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Seven concurrent public workshops will be held on Tuesday, Oct.24 and Saturday, Oct.28, in conjunction with the United States Coral Reef Task Force (USCRTF) meeting in St. Thomas, USVI. The workshops will cover a range of coral reef management and conservation topics. Both the USCRTF business meeting (Wednesday, Oct. 24 and Friday, Oct. 27) and the workshops are free and open to the public.

**WHAT:** Public Coral Reef Workshops sponsored by the United States Coral Reef Task Force in association with its 16<sup>th</sup> biannual meeting.

**WHEN:** Tuesday Oct. 24, 2006; Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006,

**WHERE:** Marriot Frenchman's Reef Hotel, St. Thomas, USVI  
NOTE: Advance registration is requested and is available on the Web at:  
<http://www.coralreef.gov>

### SCHEDULE:

<b>Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2006</b>	Public Workshops
8:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Agenda and workshop abstracts available on Web site: <a href="http://www.coralreef.gov/">http://www.coralreef.gov/</a>
8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.	Tools for Response to Injury Events in Coral Reefs
8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	USVI Coral Reef Ecosystem Management: Challenges & Solutions
1:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Coral Reef Conservation through Sustainable Tourism
3:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Rethinking local responses to mass coral bleaching: <i>A Reef Manager's Guide to Coral Bleaching</i>
3:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.	Management Update on ESA listed <i>Acropora</i> corals
<b>Saturday, Oct. 28, 2006</b>	Public Workshops
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Agenda and workshop abstracts available on Web site: <a href="http://www.coralreef.gov/">http://www.coralreef.gov/</a>
8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Funding Opportunities and Grant Writing Skills
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Use and Application of the Caribbean Decision Support System