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AGENDA

DAY 1 SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER

08:30 - 09:00 *Welcoming of the participants*

OPENING SESSION **Chair:** Dan Laffoley (IUCN)

- 09:00 Robert Calcagno (Oceanographic Institute, Director General): *Welcoming address*
- 09:05 David Osborn (IAEA-Environment Laboratories, Director): *Presentation of the IAEA-EL*
- 09:10 Denis Allemand (CSM, Scientific Director): *Presentation of the CSM*
- 09:15 Nathalie Hilmi and Peter Swarzenski (CSM/IAEA): *Objectives of the workshop*

KEY NOTE LECTURES **Chair:** Peter Swarzenski

- 09:30 *Ocean-based solutions to minimise impacts of climate-related changes* (Jean-Pierre Gattuso)
- 10:00 *A global assessment of ecosystem services and vulnerability of coral reefs to ocean acidification: connecting physical sciences with ecosystem services –* (Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, Linwood Pendleton)
- 10:30 *A solutions-based approach for coral reefs under ocean acidification: adaptation and mitigation* (Rebecca Albright, Sarah Cooley)

11:00 - 11:20 **Coffee-break (20 min)**

KEY NOTE LECTURES **Chair:** Nathalie Hilmi

- 11:20 *Harnessing Basic Science to Improve the Prognosis for Coral Reefs* (Ruth Gates)
- 11:40 *Sustainable tourism for coral reefs* (Jerker Tamelander)
- 12:00 *Reefs restoration: Coral community assisted solutions* (Guillaume Holzer)
- 12:20 *Translating sciences into policies* (Françoise Gaill)

12:40 - 13:30 **Lunch (50 min)**

KEY NOTE LECTURES **Chair:** Denis Allemand

- 13:30 - 13:50 *Practical Coral Reef Rehabilitation* (Frank Mars)



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DAY 1 (CONT'D) SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER

- 13:50 - 16:00 Break-out sessions (for workshop participants)**
- 13:50 - 14:00** Guidance on what the WG will have to achieve: the aims and the outcomes of the workshop (Peter Swarzenski)
- 14:00 - 16:00** Discussion of the six working groups
- 16:00 - 16:20 Coffee-break (20 min)**
- 16:20 - 18:00** Continued discussion of the six working groups
- 18:00 End of the First Day and Move to the Novotel**
- 19:30** Cocktail at the Novotel (offered by the Monaco Government Tourist and Convention Authority)

DAY 2 MONDAY 16TH OCTOBER

- 9:00 - 11:00 Break-out sessions (Continued)**
- 09:00 - 09:15** Help answer questions of the WG and reiterate the aims of the workshop (Marc Metian)
- 09:15 - 11:00** Continued discussion of the six working groups
- 11:00 - 11:20 Coffee-break (20 min)**
- 11:20 - 11:50** Progress reports from working groups (5 min/group)
Chair: Sylvie Tambutté
- 11:50 - 13:00** Continued discussion of the six working groups
- 13:00 - 14:30 Lunch**
- 14:30 - 16:00** Continued discussion of the six working groups
- 16:00 - 16:20 Coffee-break (20 min)**
- 16:20 - 17:50** Six working groups: draft of the written conclusions
- 17:50 End of the Second Day**
- 18:00 - 19:30** Visit of the CSM and the IAEA Environment Laboratories (by groups of 10 persons)



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DAY 3 TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER

9:00 - 11:00 Break-out sessions (Continued)

09:00 - 11:00 Six working groups: draft of the oral presentations and summary document for the policy recommendation brochure

11:00 - 11:20 Coffee-break (20 min)

11:20 - 13:00 General conclusions, **Chair:** David Osborn
Conclusions of the break-out sessions: Summaries of the discussions by the chairs (15 min + 5 min discussion for each group)

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 15:00 Plenary session

14:30 - 15:00 Welcoming of the invitees

15:00 - 16:00 Recommendations for policy holders

Scientific and technical perspectives: **Chair:** Prof. Patrick Rampal, President of Centre Scientifique de Monaco

