



# French-Australian Workshop on the protection of coral reefs

22 August 2017

Australian Maritime Museum, Sydney

## 14:00pm: Opening

- Australian Distinguished Representative (name TBC)
- Julie Duhaut-Bedos, deputy head of mission at the Embassy of France in Australia

## 14:20pm- Session 1:

The role of scientific research in the survival and protection of the coral reefs

**Keynote speech: Current coral reef research, by Serge Planes, CNRS CRILOBE**

Moderation of session 1: Serge Planes

- **Threats to the coral reefs**

A) The impact of climate change on the coral reefs

Speaker: Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, University of Queensland

B) The acidification of oceans impacts the coral reefs

Speaker: Riccardo Rodolfo-Metalpa, IRD Noumea

C) Human impact on the coral reefs

Speaker: Katharina Fabricius, AIMS

- **The solutions that can be offered by scientific research**

A) Extreme systems in coral reefs as a potential solution

Speaker: Emma Camp, the University of Technology Sydney

B) Role genetics and their modification can play in the protection of coral reefs

Speaker: Professor Madeleine van Oppen, AIMS

C) eReefs, a picture of what is currently happening on the GBR, and a platform to manage its future

Speaker: Mathieu Mongin, CSIRO

- **Discussions and questions to the panelists**





### 15:45pm- Break

### 16:00pm-Session 2: How to implement the protection of coral reefs?

**Keynote speech: Current ICRI initiatives and context, by David Souter, AIMS Research Manager**

Moderator of session 2: David Souter

- **The public policies currently put into place in Australia and the Pacific**

A) The current view point in Australia (on a government level)

Speaker: Dean Knudson, Australian Department of Environment and Energy Deputy Secretary

B) The politics and perspectives from our neighbors (New Caledonia)

Speaker: Nathalie Baillon, director of the Conservatoire d'Espaces Naturels (CEN)

C) Management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

Speaker: David Wachenfeld, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (TBC)

- **The conservation of coral reefs within a global picture**

A) International conservation politics

Speaker: Imogen Zethoven AO (Campaign Director in Sydney for the AMCS)

B) Global governance

Speaker: Dr Nic Bax, CSIRO (TBC)

C) The role of partnerships in reef conservation

Speaker: Theresa Fyffe (Great Barrier Reef Foundation)

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### 17:15pm - Closing of the conference

17:30pm – 19:00pm: Cocktail reception at the Maritime Museum and group visits of the TARA schooner in parallel.

