



Details for The International Coral Summit SXM

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It's clear that the general public connects with what they can see and experience personally.

On November 14th The World Federation for Coral Reef Conservation will host a five day event to share what we know about coral reef, coastal, and marine conservation sustainable models. All events are subject to availability, weather and participation.

DAY 1-Tuesday November 14th



Objectives for Informational Sharing Module

- A. To raise the awareness and knowledge sharing about the value of maintaining the current status [of coral reefs and coastal environments](#) and how it pertains to keeping the local tourism business healthy. And to share scientific knowledge and sustainable management of our oceans one project location at a time.
- B. To provide strategic information as input for the implementation of The Research Enhancement Engineering for Seascapes (R.E.E.F.S.) Program which includes maintenance and [care of ground water and sediment runoff](#)
- C. To develop short term action plans that can be acted upon **now** not in life times. Identifying land based and marine based threats to reefs and coastal regions and monitoring plans using the **Coral Reef Mapping Tool** and the mobile application for citizen input. And to create local high and low tech jobs for local participants.
- D. To identify what and how technology plays major roll in conservation programs.
- E. To identify the crucial role of [gender equality](#) as a driver of development progress, recognizing that the potential of women

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has not been fully realized, owing to persistent social, economic and political inequalities. Gender inequalities are still deep-rooted in every society. Women suffer from lack of access to decent work and face occupational segregation and gender wage gaps. In many situations, they are denied access to basic education and health care and are victims of violence and discrimination. They are under-represented and under-utilized in political and economic decision-making processes.

F. WFCRC seeks a stronger commitment [to partnership and cooperation](#) and is needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. That effort will require coherent policies, an enabling environment for sustainable development at all levels and by all actors and a reinvigorated Global Partnership for Sustainable Development.

G. Introduce SXM to **The St. Maarten Caribbean Sea Turtle**, a life sized bronze monument to be used as an underwater diving attraction to raise awareness for threats of sea turtles in the ocean.

Outcomes for Informational Sharing Module-

- A. To provide strategic input for action plans
- B. List of recommended activities developed by local stake holders, The Marine Protected Areas, and participants in the round table discussions to be held on Day 3.
- C. Identify what local jobs will be created?

Events

- A. Cocktails
- B. Hor d'oeuvres during the presentations
- C. Information Sharing and Presentations
- D. Silent Auction and Fund Raising Presentations
- E. Wine and cheese onboard the Random Wind.
- F.. Entertainment

Summit Format

Main topics related to marine conservation that might be discussed are:

- A. Social and impact and stakeholder participation
- B. Technology and innovation
- C. Research and Development including International and Strategic Cooperation
- D. Immediate impact on local economy

DAY 2-Wednesday November 15th



Objectives for Local Engagement

Pending permit approval and participants

- A. Baby Coral Planting Event for registered persons over the age of 18 who can free dive to a depth of 15-20 ft. and place a small piece of coral on the floor. Location to be identified.
- B. Mangrove Planting Event for registered persons over the age of 15. Location to be identified.

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- C. Reef Sweeping Event for registered persons over the age of 18 who can free dive to a depth of 15-20 ft. and fan the coral with a fan to remove sand grains in the coral. Location to be identified.
- D. Lionfish Derby for capturing lionfish, prizes for the most fish caught Location to be identified.
- E. Involve local magistrates by having their presence on the boat.
- F. Sunset yacht cruise curtesy of Random Wind St. Maarten Curses for participants of the event and will leave from the harbor where the event is held for the first 12 registered summit guest

Outcomes for Local Engagement

- A. To provide strategic input for local involvement in action plans
- B. List of recommended activities developed by local stake holders, The Marine Protected Areas, and local participants
- C. Identify what local jobs will be created

Events

- A. Coral Planting
- B. Mangrove Planting
- C. Lunch
- D. Lionfish Derby
- E. Magistrates Involvement

Local Engagement Format

Main topics related to marine conservation that might be discussed are:

- A. Social and impact and stakeholder participation
- B. Technology and innovation
- C. Research and Development including International and Strategic Cooperation
- D. Immediate impact on local economy

DAY 3-Thursday 16th



Objectives for Caribbean Ring of Hope Sites

Pending participation of Caribbean nations

A. Caribbean Ring of Hope Sites”

It is the purpose that the “Caribbean Ring of Hope Sites” an idea built upon Sylvia Earls Hope Spots to be one of the focal points at the Coral Summit in St. Maaarten. To host a conference of Caribbean Nations in one location to align themselves with an effort to collaborate with each other to share what is working for conservation and what needs work, this will surly bring results in a way that will benefit all nations equally.

There will be a recap of several modules presented like the science of coral reefs, the protection, the monitoring, sediment flows, storm water runoff, 1st response, preparedness, oil spills, GIS, local content and long term management practices.

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A zero draft of a living document will capture input from each delegate and will be shared with all and will be a base line for future development plans for the Caribbean. This document will be shared with the UN Ocean Conference as volunteer commitments to satisfy The Sustainable Development Goals as described by The United Nations.

Outcomes for Ring of Hope Sites

- A. To provide strategic input for action plans
- B. List of recommended activities developed by local stake holders, The Marine Protected Areas, and participants in the round table discussions to be held on Day 3.
- C. Identify what local jobs will be created?

Events

- A. Open round table discussions
- C. Information Sharing and Presentations
- D. Create the zero document as a living document to be shared as volunteer commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Summit Format

Main topics related to marine conservation that might be discussed are:

- A. Social and impact and stakeholder participation
- B. Technology and innovation
- C. Research and Development including International and Strategic Cooperation
- D. Immediate impact on local economies

DAY 4-Friday November 17th

- A. Enjoy the island
- B. [French cuisine on the beach a Friars Bay](#) for lunch and International cuisine. Casual beach bar and restaurant right in the middle of Friar's Bay beach with a very relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Specials change almost daily, according to the fresh ingredients the chef gets. Live music every Sunday from 6 to 9pm. Private parties for 10 people and up. Open daily from 9am to sunset.
- C. Evening Cocktails in the Rain Forest at [The Lottery Farm](#). The nature reserve and sanctuary
- D. Transportation is being negotiated

DAY 5-Saturday 18th

- A. Diving around the island
- B. Discounts will be provided by participating dive shops
- C. There are some good snorkeling sites around the island
- D. Explore the other islands in proximity

This global environmental issue is the emotional equivalent to a war and should have an equivalent response. Break the mold, no more business as usual.

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Change how we administer to our oceans, it's the only one we have.....*Executive Director The World Federation for Coral Reef Conservation*

For additional reading see [The WFCRC Document Gallery](#) for articles about:

- Public Service Announcements (PSA)
- Coral Alert Network (CAN)
- Emergency Reporting Reports (ERR)
- Call to Action (CTA)
- Marine Protected Areas (MPA)
- Marine Life Alert (MLA)
- Seismic and Oil Production Threats
- Natural Science Reports (NSR)
- Oil Spill Alerts (OSA)
- And other miscellaneous documents

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