

Florida Department of Environmental Protection Coral Reef Conservation Program Strategic Plan

COMMENTS REVIEW MATRIX

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Comment No.	Question No.	Comment	Response
		1. 1.1 Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative (SEFCRI) Local Action Strategies	
1	1.1	Broward Soil and Water Conservation District should be a member of the SEFCRI.	Thank you for your response. The SEFCRI Team consists of a balanced group of marine resource professionals; local, state, and federal agency representatives; scientists; non- governmental organization representatives; and other coral reef stakeholders. Although we are not accepting new members at this time, we encourage a representative from the Broward Soil and Water Conservation District to attend our meetings, and coordinate with the local Broward County representative for SEFCRI.
2	1.1	I am familiar with this CRCP but not too many people know about it	Thank you for your comment. We work to educate the public about CRCP and SEFCRI through 38 Awareness and Appreciation projects, with the website and brochure being two of primary outreach projects. We welcome support from stakeholders like yourself to help us reach more people by directing those who may not know about CRCP or SEFCRI to visit our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ .
3	1.1	I am familiar with this CRCP program, but not the details of the local action strategies.	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about the LAS's at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/documents/2005/SEFCRI_LAS_FINAL_20May05.pdf
4	1.1	I am not familiar with this CRCP service or program and I may like to know more about it.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/documents/2005/SEFCRI_LAS_FINAL_20May05.pdf or http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net/about-us/what-is-a-las . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
5	1.1	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/documents/2005/SEFCRI_LAS_FINAL_20May05.pdf or http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net/about-us/what-is-a-las . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
6	1.1	I have some information and would like more and updated information	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/documents/2005/SEFCRI_LAS_FINAL_20May05.pdf or http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net/about-us/what-is-a-las . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .

7	1.1	I know it exists but don't know what they do. I'm very likely to say it's important work	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/documents/2005/SEFCRI_LAS_FINAL_20May05.pdf or http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net/about-us/what-is-a-las . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
8	1.1	I sat5 in on a lot of the sessions and was not impressed with LAS!	Thank you for your comment. If you would like to provide specific suggestions to the SEFCRI Team or have ideas for future LAS, please consider attending a Team meeting. Meeting announcements are posted online at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/meeti ngs.htm
9	1.1	i think there are additional strategies to preserve the coral species that are being overlooked email me or call 954 377 6300 charles butler aquarist should have samples to grow and return to you or plant as may be appropriate many reasons that this would be a good thing	Thank you for your comment and willingness to help. If you would like to provide specific suggestions to the SEFCRI Team for consideration as new LAS, please consider attending a Team meeting. Meeting announcements are posted online at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/meeti ngs.htm
10	1.1	It's TOO extensive - can't do it all.	Thank you for your comment. SEFCRI is an ambitious program, and we have completed approximately 75% of our strategies to date.
11	1.1	Maybe a small training class would be helpful	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about the LAS's at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/documents/2005/SEFCRI_LAS_FINAL_20May05.pdf . Additionally, if you are a part of a group that would like to learn more about SEFCRI, please contact us at Coral@dep.state.fl.us to request a presentation from one of our staff at an upcoming meeting of your group.
12	1.1	not familiar	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/documents/2005/SEFCRI_LAS_FINAL_20May05.pdf or http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net/about-us/what-is-a-las . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
13	1.1	Please help out with this horrific oil spill so that perhaps the coral reefs will stay in tact!	Thank you for your comment and concern for Florida's coral reef resources and hard bottom communities. FDEP is the agency coordinating Florida's response activities related to the Deepwater Horizon event.
14	1.1	This program has not been successful with mission of establishing a baseline and monitoring the SE Florida Reef system.	Thank you for your comment. SEFCRI has enabled the establishment of baseline and 8 years of annual monitoring through the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Evaluation and Monitoring Project. Project reports are available at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/
2.1.2 Coordination and Leadership of the SEFCRI Team			
15	1.2	not familiar	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.