- Presentation of the Conclusions of the Workshop, CSM and IAEA Directors
- Conclusions-Ocean solutions, Jean-Pierre Gattuso
- International Reference User Group, iRUG, Dan Laffoley

Policy perspectives: **Chair:** HE Mr Bernard Fautrier, Vice-President - Chief Executive Officer Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation

- Message from representative of France

Address by H.S.H. Prince Albert II

16:00 Refreshments

17:00 **End of the workshop**



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Introduction

What is ocean acidification (OA)? – Ocean acidification, often called "the other CO₂ problem", is a consequence of an increased release of anthropogenic carbon dioxide. Man-made CO₂ does not only accumulate in the atmosphere, it also dissolves readily in seawater to form bicarbonate ions, thereby releasing protons (H⁺) and increasing seawater acidity. The acidity of the oceans has increased by about 30% since the beginning of the industrial era, and may increase by more than 150% by the end of the century. This increase in acidity impacts the lives and well-being of many marine organisms and can also disrupt coastal and marine ecosystems and the services they provide.

Climate change and other stressors (or drivers) should be also considered.

The importance of coral reefs and their vulnerability to OA

While coral reefs represent less than 0.2% of the total surface of the oceans, they have a major ecological importance as they provide habitats for over 30% of all marine fauna. Consequently, coral reefs provide essential ecosystem services, for example, a source of food/protein for human communities, a source of income from tourism, a promising source of bioactive substances, as well as coastal protection against erosion and storms. Even a small alteration in the ecological functions of coral reefs would have a major impact on human society. Coral reefs are very sensitive to environmental changes: rising seawater temperature may cause bleaching events that can impact large areas of reefs (e.g. about 90% of the Indian Ocean coral reefs were killed by a massive bleaching event in 1998; Hoegh-Guldberg, 1999). Furthermore, increased seawater acidity has been shown to alter the physiological functions of corals, causing among others, a decrease in growth rates (Wittmann and Pörtner, 2013; Tambuté et al, 2015).

Recent research shows that OA effects on fisheries and aquaculture seem to expand both in terms of geographical location and frequency of events (e.g. on the US West Coast, Red Sea, Florida, Chile). Some effects are direct (on species physiology, in particular growth, reproduction, and calcification), while others may be indirect (e.g. impact on food sources, habitat degradation, changes in the food chain structure, migration and replacement of certain species).

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The diagram below summarizes different categories and associated values of some ecosystem services:

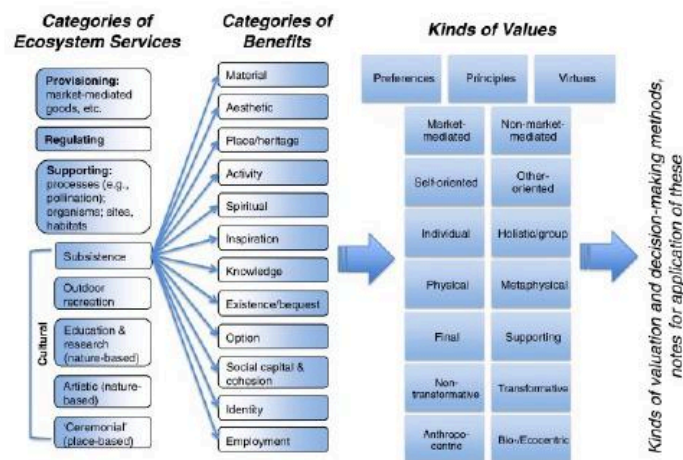


Figure extracted from Chan et al. (2012).

