National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) is crucial for effective conservation, especially in light of the ongoing Fourth Global Bleaching Event (4GBE) and escalating threats from climate change and human activities.
- There is a pressing need for collaboration among governments, NGOs, and other stakeholders to overcome barriers to implementation. Organizations are encouraged to share resources and strategies to support the effective integration of coral reefs into national plans, thereby ensuring the resilience and sustainability of these vital ecosystems.
- The ICRI Secretariat remains steadfast to support countries to integrate coral reefs and associated ecosystems into NBSAPs.

**How will the outcomes of the event contribute to the vision and mission of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework:**

- The event highlighted the urgency of integrating coral reefs into NBSAPs to safeguard these ecosystems amid climate and anthropogenic threats. This aligns with the GBF's vision to halt biodiversity loss and restore ecosystems. Commitments such as protecting 100% of coral reefs by 2030 and setting ecosystem-specific targets underscore the role of coral reef conservation in achieving global biodiversity goals.

Which Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework Targets did your event cover:

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- NBSAPs are the primary instruments for implementing the GBF at the national level. They align national actions with global biodiversity goals and targets, ensuring that each country contributes to achieving the collective objectives of the GBF.
- Targets 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 14, 19, 21

## Links:

- Photos:
  - Link to photos taken during your event: *[add URL]*
  - Please note these photos will be shared on the #ForCoral Website
- Presentations:
  - Are you happy for this to be shared in .pdf format? **Yes/No**
  - Please share a link to download the updated PowerPoints if changes are made: *[add URL]*