



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
HAGÅTÑA, GUAM
U.S.A.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2012-05

**ADOPTION OF THE GUAM CORAL REEF INITIATIVE (CRI)
TO ESTABLISH A POLICY DEVELOPMENT MECHANISM
FOR THE PROTECTION OF GUAM'S CORAL REEFS
(SUPERSEDES E.O. 97-10)**

WHEREAS, protection of Guam's ocean resources, including our coral reefs is vital to the residents of Guam and to the many people who visit our island; and

WHEREAS, the government of Guam recognizes that the increased demand and use of our ocean waters by residents and visitors has resulted in the occurrence of environmental damage to our reef ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, the percentage of live coral covering Guam's reefs has declined from 60% of all reefs just fifteen years ago to only 28% today, vividly illustrating the urgent need to protect our reefs; and

WHEREAS, existing Guam laws and policies are insufficient to manage and to protect its ocean natural resources and underlying ecosystem for the interests of future generations; and

WHEREAS, Guam has taken a leadership role and has contributed significant language and direction in the development of the United States Coral Reef Initiative, the United States Coral Reef Initiative Draft Strategy, the International Coral Reef Initiative Call to Action and Framework for Action, and the Pacific Region Coral Reef Initiative Work Program; and

WHEREAS, Coral Reef Initiatives have been adopted by a number of jurisdictions including Palau, the United States, and the state of Hawaii, emphasizing the global effort to conserve, restore, and effectively manage coral reef ecosystems, including, where appropriate, mangroves and seagrass beds; and

WHEREAS, there have been many changes to coral reef conservation since 1997, including catch limits on fisheries, increased climate change awareness, coastal marine spatial planning, etc; and

WHEREAS, the issues with coral reefs that existed in 1997 continue to exist in 2012 with little improvement in these fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, a Guam Coral Reef Initiative Coordinating Committee has been organized to deal with these coral reef issues as they relate to our environment; and



WHEREAS, that Committee has prepared a comprehensive initiative to address the need for proper management and protection of Guam's coral reefs and associated resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD J. B. CALVO, *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*, Governor of Guam, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Organic Act of Guam, do order:

1. Revision to the existing Guam Coral Reef Initiative Coordinating Committee (CRICC).

The Guam Coral Reef Initiative Coordinating Committee is hereby revised to consist of the following members:

- a) the Governor's Point of Contact to NOAA on coral reef issues;
- b) the Director of the Department of Agriculture, or designee;
- c) the Director of the Bureau of Statistics and Planning, or designee;
- d) the Director of the Guam Economic Development Authority, or designee;
- e) the Administrator of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, or designee;
- f) the President of the Department of Chamorro Affairs, or designee;
- g) the President of the University of Guam, or designee;
- h) the Director of the Department of Parks & Recreation, or designee; and
- i) the General Manager of the Guam Visitors Bureau, or designee.

2. Chairperson of the CRICC. The Guam Governor's Point of Contact shall serve as Chairperson of the CRICC.

3. Duties of the CRICC. The CRICC shall be responsible for the following:

- a) developing, updating, and monitoring of the Guam Local Action Strategies (LAS);
- b) utilizing the Guam LAS for developing prioritized lists of coral reef issues;
- c) determining funding priorities for coral reef issues in Guam, and coordinating and developing protocols regarding applications for federal grant money for coral reef projects;
- d) incorporating advice and input from CRIPAC into the Guam LAS;
- e) providing advice and comments to the Governor and Guam agencies on potential government issues, policies, and potential regulations;
- f) providing quarterly reports to the Governor on status of coral reef issues, funding, and priorities.

4. Revision of the Guam Coral Reef Initiative Policy Advisory Committee (CRIPAC). The Guam Coral Reef Initiative Policy Advisory Committee is hereby revised to consist of the following members:

- a) representative of the Governor's Office, Guam's Point of Contact;
- b) representative of academia, with knowledge of coral reefs, to be appointed by the Governor;
- c) representative of commercial fisheries to be appointed by the Governor;
- d) representative of recreational fisheries to be appointed by the Governor;
- e) representative of the maritime industry to be appointed by the Governor;



- f) representative from maritime recreation (i.e. SCUBA diving, thrillcraft operators, etc) to be appointed by the Governor;
- g) representative from traditional/indigenous Chamorro organization with emphasis on fishing to be appointed by the Governor;
- h) representative from a Guam-registered Environmental Non-Governmental Organization to be appointed by the Governor;
- i) one at-large representative from the Guam community with coral reef interests.

5. **Chairperson of the CRIPAC.** The Guam Governor's Point of Contact shall serve as Chairperson of the CRIPAC and shall provide administrative support.


6. **Duties of the CRIPAC.** The CRIPAC shall be responsible for the following:

- a) providing advice, comments, input, and recommendations on the Guam LAS to the CRICC;
- b) providing problems, issues, concerns, and recommendations regarding coral reefs to the CRICC;
- c) reviewing current and potential policies, regulations, legislation, etc., with regards to coral reefs and providing advice, comments, input, and recommendations to the CRICC;
- d) providing minutes of meeting and other reports to the CRICC;
- e) such other duties as assigned by the Governor.

7. **Term of the CRIPAC members.** The members of the CRIPAC shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

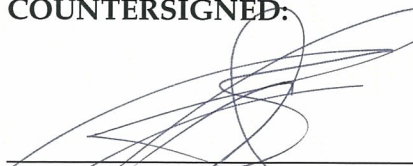
8. **Superseding effect.** This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order No. 97-10.

SIGNED AND PROMULGATED at Hagåtña, Guam this 17th day of February, 2012.



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I Maga'lāhen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

COUNTERSIGNED:



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Lieutenant Governor of Guam