16	1.2	Broward Soil and Water Conservation District should be added to the SEFCRI.	Thank you for your response. The SEFCRI Team consists of a balanced group of marine resource professionals; local, state, and federal agency representatives; scientists; non- governmental organization representatives; and other coral reef stakeholders. Although we are not accepting new members at this time, we encourage a representative from the Broward Soil and Water Conservation District to attend our meetings, and coordinate with the local Broward County representative for SEFCRI.
17	1.2	don't know, not interested	Thank you for your response. We appreciate your opinion.
18	1.2	I am familiar with this CRCP service or program and I feel it is important. I do not think enough has been done to make people aware of their mission or objectives.	Thank you for your response and support. If you have any suggestions for how to improve our outreach programs, please email us at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
19	1.2	I am not familiar with this CRCP service or program, and don't understand how this particular portion affects me.	Thank you for your response. The SEFCRI is one of the main programs that the FDEP CRCP manages. Initially, the coordination and leadership of the SEFCRI was the main objective of the CRCP. Although this will continue to be a high priority for the CRCP, our responsibilities to other programs and projects have increased and through this survey, we were attempting to solicit feedback on the prioritization of these additional responsibilities. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ or www.southeastfloridareefs.net .
20	1.2	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your response. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
21	1.2	i would like to know more and assit with the concept expressed above	Thank you for your response; we appreciate your support. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also contact our Awareness and Appreciation Coordinator for opportunities to volunteer at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
22	1.2	If someone if already familiar w/ SEFCRI LAS, the following questions about each program seem to be redundant	Thank you for your response. The SEFCRI is one of the main programs that the FDEP CRCP manages. Initially, the coordination and leadership of the SEFCRI was the main objective of the CRCP. Although this will continue to be a high priority for the CRCP, our responsibilities to other programs and projects have increased and through this survey, we were attempting to solicit feedback on the prioritization of these additional responsibilities. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ or www.southeastfloridareefs.net .
23	1.2	In at least one place (MICCI) you chose two leaders who were at least obstructionists and were definitely not the quality of leaders we need.	Thank you for your response. If you have any suggestions for how to improve SEFCRI leadership, please email us at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
24	1.2	My experience is that SEFCRI does not have effective leadership	Thank you for your response. If you have any suggestions for how to improve SEFCRI leadership, please email us at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.

25	1.2	Same as above, though the fact that I don't know anything about the leadership doesn't bode well	Thank you for your response. We appreciate your opinion.
26	1.2	SEFCRI did not collaborate with other local science organizations to obtain data an complete their mission	Thank you for your response. The SEFCRI Team consists of marine resource professionals; local, state, and federal agency representatives; scientists; non-governmental organization representatives; and other coral reef stakeholders. We are continuously seeking out new opportunities for coordination that could assist the SEFCRI Mission. If you have any suggestions for additional coordination, please email us at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
3. 1.3 Planning and development of a Managed Area and Management Plan for southeast Florida			
27	1.3	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#03 . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
28	1.3	It is important and would like to managed areas northward of Miami.	Thank you for your support and your comment.
29	1.3	not familiar	You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#03 . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
30	1.3	Planned to death - insufficient action.	Thank you for your comment. We began the process of determining management alternatives for the southeast Florida region with the inception of the SEFCRI Local Action Strategy (LAS) in 2004. LAS projects contain both planning and action items.
31	1.3	professional and non partisian members who assess all sides of the use and planning	Thank you for your comment. Our planning process involves representatives from each coral reef stakeholder group, and individuals from each group are randomly selected for participation to eliminate bias.
32	1.3	Same as No. 1	Thank you for your comment.
33	1.3	Sounds like too little too late. I am going to a beach renourshment meeting tonight in Saint Lucie County, where they are going to dredge and fill the southern end of the County. This will be the first time for this area and they will be burrying hard bottom. Where are YOU !	Thank you for your comment. The northern boundary of the southeast Florida region is at the St. Lucie Inlet in Martin County, so St. Lucie County is not included; however the issue of nearshore hardbottom being buried by beach renourishment occurs in southeast Florida as well. Incompatible uses of the coastal zone such as you've described often require compromise, and in the case of beach renourishment, typically it is allowed to occur but with mitigation for and monitoring of the affected habitat. Additionally, SEFCRI has developed Best Management Practices (BMPs) for coastal construction projects, such as beach renourishment, to minimize negative effects to coral reefs and associated resources which are available on our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/