Workshop objectives

The 4th workshop on the Economics of Ocean Acidification will continue the series initiated in 2010 and will build on the work developed by the previous editions in identifying and evaluating the socio-economic risks of OA, as well as the most vulnerable regions and areas of human activity. A series of recommendations for policy makers were developed as a result of the first three workshops, including:

What to do (1-3-6) and how to do (2-4-5-7) and other (8)

- systematic reduction of CO₂ emissions as the first-order objective for any sustainable solution;
- since adapting solutions (e.g. migration of populations, habitat restoration, coastal protection, changes in craft practices) can be quite costly, preference should be given to encouraging mitigation solutions (reducing CO₂ emissions) and including oceans in all international negotiations on climate change;
- promoting knowledge development, data collection platforms and information sharing;

How to do (2-4-5-7)

- reducing local threats and establishing Marine Protected Areas;
- increasing ecosystem and societal resilience through improved fisheries and aquaculture management practices; restoring fish stocks and biodiversity; empowering most vulnerable communities;
- searching for innovative sources of funding and including ocean acidification in the "green background climate";
- taking into account social aspects in the design of environmental solutions;
- promoting an interdisciplinary approach should be encouraged to be complementary to propose solutions to decision makers.



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In order to take these recommendations one step further, and respond to issues raised by policy makers and ecosystem management teams, the 4th workshop will be focused on discussions around potential solutions to OA and coral reefs. A springboard for discussion could start by the diagram developed by Gattuso et al. (2015) and shown below. The workshop will focus on the economically and socially important, but highly threatened, coral reefs ecosystems, using a case study approach.

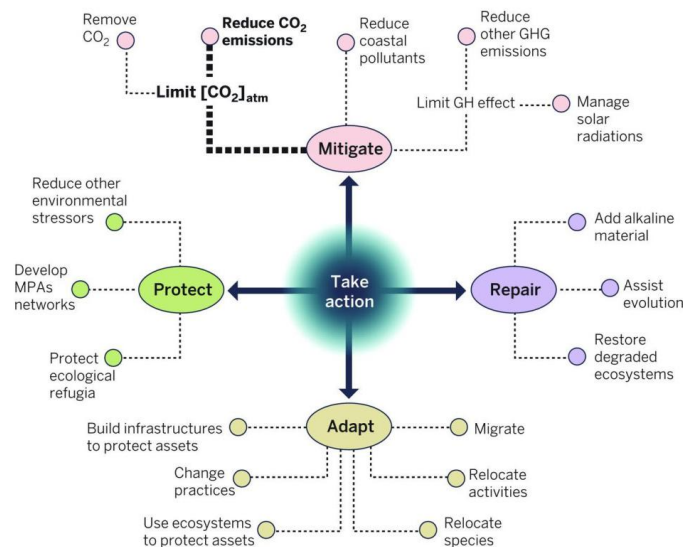


Figure extracted from Gattuso et al. (2015): Clusters of actions against Climate Change and Ocean acidification

The goal of the workshop will be to determine mitigation and adaptation solutions to OA impacts on coral reef ecosystems and the services they render, at several different scales and levels: chemistry (e.g. geo-engineering), economics (e.g. fisheries and selective aquaculture, tax incentives), sociology (cultural and anthropological), biological (e.g. selection of resistant species, reef restoration), technological (e.g. development of sensors and monitoring systems), legal (e.g. creation of protected areas and coral parks, "blue carbon", governance and coastal waters law), communication sciences (e.g. new technologies) and psychology (e.g. behaviour of agents)...

A working group format, based on well-defined regions of study, is proposed in order to best take into account geographical heterogeneity, whether natural or social, and local initiatives. The six regions of reference are, as follows:

1. Red Sea
2. Indian Ocean and South-East Asia (e.g. Indonesia, Maldives, Micronesia, Seychelles, Mayotte, la Réunion, Madagascar)
3. French Pacific Islands: French Polynesia and New Caledonia
4. Australia: Great Barrier Reef
5. Caribbean and West Atlantic (e.g. Puerto Rico, Bahamas, Florida)
6. Non French Pacific Islands (e.g. Guam, Hawaii, Japan, Marshall Islands)



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In addition, thematic roundtable discussions will also be organized on interdisciplinary topics (to be defined in June thanks to the consultancy reports).

Workshop participants will consider potential short-, medium- and long-term solutions. Mitigation solutions (such as reducing CO₂ emissions) will probably aim at longer time frames compared to the considered adaptation measures. In addition, solutions will be differentiated according to the level of political decision (local, national, regional and international). Furthermore, the adaptation of identified solutions to the specifics of the study area (e.g. type of economy and level of development) will be discussed.

