Sustainability in the Private Sector

**Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management**

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Mesoamerican Reef Countries: Description of Indicators, available online. The full list of partners can be found in the 2011 Eco-Audit of the management of coral reefs and mangroves by quantifying their economic value. For more information, please contact Benjamin Kushner (bkushner@wri.org).

(WRI) is an environmental think tank that goes beyond research to create practical ways to protect the earth and improve the lives of people. WRI works on environmental issues in over 80 countries, and in more than 30 countries, working with governments to develop policies and programs that support sustainable development. In addition, WRI works with international and regional conservation treaties varies widely by country, it could provide a legal foundation for increased reef conservation. Efforts to map reefs that are potentially assistance for MPAs shows a great opportunity for improvement.

This theme measures the extent to which reef resiliency to climate change and international treaties are being incorporated into marine conservation efforts. Although engagement in management of marine protected areas (MPAs) is progressing, the results varied considerably by country. Belize scored Good, as a result of protection of all spawning reefs and protection of parrotfish (a key reef grazer). The other three countries received scores of Poor. Any regional success has been the harmonization of reef protection for the Caribbean by Bolivia, Guatemala, and Honduras.

This theme measures the degree of development and implementation of eco-standards for marine recreation providers, eco-certification of hotels, seafood eco-labeling programs, and voluntary eco-standards programs for marine recreation providers. Although some countries have developed voluntary eco-standards, there is a great opportunity for improvement. Belize scored high for adopting these standards and approving a new sewage treatment grant prior to meeting those standards, while the other countries scored Poor or Fair.

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