34	1.3	Very important: should go farther prohibit spear-fishing throughout the coastal area (too disruptive on adult fish species) and more anchoring bouy areas).	Thank you for your support and your comment. We have been partnering with the southeast Florida counties to help them begin/expand their mooring buoy programs and we plan to continue providing that support. Additionally, the prohibition of spearfishing is a managment alternative that may be considered by the coral reef stakeholders for the future management of the southeast Florida region.
35	1.3	we need to start the process to establish MPAs in the SE Florida region	Thank you for your support and your comment. We began the process of determining management alternatives for the southeast Florida region, which may include the establishment of an MPA, with the inception of the SEFCRI Local Action Strategy in 2004.
4.1.4 Education and Outreach Program			
36	1.4	Education of the public about the problems is vital for their cooperation and support.	Thank you for your comment.
37	1.4	familiar with, but would like more involvement in public schools	Thank you for your comment. The FDEP CRCP has roughly 1.3 staff members dedicated to outreach and education. We find it more beneficial to target teachers through our Coral Reef Teacher Trainings. To date, we have held five and four more are planned for the coming years. Program evaluations from our workshops indicate that the 240 teachers who have participated in our workshops have taken the curriculum back to more than 29,000 students each year! We do try to honor requests for in-school presentations, but simply do not have the capacity to reach all the schools.
38	1.4	I am not familiar with this CRCP service or program and I may like to know more about it.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/ or http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net/about-us/sefcri-focus-teams/aa/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
39	1.4	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your comment.
40	1.4	I have attended outreach events (ID classes) but can't honestly say I know what else is going on and I do look	Aside from participating in roughly 25 days of community outreach throughout the region each year, we offer a teacher training for 50 teachers, as well as Coral Identification Classes each April for Earth Month. These are just a few of more than 38 education projects. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/ or http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net/about-us/sefcri-focus-teams/aa/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
41	1.4	I have participated in some of the outreach programs and some have been helpful	Thank you for your feedback.

42	1.4	i know there is a program available, but not sure what format. Please contact me for next school year.	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/ or http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net/about-us/sefcricri-focus-teams/aa/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
43	1.4	It is not unimportant. However, it is not as important nor as successful as people think it is.	Thank you for your opinion.
44	1.4	not familiar	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/ or http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net/about-us/sefcricri-focus-teams/aa/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
45	1.4	not familiar, very important, would like to know more about this.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/ or http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net/about-us/sefcricri-focus-teams/aa/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
46	1.4	SEFCRI Media (good) EXPO and outreach (poor)	Thank you for your opinion.
47	1.4	What outreach ?	FDEP CRCP conducts approximately 25 days of community outreach throughout the region each year, provides coral reef training for 50 teachers annually, and conducts at least 4 Coral Identification Classes each April for Earth Month. These are just a few of more than 38 education projects we have underway. You can learn more about these outreach activities by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/ or http://www.southeastfloridareefs.net/about-us/sefcricri-focus-teams/aa/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
5.1.5 Reef Injury Prevention and Response Program			
48	1.5	After this oil rig spill, imperative to save what we have. Gov. Crist is wrong to get money for marketing tourism. Should take money for air fares to volunteer to help the reefs!	Thank you for your comment.
49	1.5	At every boat launching ramp!	Thank you for your comment. We are currently designing coral reef awareness signage for installation at boat ramps and marinas in 2011.
50	1.5	I am not aware of any staff actually responding to injured reefs	Thank you for your comment, FDEP CRCP staff along with other State of Florida trustees respond to vessel groundings offshore southeast Florida, and are actively monitoring the recovery of a number of grounding sites. You can learn more at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ripr.htm
51	1.5	I am not familiar with this CRCP service or program and I may like to know more about it.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ , http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ripr.htm or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.