The workshop will be truly multidisciplinary in character, involving sciences such as biology, chemistry, economics, law, social and human sciences, communication and new technologies sciences, and psychology.

A group of 40 to 60 experts from the different disciplines mentioned above will contribute to the workshop discussions and outcome products. Participants will address the workshop topic through the lenses of their own disciplines, the challenge will consist in exploiting disciplines complementarities in order to highlight interconnections and propose comprehensive solutions.

Experts from leading NGOs (e.g. scuba-diving associations) and relevant international organizations (e.g. WTO, FAO, IMF, OECD, UNEP, IFRECOR, ICRI) will be invited to join the discussions.

Workshop products

- a general brochure of policy recommendations (and perhaps mini-formats focused on individual regions);
- a comprehensive research paper (and, perhaps, articles focused on the areas studied);
- press releases before and after the workshop and for each publication.

The scope of our messages will extend to several levels: local, national, regional, and international. They will target local, national, and international decision makers.

Online groups should be targeted to promote our publications.

Necessity to make an announcement of the Fourth workshop to promote it as an initiative, before the meeting.

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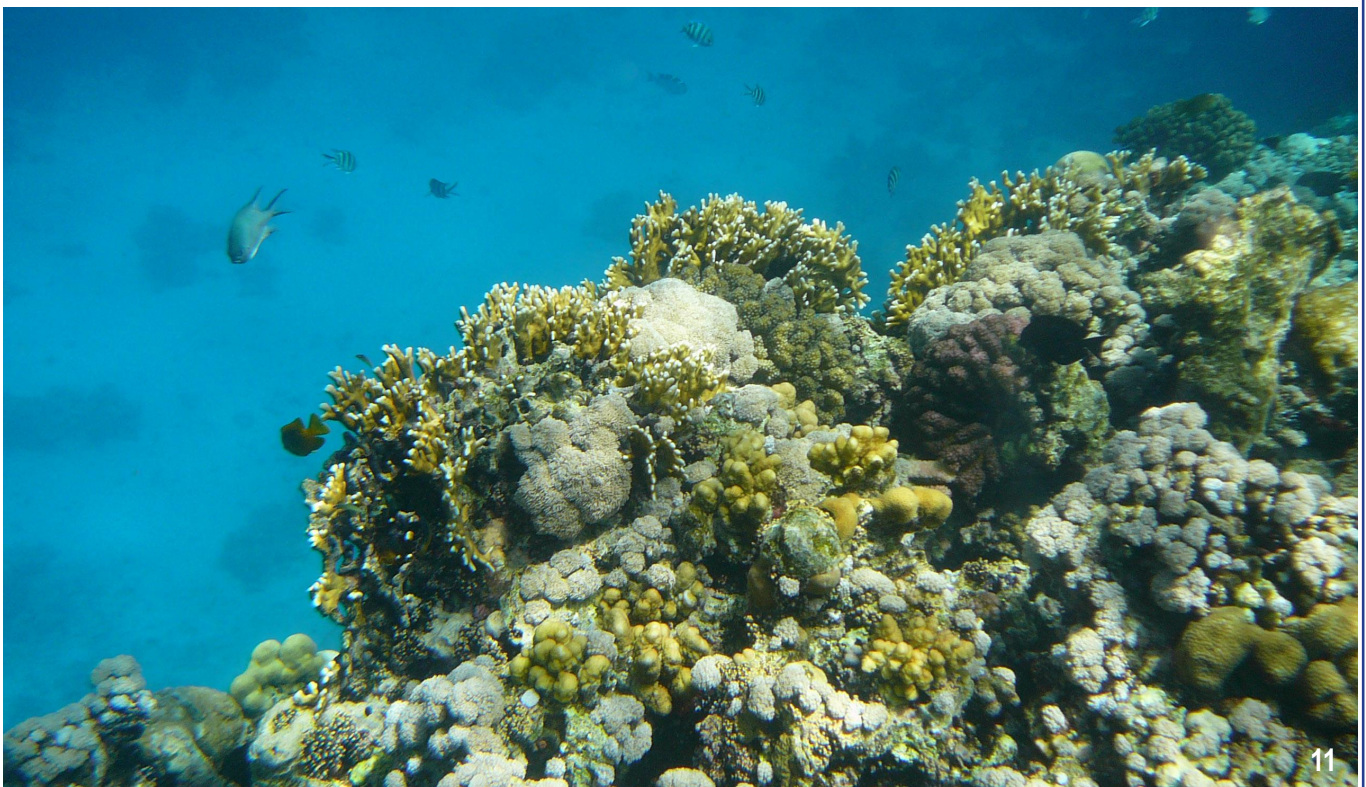
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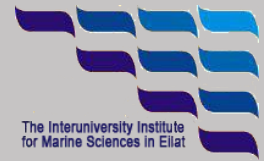
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Vicky also studied and analyzed the potential policies and measures for mitigating and adapting to these global changes.

