

## Oceanographic Center Dean Receives Award from U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (September 16, 2008)



Richard Dodge, Ph.D., (center) accepts his award from the USCRTF from USCRTF co-chairs Lyle Laverty (left), assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior, and Tim Keeney, deputy assistant secretary of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).



Bernhard Riegl, Ph.D., NSU NCRI associate director (far left), and Richard Dodge, NSU Oceanographic Center dean and NCRI executive director (far right), with the Governor Felix Camacho of Guam (middle left) and Governor Sebastian Anefal of the State of Yap.

NSU Oceanographic Center Dean and National Coral Reef Institute (NCRI) Executive Director Richard Dodge, Ph.D., received an award from the United States Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) at their bi-annual meeting in Kona, Hawaii, held Aug. 22-30.

Celebrating its first 10 years, the USCRTF recognized Dodge's participation and contributions in all but one of the 20 meetings of the Task Force and his leadership of the 11th International Coral Reef Symposium, which he spearheaded in Ft. Lauderdale in July 2008. As part of the "USCRTF Member and Partner Initiative Updates", Dodge presented "International Coral Reef Symposium: Science to Management" on Aug. 29 to the USCRTF.

Dodge, along with NCRI Associate Director Bernhard Riegl, Ph.D., and Wendy Wood, NCRI administrative coordinator, also participated in the Aug. 22 "Managers' Workshop with Scientists: Increasing Science in the Management of Coral Reef Ecosystems" where Dr. Dodge presented on NCRI's research partnerships with local coral reef management bodies including the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Broward County, and Port Everglades.

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The USCRTF was established in 1998 by Presidential Executive Order to lead U.S. efforts to preserve and protect coral reef ecosystems. The USCRTF includes leaders of 12 federal agencies, seven U.S. States, Territories, Commonwealths, and three Freely Associated States. The USCRTF helps build partnerships, strategies, and support for on-the-ground action to conserve coral reefs.