52	1.5	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral , http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ripr.htm or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
53	1.5	needs to do more	The Reef Injury Prevention and Resonse Program is actively developing management alternatives to reduce vessel grounding impacts. You can learn more at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ripr.htm
54	1.5	NO anchor zones and shiping lanes need to be extended.	Thank you for your comment. Marine zoning, including no anchor zones, is a managment alternative that may be considered by the coral reef stakeholders for the future management of the southeast Florida region. There are several SEFCRI project nearing completion, such as a study of vessel usage patterns and reef impacts, which will support informed decision making in the consideration of future management alternatives.
55	1.5	No real prevention taking place.	The Reef Injury Prevention and Resonse Program is actively developing management alternatives to reduce vessel grounding impacts. You can learn more at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ripr.htm
56	1.5	not familiar	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral , http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ripr.htm or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
57	1.5	Recent oil spill is disheartening to say the least. Can something be done to make BP responsible for more than what they have	The amount that BP is liable for the Deepwater Horizon event will be determined by the federal government. The State of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection is responsible for coordinating the State of Florida's response. You can find out more at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/default.htm
58	1.5	Very Important, especially in response to the BP disaster	Thank you for your comment. You can find out more about the Deepwater Horizon event at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/deepwaterhorizon/default.htm
59	1.5	Good program but regulatory prevention is best approach	Thank you for your comment. FDEP CRCP works closely with the regulatory district offices of FDEP and FWC.
6.1.6 Marine Debris Reporting and Removal Program			
60	1.6	devise methods to encourage pvt divers to pick up and report issues	Thank you for your comment. We will take this into consideration as we finalize our Strategic Plan.
61	1.6	EXCELLENT IDEA	Thank you for your support and your comment.
62	1.6	Familiar, and while not unimportant, is of lesser importance than the other programs.	Thank you for your comment. We will take this into consideration as we finalize our Strategic Plan.

63	1.6	I am familiar with the program and would like to know more about what I can do to help.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.cleanSEFLreefs.com . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
64	1.6	I am not familiar with this CRCP service or program and I may like to know more about it.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.cleanSEFLreefs.com . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
65	1.6	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.cleanSEFLreefs.com . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
66	1.6	I don't think this is a critical program for CRCP to managed, many other groups could do this and allow CRCP to focus on more important issues and needs.	Thank you for your comment. We will take this into consideration as we finalize our Strategic Plan.
67	1.6	I was unaware of this program	You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.cleanSEFLreefs.com . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
68	1.6	not familiar	You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.cleanSEFLreefs.com . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
69	1.6	Ocean Conservancy beach clean-ups documents types of debris collected to determine where it came from.	Thank you for your comment. The FDEP Marine Debris and Reporting Program compliments, but does not duplicate beach cleanups, by concentrating cleanup efforts on submerged debris on southeast Florida's coral reefs.
70	1.6	medium priority	Thank you for your comment. We will take this into consideration as we finalize our Strategic Plan.
71	1.6	Not as important as many other issues but gets good media.	Thank you for your comment. We will take this into consideration as we finalize our Strategic Plan.
7.1.7 Southeast Florida Coral Reef Evaluation & Monitoring Project			
72	1.7	I am familiar with this CRCP service or program and I feel it is important. There are better ways to broaden the scope of the program by utilizing the eyes of local fisherman and dive operators throughout the areas.	Thank you for your comment and support. The purpose of SECREMP is to collect quantitative data about the SE Florida reef system. However, noteworthy observations from fishermen and dive operators are always welcome and can be sent by email to Coral@dep.state.fl.us or by calling the CRCP office directly. Additionally, we are working closely with these and other resource user groups through a number of other SEFCRI LAS projects.
73	1.7	I am manufacturing instruments for this purpose	Thank you for this information, if you need to contact us please use the following email: Coral@dep.state.fl.us

74	1.7	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about SECREMP by visiting our website to view the latest project report at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/LBSP/SECREMP_2008.pdf . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
75	1.7	I think it is important to monitor benthic organisms and document changes and trends, but I think that monitoring percent cover is not the best approach. A program that incorporates population level characteristics (density, size class structure, recruitment, mortality) would be more telling though also more time consuming (expensive).	Thank you for your comment. We agree that additional sampling sites, parameters and frequency are desirable and are continuously seeking ways to increase the funding and scope of the project. In 2010, we secured a small amount of additional funding to add 5 new sites to the project. Also in 2010, a new water quality monitoring project was initiated at SECREMP sites and these samples are being collected quarterly. We are currently working with the managers of the Florida Keys CREMP to evaluate potential changes to CREMP/SECREMP methodology within available funding constraints.
76	1.7	I was unaware of this program	You can learn more about SECREMP by visiting our website to view the latest project report at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/LBSP/SECREMP_2008.pdf . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
77	1.7	Martin and Palm Beach counties were left out of surveying due to staffing and funding	This is incorrect. There have been 3 sites in Palm Beach County since the project's inception in 2003, and 2 new sites were added in this county in 2010. Three sites in Martin County were added to the project in 2006. You can learn more about SECREMP by visiting our website to view the latest project report at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/LBSP/SECREMP_2008.pdf . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
78	1.7	not familiar	You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/reports/LBSP/SECREMP_2008.pdf . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
79	1.7	Program needs to be expanded to sample at least quarterly. Also needs a research component to address mechanisms & to be incorporated into an adaptive management framework within the CRCP.	Thank you for your comment. We agree that additional sampling sites, parameters and frequency are desirable and are continuously seeking ways to increase the funding and scope of the project. In 2010, we secured a small amount of additional funding to add 5 new sites to the project. Also in 2010, a new water quality monitoring project was initiated at SECREMP sites and these samples are being collected quarterly. We are currently working with the managers of the Florida Keys CREMP to evaluate potential changes to CREMP/SECREMP methodology within available funding constraints.

