

# N-94



**Title:** Support and promote a certification program and adaptive best management practices for all golf courses (similar to Blue Star for dive industry and clean marina programs) to provide an incentive mechanism for golf courses to reduce eliminate adverse impacts on the coastal environment and its watershed.

**Objective:** The intended outcomes of this recommended action include: (1) Establish a regional recognition system, "Green Club," for golf courses; (2) Improve awareness among golf club management, maintenance personnel, operation personnel, and the golfers about their water usage and potential impacts on coral reefs and estuaries; (3) Stop nutrient, pesticide, herbicide, hydrocarbon and cart battery runoff; (4) Identify and improve Best Management Practices; and (5) Make the program a tiered certification so that the golf courses will compete amongst each other for higher recognitions.

**Background:** This recommended management action is being proposed to reduce the amount of pollution (pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers) coming from existing golf courses in the region; reduce water consumption; raise awareness; and improve water quality and reef condition.

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