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Building on the work started in Mars Symbioscience, in his new role as Vice President of Mars Sustainable Solutions, Frank will be leading effort to deliver the new Mars Sustainable Solutions mission: to enable future, scalable solutions proven to increase the resilience and sustainability of the core tropical ecosystems Mars depends on, including developing next generation agroforestry-based sustainable cocoa farming models and solutions. In addition, recognizing the critical role that healthy coral/coastal ecosystems play locally (protein) and globally (climate) in both the nurturing and continual production of blue biomass and as well storage of blue carbon (seagrass and mangroves), Mr. Mars will be working to expand the use globally of a novel low-cost method of coral reef rehabilitation (increases coral cover from 10% to 60% in one year) developed within Mars Symbioscience.

Frank Mars is a new IUCN Patron of Nature. Additionally, both he and his wife Susan are dedicated supporters of several local and International Humanitarian/Conservation Organizations including CARE, Médecins Sans Frontières, World Wildlife Fund, the Smithsonian's National Zoo and Conservation Biology Institute's, as well as the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama. Susan and Frank have been instrumental in supporting (via SCBI) the efforts of the Panama Amphibian Rescue and Conservation project along with IUCN/SSC Conservation Breeding Specialist Group (CBSG), and the IUCN/SSC Amphibian Specialist Group (ASG).

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Blue finance is dedicated to the implementation of joint partnerships between the public and private sectors for sustainable management of Marine Protected/Management Areas. At present, the project staff is working with key partners in the Eastern Caribbean, to help protect >1000km² of critical coral reef habitats, while expanding to new countries.

He is also the coordinator of the project "MERCY-Cor" from IFRECOR, French Initiative for Coral reefs to calibrate compensation offsets of impacts on coral reef, mangrove and seagrass ecosystems. 2016-2020.

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- In the framework of EPOCA (European Project on Ocean Acidification), I performed the first long-term laboratory study on the effect of OA on Mediterranean corals and found that the corals were surprisingly resilient to the pH levels projected for 2100 (Rodolfo-Metalpa et al. 2010).

- I have pioneered the use of submarine CO₂ vents to investigate the responses of benthic communities to lower pH conditions providing the first studies of the effect of ocean acidification on ecosystems. This study was published by Nature and quickly become a key-stone reference with natural CO₂ vents now frequently used to study the effects of OA.

- In 2009 I became a Prince Albert II Foundation independent PI based at the International Agency Atomic Energy (AIEA, Monaco). My project (<http://www.fpa2.com/projet-bassin-mediterraneen-numero-63.html>) characterized the effect of climate change on key-calcifying organisms such as corals, bryozoans, mussels and limpets exposed to CO₂ vents. This research (Rodolfo-Metalpa et al. 2011) revealed the mechanisms of resistance to OA across a range of taxa.

- I participated to the EU FP7 project MedSeA (Mediterranean Sea Acidification under a changing climate) helping to predict effect on habitats formed by macroalgae, deep-sea corals and vermetid gastropods.