80	1.7	this program needs to expand to more sites	Thank you for your comment. We agree that additional sampling sites, parameters and frequency are desirable and are continuously seeking ways to increase the funding and scope of the project. In 2010, we secured a small amount of additional funding to add 5 new sites to the project. Also in 2010, a new water quality monitoring project was initiated at SECREMP sites and these samples are being collected quarterly. We are currently working with the managers of the Florida Keys CREMP to evaluate potential changes to CREMP/SECREMP methodology within available funding constraints.
81	1.7	Too much money, time and effort spent on technical reports that nobody reads.	Thank you for your comment. SECREMP reports are read by many natural resource managers, as well as other interested parties, and provide a fundamental tool for managers to evaluate the condition of Florida's reef system.
8. 1.8 Southeast Florida Coral Reef Water Quality Monitoring Project			
82	1.8	I am manufacturing instruments for this purpose	Thank you for this information, if you need to contact us please use the following email: Coral@dep.state.fl.us
83	1.8	I am not familiar with this CRCP service or program and I may like to know more about it.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#03 or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
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85	1.8	I was unaware of this program	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#03 or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
86	1.8	Keep it simple, publish data to let people know it's being monitored.	Thank you for your response. The first year of this monitoring project is nearing completion. The resulting data will be analysed, reviewed, and published in a report that will be posted on our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/
87	1.8	Needs to be expanded and coordinated with CREMP.	Thank you for your comment. SECREMP is an extension of CREMP focusing in our four-county region. Water quality data sets from our long term water quality monitoring project are co-located with SECREMP sites and will be compared with SECREMP data sets to assist in resource protection and management decisions.
88	1.8	not familiar	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#03 or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.

89	1.8	not familiar, very important, would like to know more about this.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#03 or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
90	1.8	This is extremely important, though I think additional sites besides those tied to the benthic monitoring sites is important (e.g. sites near inlets, near shore/offshore couplings, etc).	Thank you for your response. We appreciate your opinion and agree additional sites would enhance our understanding of coastal water quality and its effects on local reefs. We are currently seeking funding to continue and expand the existing project.
91	1.8	this program also needs to get underway and to expand.	Thank you for your response. The first year of this monitoring project is nearing completion. The resulting data will be analysed, reviewed, and published in a report that will be posted on our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ . We agree that additional sites would enhance our understanding of coastal water quality and its effects on local reefs. We are currently seeking funding to continue and expand the existing project.
92	1.8	this program never happened, Oceanic surveys were not done	Thank you for your response. The first year of this monitoring project is nearing completion. The resulting data will be analysed, reviewed, and published in a report that will be posted on our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/
93	1.8	Will we be appraised of the situation at the beaches when we go to the beach?	Thank you for your response. The first year of this monitoring project targeting water quality in relation to coral reef health is nearing completion. The resulting data will be analysed, reviewed, and published in a report that will be posted on our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ . The Florida Department of Health administers the Florida Safe Beaches Program which includes a Beach Water Quality Monitoring Program. For more information on this visit http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/community/aquatic/beach_index_indepth.html
9.1.9 Southeast Florida Marine Event Response Program			
94	1.9	better handled by other agencies	Thank you for your response. This program is being set up specifically to collaborate with other agencies to make sure the information is being disseminated efficiently to all those that respond and report marine disturbance events.
95	1.9	don't know, not interested	Thank you for your response. We appreciate your opinion.
96	1.9	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#03 or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .

