

## INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE REEF 2018

The International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) is a partnership between Nations and organizations which strives to preserve coral reefs and related ecosystems around the world.

The Initiative was founded in 1994 by eight governments: Australia, France, Japan, Jamaica, the Philippines, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America.

The **International Year of the Reef (IYOR)** is a year-long campaign of events and initiatives hosted by governments and non-governmental organizations around the world, to promote conservation action and strengthen long-term collaborations for coral reef conservation

Recognizing that a decade later, there is an urgent need to increase awareness and understanding of coral reefs, and to further conserve and manage valuable coral reefs and associated ecosystems, the International Coral Reef Initiative declared **2018 as the third International Year of the Reef** during the 31st General Meeting (November 2016 in Paris, France).

The DENR – Biodiversity Management Bureau is the focal point for International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) and prepares the annual ICRI Report.

### IYOR Launching (12 February 2018)

#### Objectives

1. To officially launch the celebration of International Year of the Reef (IYOR) 2018;
2. To strengthen partnership among Government Agencies, Academe, Non-Government Organizations, People's Organizations and Private Sector in the protection and conservation of Coral Reefs and other associated ecosystems hence the theme, "**TOGETHER in protecting our REEFS**"; and
3. To present the IYOR 2018 line of activities organized by the department and various partners

#### Expected Outputs

1. Strengthen awareness globally about the value of, and threats to, coral reefs and associated ecosystems;
2. Promote partnerships between governments, the private sector, academia and civil society on the management of coral reefs;

**Message**

**“TOGETHER in protecting our reefs”**

- A. Protecting our Reefs from Human-Induced Threats
  - 1. Protecting our Reefs from Marine Debris
  - 2. Protecting our Reefs from Destructive Fishing/through Sustainable Fishing
  - 3. Protecting our Reefs from Unsustainable Tourism Practices/ though Sustainable Tourism
  - 4. Protecting our Reefs from Unregulated Coastal Development and Other Land-Based Threats
  
- B. Saving our Reefs through Real and Impactful Solutions
  - 1. Protecting our Reefs through Education and Capacity-Building
  - 2. Protecting our Reefs through Good Governance

**Programme**

Activity	Key Person
Arrival and Registration	BMB Secretariat
Mood Setter Video	
Inspirational Messages	DENR Senior Officials, Office of the Senate
International Year of the Reef (IYOR) Overview and Launch	DENR Senior Officials BMB Director
Dinner	
Video Presentations/Other Messages	Video Message from MEAs and/or International Initiatives Officials
IYOR Roadmap	DENR and Partner Agencies/Organizations

Commitment and Toast	DENR and Partner Agencies/Organizations
Program End	