



# Reef Resilience Review

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## Resilience Practitioner's Network

Building resilience into the management of coral reef resources is one of the greatest challenges facing managers around the globe today. The Nature Conservancy, working with partners, strives to support practitioners' efforts by providing the latest tools, innovations and insights from those working in-the-water. The Resilience Practitioners Network is one way we work to gather and distribute information and helpful resources to practitioners worldwide.

## Our Vision

The Global Marine Initiative works across The Nature Conservancy and with partners to protect and restore the most resilient examples of ocean and coastal ecosystems in ways that benefit marine life, local communities and economies.

## To Join the Network or submit updates, contact:

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For more information about The Nature Conservancy's Global Marine Initiative, visit: [www.nature.org/marine](http://www.nature.org/marine).

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# Resilience Practitioner's Network Launched!



Resilience Practitioners in Palau. © TNC

Welcome to the first edition of Reef Resilience Review! When the Reef Resilience Toolkit was first launched in 2004, our goal was to engage practitioners from around the world and we're thrilled to support a successful and growing network.

Whether you received a Toolkit or participated in a Reef Resilience Training Workshop, we want to keep in touch with you. Based on feedback from workshop participants, this quarterly newsletter has been developed in coordination with a Web site: [www.reefresilience.org](http://www.reefresilience.org). That's right- the R2 Toolkit is now online!

We will continue to expand and update this new site and the first important addition will be a 'Practitioners Corner' - a space that will include the latest newsletter, quarterly case studies, a calendar of events, helpful links, recent publications and downloadable management resources. We are also working on a blog function to allow practitioners to post questions and comments.

To date, regional trainings have been held in the Caribbean, Western Pacific, Southeast Asia, Western Indian Ocean, and South Asia and the resulting creativity and determination by workshop participants is impressive. From the development of national protected area systems to revising zoning schemes to developing monitoring programs, resilience principles are being applied around the world. Through the newsletter and Web site, we aim to capture and share these lessons learned.

We will be holding a short-course at the Society for Conservation Biology meeting in July 2007 to provide updates and compile lessons learned. Learn more under Looking Ahead - we hope to see you there.

If you have something to share, please contact us at [resilience@tnc.org](mailto:resilience@tnc.org). Until next time - stay cool!

~ Stephanie Wear, The Nature Conservancy

## looking ahead

### May 21-26, 2007

Sixth International Science and Management of Protected Areas Association Conference  
Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada

### June 13-17, 2007

21st Pacific Science Conference  
Okinawa, Japan

### July 1-5, 2007

Society for Conservation Biology  
Annual Meeting

Port Elizabeth, South Africa

REGISTER EARLY FOR SHORT-COURSE!  
SPACE IS LIMITED! Registration fee covered for past resilience workshop participants.  
Contact [swear@tnc.org](mailto:swear@tnc.org) for more information.

### August 5-10, 2007

Ecological Society of America/Society for Ecological Restoration International Joint Annual Meeting  
San Jose, California, United States

## What's New on

### [www.reefresilience.org](http://www.reefresilience.org)

This time, everything is new! Be sure to check this space for updates in future newsletters! If you have problems with the site, please let us know at [resilience@tnc.org](mailto:resilience@tnc.org).

## Recent Publications & News:

- [Coral Reef Resilience: Better Feeders Survive Bleaching](#)
- [Alternative Approaches to Marine Management Prove Successful in Reef Conservation](#)
- Long-term Effects of the 1998 Coral Bleaching Event on Reef Fish Assemblages Garpe et al. 2006, Marine Ecology Progress Series (Vol. 315: 237-247; abstract available at [www.reefbase.org](http://www.reefbase.org))

## Funding Opportunities:

- [NOAA Coral Reef Program](#)
- [National Fish & Wildlife Foundation](#)