97	1.9	I presume this means repair of damaged reefs see at end of this survey!	Thank you for your comments. The FDEP Coral Reef Conservation Program's Reef Injury Prevention and Response Program oversees coordination, response and, where appropriate, restoration for damaged reefs. The Marine Event Response program focuses on response and reporting other events such as algal blooms, invasive species, marine mammal issues, water quality issues, etc.
98	1.9	I was unaware of this program. I do know of non-profits that do this	Thank you for your response. We work and collaborate with non-profit and governmental organizations to respond to different marine disturbance events. To learn more please visit our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#03 or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
99	1.9	It's never going to do anything.	Thank you for your response. This program will improve coordination among various regional partners to make sure the information is being disseminated efficiently to all those that respond to marine events and to gather status and trend datasets of these marine disturbance events.
100	1.9	not familiar	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#03 or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
101	1.9	perhaps this should not be the responsibility of USCG belong to a more appropriate agency.	Thank you for your response. We work with the USCG on a number of projects within our program, including the MICCI focus area and RIFR program. With regards to our marine event response program this is a coordination effort with regional partners to gather status and trend datasets of biological disturbances.
102	1.9	there are many to help and would answer the bell to help if called upon	Thank you for your response. You can help by reporting marine disturbance events such as invasive species e.g. lionfish sightings, algal blooms, water quality issues, fish kills, marine mammal and sea turtle incidents, coral disease and coral bleaching to katharine.tzadik@dep.state.fl.us and troy.craig@dep.state.fl.us
10. 1.10 Review of proposed regulatory (permitted) projects			
103	1.10	Comments and recommendations carry no weight.	Thank you for your response. Comments and recommendations made by the FDEP CRCP during the permitting process are very important in minimizing or eliminating impacts to coral reef and hardbottom resources. Not only do comments improve current projects, but often, they provide new information to both the permittee and permitters, which in turn leads to better designed projects in the future.
104	1.10	don't know, not interested	Thank you for your response. We appreciate your opinion.
105	1.10	I am not familiar with this CRCP service or program and I may like to know more about it.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .

106	1.10	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
107	1.10	not familiar	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
108	1.10	not familiar, very important, would like to know more about this.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
109	1.10	Not sure how this is different than what the FWC, NOAA and Corps do	Thank you for your response. Many of the comments and recommendations made during the permitting process by the FDEP CRCP are complementary to those made by other reviewing agencies (e.g. FWC, NOAA, etc.). However, other agencies are responsible for a broader scope of ecosystems and species which is reflected in their comments. Comments from the FDEP Coral Reef Conservation Program focus is specifically on minimizing or eliminating impacts to coral reef and hardbottom resources.
110	1.10	redundant	Thank you for your response. We appreciate your opinion.
11. 1.11 Marine Regulation Awareness Program			
111	1.11	not familiar	You can learn more about this by visiting our website http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#11 . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
112	1.11	I am not familiar with this CRCP service or program and I would like to know more about it. My general sense is that most boaters either don't care or don't know about marine regulation. Why should they care about legislation that carries no penalty?	Thank you for your comments. Many regulations in Florida do include penalty schedules. You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#11 . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
113	1.11	combine 1.11 and 1.12	Thank you for your comment. While combining the two awareness programs may seem logical, each program is designed for a different audience and contains different material. You can learn more about the difference between the Marine Regulation Awareness Program and the Coral Reef Awareness Training Program by visiting our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm .
114	1.11	don't know, not interested	Thank you for your response.
115	1.11	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#11 . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .

