A new coral-reef bleaching complex occurred in 1989-1991. Several hundred reports submitted to MEDIC allowed us to predict the beginning of the major event in 1990 and to follow its development. Updated summaries of the complex were provided in our MEDIC Newsletters to respondents of an informal, worldwide network. The pattern of events seemed to conform to our 1990 model of the 1979-80, 1982-83, and 1986-88 complexes. The preceding event in 1989 consisted of major bleaching in Jamaica and minor bleaching in surrounding Caribbean areas. A major event in 1990 occurred throughout the tropical and subtropical western North Atlantic, but in few Indo-Pacific areas. A possible following event in 1991 was severe in French Polynesia and possibly in adjacent areas, but moderate to mild in other Indo-Pacific and Atlantic localities. Reports and details are urgently needed to properly characterize this recent bleaching complex. Please send information to the address above [Telephone (809) 899-2048, FAX 809-899-5500] or fill out questionnaires that are available at this meeting. Respondents will be placed on our mailing list for MEDIC Newsletters and additional materials. Information about other recent MMEDs (recurring mortalities of Black Longspined Sea Urchins, Sea Turtle Fibropapilloma tumor outbreaks, and White-band Disease) would be a great help in our attempts to follow these important disturbances.
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