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In 1996 she received her PhD in Oceanology at the Université de la Méditerranée, Aix-Marseille II on the epithelial properties of cnidarian tissues and then in 2008 her « Habilitation à diriger la recherche » at the Université de Nice-Sophia Antipolis on biomineralization in corals.

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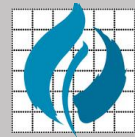
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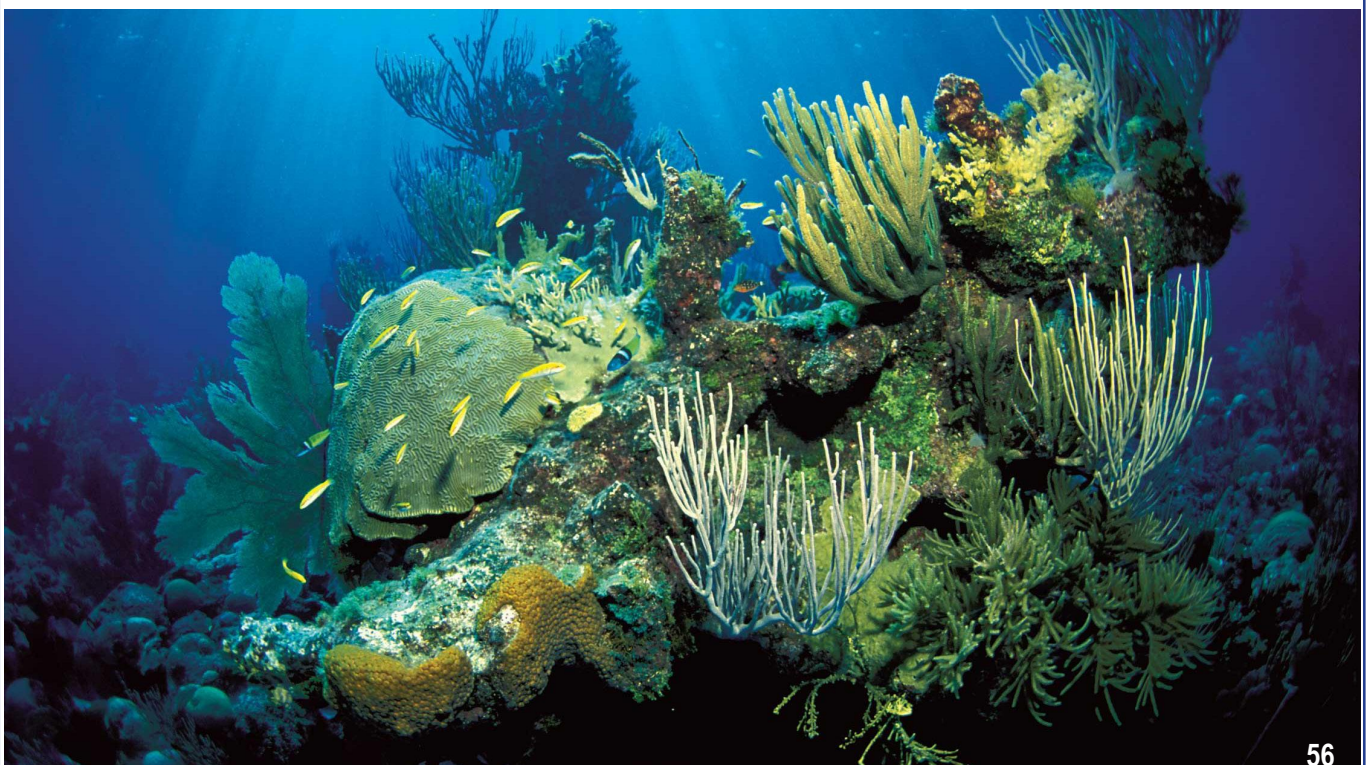


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3. uncover the different traits holobiont members contribute to facilitating coral survival in these extreme systems;
4. understand the connectivity of extreme coral populations to adjacent reef environments; and
5. consider pro-active management opportunities that can utilise potentially hardier, stress resistant, colonies of extreme coral environments.

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