116	1.11	I think SEFCRI should provide input, and have FWC manage/be involved to a greater degree with this effort	Thank you for your comment. We will take this into consideration as we move from the planning phase to the implementation phase of the Marine Regulation Awareness Program.
117	1.11	I was unaware of this program	You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#11 . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
118	1.11	NO! Like	Thank you for your response.
119	1.11	not familiar, very important, would like to know more about this.	You can learn more about this by visiting our website at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/survey.htm#11 . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
120	1.11	Seems like the one area that can be cut during a budget crunch	Thank you for your comment. We will take this into consideration as we finalize our Strategic Plan.
121	1.11	would like to see more public awareness campaigns, I feel the people this reaches the most are those that are already involved in some kind of conservation effort, but we need to reach those that are not familiar or unaware of destructive consequences	Thank you for your comment. We do try and will continue to make an effort to target the general, non-conservation minded, public through future outreach activities.
122	1.11	medium priority	Thank you for your comment.
12. 1.12 Coral Reef Awareness Training Program			
123	1.12	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
124	1.12	I have participated in some of the outreach programs but have not really benefited from them	Thank you for your response. If you have any suggestions for how to improve our outreach programs, please email us at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
125	1.12	I think awareness/training is good but feel you get more out of reaching to public officials and media events	Thank you for your response. We will take this into consideration as we finalize our Strategic Plan.
126	1.12	Ineffective	Thank you for your response. We appreciate your opinion.
127	1.12	more public outreach to schools	Thank you for your comment. The FDEP CRCP has roughly 1.3 staff members dedicated to outreach and education. We find it most effective to target teachers through our Coral Reef Teacher Trainings. To date, we have held five teacher trainings and four more are planned for the coming years. Program evaluations from our workshops indicate that the 240 teachers who have participated in our workshops have taken the curriculum back to more than 29,000 students each year! We do try to honor requests for in-school presentations, but simply do not have the capacity to reach all the schools.
128	1.12	not familiar	You can learn more about this by visiting our website(s) at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/programs/coral/ or www.southeastfloridareefs.net . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
129	1.12	see above	Thank you for your response.

130	1.12	would like additional education	Thank you for your response. We will take this into consideration as we finalize our Strategic Plan.
13. 2.1 U.S. Coral Reef Task Force			
131	2.1	Have heard of it and know people involved but do not know what they actually do	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about the USCRTF by visiting http://www.coralreef.gov/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
132	2.1	I am not familiar with this CRCP service or program and I may like to know more about it.	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about the USCRTF by visiting http://www.coralreef.gov/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
133	2.1	I am unfamiliar with this program	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about the USCRTF by visiting http://www.coralreef.gov/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
134	2.1	I do know of the program but am not familiar with their role in coral reef issues to make a comment	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about the USCRTF by visiting http://www.coralreef.gov/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
135	2.1	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about the USCRTF by visiting http://www.coralreef.gov/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
136	2.1	not familiar	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about the USCRTF by visiting http://www.coralreef.gov/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
137	2.1	Too big to be effective - a waste of money	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about the USCRTF by visiting http://www.coralreef.gov/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
138	2.1	When I lived in Broward County the Coral Reef Task Force seemed politically attached to NOVA Univ.	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about the USCRTF by visiting http://www.coralreef.gov/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
14. 2.2 U.S. All Islands Coral Reef Committee			
139	2.2	not familiar	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the USAIC by visiting http://www.allislandscorals.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
140	2.2	I am not familiar, it is important.	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the USAIC by visiting http://www.allislandscorals.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .

141	2.2	I am unfamiliar with this program	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the USAIC by visiting http://www.allislandscorals.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
142	2.2	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization/ committee is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the USAIC by visiting http://www.allislandscorals.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
143	2.2	not familiar, but sounds important	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the USAIC by visiting http://www.allislandscorals.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
144	2.2	Not unimportant, just of lesser importance. Methodologies used elsewhere (watershed approach) aren't applicable in SE FL region.	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the USAIC by visiting http://www.allislandscorals.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
145	2.2	redundancy	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the USAIC by visiting http://www.allislandscorals.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
146	2.2	Reduntant to efforts w/ USCRIF	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the USAIC and how it differs from, but works cooperatively with, the USCRIF by visiting http://www.allislandscorals.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
147	2.2	What authority to DO anything?	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the USAIC by visiting http://www.allislandscorals.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
148	2.2	Moderate relative imprtance for South Fl.	Thank your for your feedback.
15. 2.3 NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program			
149	2.3	Good, but again, educate and inform the PUBLIC	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the NOAA CRCP by visiting http://coralreef.noaa.gov . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
150	2.3	Great program and good model for the State of FL	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the NOAA CRCP by visiting http://coralreef.noaa.gov . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.
151	2.3	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the NOAA CRCP by visiting http://coralreef.noaa.gov . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us.

152	2.3	I know of the program but am not familiar with their role in coral reef issues to make a comment	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the NOAA CRCP by visiting http://coralreef.noaa.gov . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
153	2.3	not familiar	Thank you for your feedback. You can learn more about the NOAA CRCP by visiting http://coralreef.noaa.gov . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
16. 2.4 Florida Reef Resilience Program			
154	2.4	Again, a good effort that needs publicity.	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about FRRP by visiting http://www.frrp.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
155	2.4	I am unfamiliar with this program	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about FRRP by visiting http://www.frrp.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
156	2.4	I don't know much about it but what I do know is the organization is to help keep and maintain the reefs health from the destruction humans do to them.	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about FRRP by visiting http://www.frrp.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
157	2.4	I know of the program but am not familiar with their role in coral reef issues to make a comment	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about FRRP by visiting http://www.frrp.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
158	2.4	not familiar	Thank you for your comment. You can learn more about FRRP by visiting http://www.frrp.org/ . Alternatively, you may also email us with an information request at Coral@dep.state.fl.us .
		17. 3.1 Define a managed area for the mainland southeast Florida reef system and recommend managed area alternatives based on management goals, best available science, monitoring results and stakeholder input	no comments received
		18. 3.2 Work collaboratively with partners to develop, implement and support action plans including monitoring, research, stakeholder communication and response strategies to support management of the Florida Reef Tract (from Martin County to the Dry Tortugas) as a holistic system.	no comments received
		19. 3.3 Reduce the impacts of land-based sources of pollution.	no comments received
		20. 3.4 Reduce the impacts from extractive and non-extractive recreational and commercial uses.	no comments received

	21. 3.5 Support habitat restoration efforts, where appropriate, to benefit coral reef conservation and reduce coastal development impacts on reef resources (e.g. vegetated sand dunes, wetlands, mangroves).	no comments received
	22. 3.6 Increase capacity to prevent and respond to coral reef injuries associated with vessel impacts and non-regulated activities (e.g. groundings, anchoring, marine towing).	no comments received
	23. 3.7 Promote the development and implementation of new SEFCRI local action strategies to address existing or emerging local threats to coral reef conservation	no comments received
	24. 3.8 Support and, where possible, strengthen agency capacity and authorities to conserve coral reefs.	no comments received
	25. 3.9 Increase support of inter- and intra- agency regulatory programs and the coastal construction industry through permit review and implementation of new tools to minimize coral reef impacts and improve the efficacy of associated monitoring and mitigation.	no comments received
	26. 4.1 Maintain and update CRCP and SEFCRI websites.	no comments received
	27. 4.2 Maintain a presence at community events with supporting education and outreach materials.	no comments received
	28. 4.3 Sustain the ongoing multimedia public service announcement campaign.	no comments received
	29. 4.4 Develop and implement an outreach campaign to minimize, and where possible eliminate, recreational and marine event anchoring on Florida	no comments received
	30. 4.5 Continue to conduct coral reef teacher trainings.	no comments received
	31. 4.6 Continue to produce and distribute the Southeast Florida Reef News newsletter.	no comments received
	32. 4.7 Expand education programs that inform stakeholders about regulations and best practices when boating, fishing and diving (e.g. Marine Regulation Awareness Program).	no comments received
	33. 4.8 Disseminate coral reef awareness and protection materials to boaters, anglers and divers through targeted organizations/publications (e.g. National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, Fishing Lines, local dive instructors).	no comments received
	34. 4.9 Compile and disseminate coral reef awareness and protection information, specifically targeting new southeast Florida residents	no comments received

		35. 4.10 Continue to support regional reef and coastal cleanup events that complement the FDEP CRCP Marine Debris Program.	no comments received
		36. 4.11 Develop and implement a storm drain labeling program.	no comments received
		37. 5.1 Sustain and expand (e.g. sites, frequency, parameters) the long-term Southeast Florida Coral Reef Water Quality Monitoring Program, and link the results to benthic habitat monitoring data, to aid in determining linkages between environmental factors and changes in the local coral reef community.	no comments received
		38. 5.2 Identify cause and effect relationships between land-based sources of pollution and adverse effects on reef resources (e.g. biomarker studies)	no comments received
		39. 5.3 Support development and implementation of numeric nutrient criteria for coral reefs.	no comments received
		40. 5.4 Continue to characterize and quantify amount and flux of pollution sources to the reef at appropriate intervals.	no comments received
		41. 5.5 Engage in Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan and other related activities and meetings.	no comments received